

State colleges face cuts, Milliken warns alumni

Here are excerpts from Gov. William G. Milliken's recent speech at the dedication 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 untenable 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 painfully smaller pie.

Students at Michigan universities and four-year colleges are paying an average of 17 percent more in tuition than they paid last fall. U-M students

are paying 15 percent more. This is only of the direct costs resulting from the state's inability to fund higher education at traditional levels.

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

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

by nearly \$1.1 billion in the '81 fiscal year, and in the '82 fiscal year just completed we issued four separate executive order cuts totaling \$778 million.

While a national budget, which is seen as dramatically reduced, has actually increased spending by 25 percent, Michigan's general fund is one-half of 1 percent higher in the current fiscal year than it was in fiscal '80.

The state's commitment to higher education is demonstrated by the fact that funds for our colleges and universities increased 8.3 percent in the same period.

THROUGHOUT Michigan higher education, we have confronted the very real possibility that permanent damage could be done to our truly remarkable

network of colleges and universities.

More than 95 percent of all Michigan residents live within commuting distance of a public or private institution of higher learning. Among the state's 15 four-year schools and 29 community 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.

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 commitment to excellence in a time of declining enrollments and weakened government 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 future economic trends will require it so long as our fundamental commitment to institutional autonomy remains firm.

THE PRIVATE sector has a legitimate part to play in supporting a public 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 distinct areas of excellence within our individual universities.

The business administration alumni and the law alumni 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 \$9.5 million was funded entirely through the generosity of alumni and friends.

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

Nature center guidebooks available

By Lem Meese
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Michigan residents are lucky. The four seasons make it interesting for nature lovers to indulge in exciting pastimes throughout the year.

To help locate the events, a directory of "Michigan Nature Centers and other Environmental Education Facilities," has recently been published by the Kalamazoo 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 features, special facilities, fees and policy information.

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 685-1551.

• **Sunday, Nov. 28:** Kensington will host at 10 a.m. a family program called "winter wildlife survival" at the nature center. Naturalist Bob Hotelling 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 free, but advance registration is required by calling 685-1551.

outdoors

• **Sunday, Nov. 28:** Kensington Farm Center in Kensington Metropark will be the site of a 1 p.m. demonstration of the lost art of making straw brooms by hand. Farm Interpreter Dave Mollanen will demonstrate how pioneers 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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