

Committee studies disaster plans

The state of emergency preparedness in Michigan and the ability of state and local governments to respond quickly and effectively to a disaster or potential disaster situation is the subject of a preliminary report issued by State Sen. Earl Nelson (D-Lansing), chairman of the joint legislative study committee on disaster.

The committee report, based on months of research and information gathered in public hearings, is intended to provide members of the special committee with a tentative laundry list of Michigan emergency planning needs and shortcomings.

Committee chairman Nelson hopes response to the preliminary report will help to ensure the committee of a balanced and substantial body of information to base its recommendations for improvements.

"Emergency planning—development of a capability to effectively cope with a sudden emergency or disaster—requires planned coordination of federal, state, local and volunteer resources," said Nelson.

"The old approach—and after-the-fact strikes reliance upon the well-known willingness of the disaster-stricken people to work together in a time of crisis—simply doesn't meet today's needs."

Nelson explained response to an emergency, if it is to be effective, must be immediate and calls for foolproof commu-

nications, for an adequate public warning system and a well-trained emergency preparedness or civil defense director who has the support of local officials and citizens.

Proposed federal budget cuts and possible implementation of a new defense department policy to restrict all civil defense assistance to nuclear crisis planning threaten to place the entire burden of financing natural and other disaster planning programs on state and local governments.

One section of the study is devoted to the vulnerability of the growing population of mobile home dwellers in a state which experiences a number of tornadoes each year.

It is suggested that Michigan might do well to follow the lead of other states and

require installation of tornadoes on mobile homes.

A first priority when the committee reconvenes will be passage of a much-needed new Michigan Disaster Act to bring Michigan into compliance with federal disaster assistance legislation.

Members of the joint legislative committee on disaster are: Rep. H. Lynn Johnson (D-E. Lansing), vice-chairman; state senators Gary Corbin (D-Cle), David Holmes (D-Detroit), Richard Allen (R-Alam), Robert Davis (R-Gaylord) and representatives Mark Chedler (D-Flint), David Hallister (D-Lansing), Thomas Sharpe (R-Howell) and Fuller Webster (R-Kalamazoo).

Copies of the report are available on request through committee administrator Leslie Ferris Lukken, Senate Majority Staff Office, P.O. Box 700, Lansing, 48922.



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UM lowers tuition for part-time students

While most other state college students are faced with tuition hikes for the upcoming fall semester, fees for part-time University of Michigan undergraduates on the Ann Arbor campus will be lowered.

The UM regents approved the tuition reduction June 18, following a recommendation by the university committee on fees.

Frank Rhodes, vice president for academic affairs, said the committee had been instructed to develop a fee model

which would lower tuition for part-time students without reducing the University's overall fee income or credit-hour elections.

While existing fees for full-time undergraduates remain the same, Rhodes said possible changes in graduate and professional graduate students are being investigated.

Under the new 1976-77 fee schedule, persons taking fewer than 11 credit hours per term will be charged less than previously. However, students taking more than 11

credit hours per term will pay more than at present.

Rhodes said the fee change was initiated by a student-faculty administration committee appointed by university President Robert W. Fleming in September 1973 to review both the present university fee structure and the philosophy upon which it may be based.

Rhodes noted that while the committee's report "drew generally favorable responses, the recommendation which probably drew the greatest and most universal support was the one which proposed a change in the fee structure to ease the financial burden imposed on part-time students."

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MSU scores high in business

The Michigan State University College of Business has been ranked one of the top in the country by business school department chairmen, according to a survey published in the Journal of Business.

Chairmen, members of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, were asked to list the five schools which they believed had the best programs in their functional areas.

A total of 750 survey requests were sent to chairmen in five areas. The researchers received a response rate of 38.8 per cent.

MSU ranked in accounting, finance, marketing and management, organization theory and behavior. Rankings were also made in management science, however, MSU does not offer this program.

MSU's accounting program ranked a sixth place at the doctoral level and 180th at the master's level. The finance master's program ranked 14th. Marketing ranked eighth at the Ph.D. level and seventh at the master's level. MSU was 15th at the Ph.D. level in management and 10th at the master's level.

Richard J. Lewis, dean of the MSU College of Business and Graduate School of Business Administration, said the results are particularly meaningful because it is a peer rating.

"Many of the schools included," Lewis said, "offer only graduate level programs or have a minimal commitment to undergraduate education."

MSU's College of Business has 4,000 undergraduates.

Dems name Kammer chief

State Sen. Kerry Kammer (D-Pontiac) has been named chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Party's county campaign, according to Elizabeth Howe, party chairwoman.

"A significant portion of a campaign's workload is carried through local organizational efforts," said Kammer, 27. "We cannot emphasize enough the importance of each individual in the success of a campaign."

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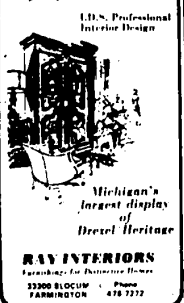
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