PRES. MILLER IN STATE OF UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

**Must Make Searching Analysis of University Purpose**

WMU President James W. Miller, in his second annual State of the University address to faculty and administrative staff members Oct. 30, took a penetrating look into the future insofar as it regards WMU's role in preparing for things to come in our society.

Dr. Miller in noting that the 21st Century is only three decades away said, "We must acknowledge that our society is in spiritual, economic, technical, social and political upheaval, which is occurring at an ever-accelerating rate. And we must face the implications of this convulsive change for our University."

To this end, "what must occupy us now is a searching analysis of university purpose. We must better comprehend and articulate our mission."

"What we teach, what we research, what we do with our knowledge must be related to concrete circumstances of life as it is being lived and as it might be lived. There is great opportunity for us to lend additional impetus to programs for improvement of the lot of the disadvantaged, the elderly, the handicapped, and the underprivileged."

Dr. Miller continued, "But even as we look beyond the campus, we must not allow ourselves to be so bound to tradition internally that we cannot bear innovation." In this vein, he asked several questions to which he said he does not have the answers, including: why require a specific number of hours for a bachelor's degree; what determines the length of classes; are all required classes really essential; do they enhance the student's ability to cope with personal and vocational challenges that he'll meet the rest of his life; are we making full, fruitful use of the specialized knowledge and talents of our faculty to meet the broader needs of undergraduates? Dr. Miller then proposed the immediate establishment of an all-university committee in consultation with the leadership of both the Faculty Senate and the Student Association to "analyze where we are and where we should be going in the decade of the 70's," to attempt to answer these questions.

**INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY #1**

Excavation work began in August on the newest instructional facility on what was the former Gateway Golf Course at WMU. The facility will consist of a five-story classroom building, a two-story lecture hall and a six-story faculty office building on which the low bids totaled $5,671,190. Work is scheduled to be completed by September, 1971.

The federal government is providing $1,923,551 toward the project under the Higher Education Facilities Act.

The new facility is located north of George Sprau Tower and east of the Dorothy Dalton Promenade which joins the Liberal Arts Complex with Wood Hall. One side of the new facility will face VandeGiesen Road.

**Dr. Whitney Young Opens School of Social Work Convocation Series**

Dr. Whitney M. Young, executive director of the National Urban League, spoke at a convocation marking the official opening of the new graduate program in WMU's School of Social Work on Oct. 10. In his address, titled "Our Relevancy to Social Revolution," Dr. Young focused on the role of the social work profession in the current struggle for human rights in the U.S.

In his University Auditorium speech, Dr. Young, who is president of the National Association of Social Workers, said the achievements of America's space program shows that the U.S. can do anything it wants to do "but we haven't solved the problems of poverty, air pollution and water pollution because we don't have the will to do so." He cited federal budgetary cutbacks in near-

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ly every area that affects blacks and other minority groups as demonstrating the lack of focus on proper priorities. Such programs, he said, include housing, education, employment, health and welfare.

He was critical of education, saying “it is to the shame of education and America that we should have a (black) revolution at all today.” Education, he said, “has existed to perpetuate what was.” Now, education must take the lead in bringing about change.

**WMU Trustees Request Record Appropriation From State Legislature**

The WMU Board of Trustees at a fall meeting authorized a request for a state appropriation of $25,919,308 to assist in financing a University operating budget of $38,258,844 for fiscal 1970-71. The budget calls for an $8-million increase over the current budget of $20,130,000 and requests a $7.7-million increase in the state appropriation which was $18,234,228 for the current year.

WMU officials note that the 1970-71 budget is based on an enrollment of 21,125, an increase of 1,000 over the current enrollment and a hike of 2,125 above the 19,000 estimated enrollment which was the basis for the current WMU budget.

Actual enrollment this fall was 1,125 students greater than the estimates on which the current budget is based. The new budget therefore must make provisions for this year’s over-enrollment as well as next fall’s increased number of students.

Increased costs in the projected WMU operating budget requests represent, almost entirely, the inflationary factor as it affects salaries, goods and services.

WMU officials point out that the improvement item includes additional faculty to reduce the student-faculty ratio which was seriously maladjusted this year because of the unexpectedly high enrollment. It also includes more support for the library services, additional maintenance and needed expansion of student services.

The prime reason for the over-enrollment was a marked decrease in the number of students who normally do not return to school in the fall.

The non-returning group is normally near five percent but this fall was unaccountably down to near two percent of the student body.

**WMU BRIEFS**

Dr. Gerald Osborn, retired WMU Chemistry professor and long-time Dean of the WMU School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has joined the faculty of Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Pass, Kentucky, as a chemistry professor.

Leonard Gernant, director of academic services at WMU, in October was named president of the Michigan Society of Gerontology.

Dr. Ross Gregory of WMU’s History Department faculty received the $1,500 Frederick Jackson Turner Prize for his book, *The Ambassadorship of Walter Page*, during the spring convention of the American Historians in Philadelphia.

Dr. Richard T. Adams, professor of general business who has been a WMU faculty member since 1965, this summer was named Dean of the School of Business at Ferris State College.
WMU 1969 Homecoming Queen Sharon Duffy, a Westchester, Ill., junior, seated, center, is surrounded by her court, from the left: Merilee Ahrens, a Mt. Clemens junior; Dianne Wagner, a Sturgis junior; Sandra Bruce, a Clawson senior; and Linda Fortino, an East Lansing junior. Queen Sharon, a 5-7 brown haired cheerleader, hopes to teach dancing as a physical education instructor after graduation.

She and her court reigned over week-long homecoming festivities culminating with the giant Homecoming Parade and the 48-14 football victory over Marshall.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS GIVEN BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

WMU's Alumni Association honored three outstanding faculty members Oct. 30 with selection for 1969 Alumni Awards for Teaching Excellence. They are: Dr. Clara R. Chiara, teacher education; Dr. Edwin Grossnickle, general business; and Dr. Howard A. Mowen, history; all are professors.

The presentations, which included checks for $1,000 each, were made by Barbara Bird of Grand Rapids, WMU Alumni Association president. Dr. Chiara, who holds degrees from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) and Western Reserve University, received a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. She taught in Ohio public schools before joining WMU's faculty in 1949.

Dr. Grossnickle attended Manchester College and the State University of Iowa and earned a Ph.D. at Ohio State. He was an officer in several corporations and a teacher before joining WMU's faculty in 1957.

Dr. Mowen earned degrees from Baldwin Wallace College and Western Reserve where he also received his Ph.D. He joined Western's faculty in 1949. He has spent a year studying in Europe under fellowships on two separate occasions.

University under clearing skies after a threatening morning, before 22,200 fans, third largest grid crowd in Bronco history.

Parade floats were constructed on a "Those Were the Days" theme with the grand trophy award shared by Phi Mu sorority and Sigma Phi Omega fraternity.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha entered modest floats and will donate their time to Kalamazoo Community Action Program projects and donate $200 to the Big Brothers organization respectively.

Upwards of 4,000 WMU students participated in an orderly and responsible teach-in on Oct. 15 as part of the nation-wide moratorium to the war in Vietnam. There were numerous speakers to the group assembled in the plaza of the Liberal Arts Complex, including various faculty members, students and citizens.

Most classes were called off, as attendance dropped considerably.

WMU students at the teach-in during mid-afternoon marched four abreast to downtown Kalamazoo for a peace rally, attended by some 7,000. Speakers there included state and national legislators, ministers and local officials.
**George Sprau Passes Away at Age 93**

Death claimed George Sprau, former WMU faculty member, on Sept. 8 at the age of 93 in Marquette, Mich. Mr. Sprau served on Western's faculty from 1909 until retirement in 1946, the last 29 years as head of the English Department. The 10-story faculty office building in WMU's Liberal Arts Complex, Sprau Tower, is named for him.

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**Graduate Studies Publishing New Kalamazoo History**

WMU's School of Graduate Studies is publishing a history of Kalamazoo written by Dr. Willis Dunbar, history professor at Western. It is a revised and enlarged edition of Dr. Dunbar's previous book, *Kalamazoo and How It Grew*, published in 1959.

A grant from the Kalamazoo Foundation to the School of Graduate Studies made the revision possible. Included are new materials on Kalamazoo's Black community, the townships of Kalamazoo county, and the origin of the name "Kalamazoo."

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**SPORTS REFLECTIONS**

**FOOTBALL**

WMU's 22-17 loss to Ohio U. was as two separate games, WMU winning the first half 17-0 and losing the 2nd 22-0. In that first half WMU had a 14-1 edge in first downs and 170-36 yard edge rushing. But the impetus was lost at intermission.

Six pass interceptions by Toledo helped undo the Broncos in the 38-13 loss to the Rockets as WMU generally played a better game than that score indicates. John Mowatt's six P.A.T. kicks in the 48-14 win over Marshall was a new WMU record.

WMU's 317 ground yards in the 28-20 loss to West Texas State was only 10 yards shy of the WMU record. WMU also led in 1st downs 29-18.

Senior offensive guard Keith Volk completed his blocking assignment 87 times in 90 plays against West Texas, a 93% effort, the first Bronco to ever go above 90%.

Soph QB Ted Grignon's 140 yards rushing against West Texas (51 tries) was the 5th best in WMU history and his 237 yards total offense the 3rd highest. His 18 points scored (three TD's) also tied a WMU players' scoring mark, and his 55 carries set a new WMU ball-carrying mark.

WMU's 35 first downs against Marshall is a new MAC record.

**BASKETBALL**

WMU's basketball squad will play on a new synthetic floor this season, made of Tartan Turf.

Ten members of the current team either captained or co-captained their high school cage squad.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Confusion reigned supreme after the MAC cross country meet held at Bowling Green in early November as BG edged WMU 44-45. Many of the runners, including three Falcons and two Broncos, took a wrong turn and ran a 50 yard shorter course than official. The wrong turn was actually the regular course but heavy rains turned the short stretch into a quagmire and the 50 yard longer detour was established. But apparently some runners were not made aware of the change in the course.

Jeromee Liebenberg's 23:49.1 time (five miles) set a new meet mark as WMU won the Notre Dame Invitational with 40 points to Eastern Michigan's runnerup 102 as 17 teams competed in mid-October.

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**BASKETBALL**


**WRESTLING**

WMU's squad began its season hosting Ohio U. Dec. 6. Other home meets: Jan. 24-Northern Ill.; Feb. 11-Notre Dame; Feb. 14-Wayne State; Feb. 21-Bowling Green. Away meets: Dec. 12 at Western Ontario; Jan. 10 at Kent State; Jan. 17 at Ball State; Jan. 31 at Toledo; Feb. 7 at Miami; Mar. 5-7 MAC Championships at Bowling Green; Mar. 14 at 4-1 Meet at Miami.

**SWIMMING**

Co-captain Dave Petersen is lost for the season because of illness.

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**ALUMNI ATHLETICS**

Tom Randolph, former track star, last summer became the first trackman in WMU history to become a four-time All-American. His 2nd in the 220 in the NCAA finals earned him the honor.

Pat Locanto finished as 8th best hitter in the pro baseball AA Eastern League while Jim Redmon finished 9th best hitter in the Class A Midwest League this past season.

Ex-WMU grid co-captain Jerry Collins was activated in October by the AFL Buffalo Bills from their taxi-squad and has seen action in every game since.

Jim Johnson, ex-pitching great at WMU, next spring will be on the San Francisco Giants roster, a promotion from Phoenix where he was last season.