## State colleges face cuts, Milliken warns alumni

Here are execupts from Gov. Wil-liam G. Müliken's recent speech at only of the direct costs resulting from the dedication of the University of Michigan Alumni Center building in cation at traditional levels.

me caucation of the University of Michigan Alumni Center building in Ann Arbor. Under extremely difficult circumstances over the past two years, U-M's outstanding management has assured that "excellence" remains the descriptive word for the U-M.

Severe economic conditions in this state have placed all of us in the untenship position of making "no-win" choices, These conditions have forced outstanding and equally worthwhile state services to vie with each other for shares of a pointuity smaller pic. Students at Michigan and four-year colleges are paying an average of 17 percent more in tuition than they paid last fail. U-M students

WE ARE NOW in our 33rd consecu-tive month of double-digit unemploy-ment. We expect a modest recovery, but the double-digit figure, and its at-tendant costs, could be with us at least through 1984, the fifth consecutive

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We have had to reduce the standard for paying public assistance by 8.5 percent, causing the purchasing power of these grants to fall 24 percent below that of three years ago.

State government has cut back sharply and reduced the number of state employees by more than 12,000 men and women. We reduced programs

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network of colleges and universities.

More than 95 secrent of all Michigan resident live within commuting districtions of the control of the colleges of the colleges of the colleges. Michigan residents have access to professional excellence in virtually every field.

Among the strengths of our system is the relative autonomy that allows each institution to develop along the lines of its greatest expertise, greatest community need or criteria of its own choosing.

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The price of the freedom of action undoubtedly has been some degree of duplication and inefficiency, an acceptable degree in the past.

The question that confronts us now is whether the system is too large and

complex to maintain with a commit-ment to excellence in a time of declin-ing enrollments and weakened govern-ment support.

Given the increasing competition for scarce state funds, I believe the time has come to review more closely the extent to which more coordination is necessary. I believe there is room for improvement and that current and ti-ture economic trends will require it so long as our fundamental commitment to institutional autonomy remains firm.

THE PRIVATE sector has a legitmate part to play in supporting a pub-lic university, and alumni represent that segment of the private sector with the most vital interest. Public dollars are appropriated on a

rather rigid formula even with Michigan's flexible system of higher education. Such a formula sometimes curtails our ability to recognize the disjunct areas of excellence within our bedividual universities.

The business administration aiumni and the law aiumni have offered outstanding examples of the special effort that is needed to meet the special challenge of these times.

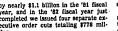
The new law library constructed at a cost of 19.5 million was funded entirely through the generosity of aiumni and friends.

The School of Business Administra-tion Library/Classroom complex was similarly brought to completion solely through the private efforts of alumni and friends who raised \$15 million.



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To help locate the events, a directory of "Michigan Nature Centers and other Environmental Education Facilities," has recently been published by the Kalamzaoo Nature Center in cooperation with the Coalition of Michigan Nature Centers.

The directory identifies Michigan's nature centers and environmental edu-

cation facilities including address, phone number, directions for finding site, program activities, natural fea-tures, special facilities, fees and policy

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The directory is available for \$8.25 from Beech Leaf Press, 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo 49007.

Now for some closer to home activities happening this week.

Saturday, Nov. 27: Kensington Metropark near Brighton will conduct an 11 a.m. Harvesting bee. The Kensington Park farmers are looking for volunteers, both individuals and groups, to help hand-harvest their field

corn. A picking and shucking contest will be conducted with prizes awarded to the fastest picker and shucker. The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling 685-1851.

Sunday, Nov. 28: Kensington will nost at 10 a.m. a family program called "winter wildiffe survival" at the nature center. Naturalist Bob Hotaling will conduct a two-hour program on the problems faced by Michigan wildlife during the winter months. Persons should dress for the weather and meet at the nature center. The program is tree, but advance registration is required by calling 685-1561.

#### outdoors

• Sunday, Nev. 23: Kensington Farm Center in Kensington Metropark will be the sie of a 1 pm. demonstration of the lost art of making straw brooms by hand. Farm interpreter Dave Mollanen will demonstrate bow ploneers made their brooms from broom corn during this one-hour program in the farm's main barn.

The program is free.



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