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To assume the presidency of a university near the end of the surging sixties is indeed a challenge. If it is true, as indicated by extensive research, that today “the student culture is the prime educational force at work in the college,” the report of my first year as president of Ball State University should, and does, reflect this trend.

On the premise that in a university where reason is both our method and our goal, the way to anticipate as well as to resolve problems is by effective communication, two series of round table discussions with student leaders were initiated during the year. The Cardinal Round Table involves the presidents of the major student organizations on campus; the Residence Halls Round Table includes all residence hall presidents. Each of these meets once per quarter. Reactions from the students and my administrative colleagues who join in these discussions have been uniformly positive.

Another step toward more effective communication was the addition of the presidents of the University Senate and of the student body to membership in the Administrative Council.

Successful student-propelled endeavors also led to more effective communication and wider student involvement throughout the University community during the year. Witness the continuing increase in the number of student organizations, the establishment of the Afro-American Union, greater student participation in planning or revising campus programs, a few limited and responsibly handled demonstrations, and the accomplishments of the Student Senate.
Significant among these accomplishments were bills on human rights and housing, day of study, sophomore women's hours, pass-fail option, University Review Board, visitation in residence halls, and chaperones.

The Student Senate also devoted attention to faculty-course evaluation, a Free University course, the need for elimination of racial inequality, and an increase in the number of students appointed to University Senate committees; and it continued sponsorship of such programs as Peace Corps Week, Vista Week, Model U.S. Senate, National Model United Nations delegation, and undergraduate research.

Sensitive to student concerns, the University Senate acted upon and referred to the University Board of Trustees matters relevant to the educational process both in and out of the classroom. Decisions were made on the several bills referred by the Student Senate as well as on such matters as expansion of the policy on credit by departmental examination, revision of the general studies program, and limiting the existing admissions policy for applicants who do not meet specified scholastic standards.

The University Senate also adopted policies on the use of doctoral students in instructional roles and on restricting the outside employment of graduate assistants and doctoral fellows. By spring the Senate was also at work on a proposal to revise its membership.

The first day of Autumn Quarter classes—September 12, 1968—provided the opportunity to address beginning students at the Freshman Convocation and to chat with them informally afterwards.
The University Research Committee presented two motions which the Senate passed: one, institutional assurance on investigations involving human subjects, including clinical research; the other, adoption of the joint statement of the Council of the American Association of University Professors and the American Council on Education entitled “On Preventing Conflicts of Interest in Government-Sponsored Research at Universities.”

Two additional students were named to the University Research Committee to form a special committee to recommend policy and make awards for the second year of undergraduate research grants at Ball State. Thirteen research proposals from fourteen undergraduate students representing eleven academic areas were approved. Funds were provided by the Student Senate, Ball State University, and the four-year-old Ball State Student Foundation.

Under the faculty academic year awards program, the University Research Committee awarded forty-five faculty members representing eighteen academic departments a total of $19,500. For the second time summer research grants were also awarded, providing five faculty members with one-seventh of the academic year salary for ten weeks of full-time research assignment during the summer. Additional support for these awards came from the Ball State Alumni Association and the Ball State Foundation.

Of proposals to outside agencies submitted by faculty members through the Office of Research from July 1, 1968, to June 30, 1969, forty-two were granted, totaling $1,916,507, and fifteen were still pending as of June 30.

The Office of Research also increased its activities in institutional research, especially vital to the University at this stage in its growth.
Ball State University began its second half-century with an enrollment of 15,007 students in Autumn Quarter, 1968, an 11.3 per cent gain over Autumn Quarter, 1967. Under the aegis of the Office of Special Programs, newly created to handle particular concerns of minority group students and of students who are not adequately prepared for university work, the University initiated the Directed Admission Students Experimental Program (DASEP). During their first quarter at Ball State, fifty selected students were enrolled in the course Reading Development and Special Problems as well as in the Reading Efficiency Program, the Writing Clinic, and three regular classes.

Academic departments continued planning new programs to meet current needs, e.g., a departmental major in natural resources was added to the growing number of interdepartmental study areas; landscape architecture was approved as a new major; the new two-year curriculum in food management and the one- and two-year curricula in cross-national studies in American education were implemented. An example of a specialization within an existing area was the inclusion in the elementary education program of preparatory work for teachers of the culturally dis-

Dr. Alexander M. Bracken, President of the University Board of Trustees, conducted the formal installation ceremonies at my inauguration as seventh president of Ball State University on April 11, 1969. Participants included representatives for the students, faculty, and alumni, as well as the Honorable Edgar D. Whitcomb, Governor of Indiana; Dr. Alan C. Rankin, President of Indiana State University and of the Indiana Conference of Higher Education; and delegates from other colleges and universities, learned societies, and professional organizations.
advantaged. Community education also received new impetus with additional financial support from the Mott Foundation. One of the areas added at the master's level is a program for teachers of the emotionally disturbed.

Two new programs at the master's degree level resulted in the conferring of the first Master of Business Administration and Master of Library Science degrees at the University's fifty-seventh Commencement on June 4, 1969. The first two-year terminal degrees, Associate in Arts and Associate in Science, were also awarded at that time.

Three Doctor of Education degree programs, in English, Social Science, and Science, received preliminary accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The program in nursing and its nursing courses were accredited by the National League for Nursing. The American Chemical Society accredited the chemistry program preparing students for careers in chemical research or applied chemistry.

Negotiations were completed to develop an overseas program for the Master of Arts degree in counseling at U.S. Air Force bases in England and Germany, to begin in September, 1969. Final

Construction of the Johnson Residence Halls (above) was nearing completion in June, 1969, as plans were being made to house more than 900 students there in September. The circular Carmichael Hall includes dining rooms, classrooms, offices, and a lounge for commuting students.

By June of 1969 the Life Science Building was taking shape (far left in the photo below) as the third unit in Ball State's Science Complex which already includes the Nursing Education Building and the Physical Science-Mathematics Building.
approval was granted for Project Bolivia, a joint effort of the Teachers College and the American Cooperative School in Bolivia, also to begin in September, 1969.

The Ball State Alumni Association initiated its new Study Abroad program by awarding two $500 grants now available annually to faculty and staff. The program was established as a memorial to former Ball State educators Robert LaFollette, James Albertson, and Howard Johnshoy who were killed in an airplane crash in Vietnam in 1967.

In May the University and the Alumni Association were cited by the American Alumni Council for most improvement in alumni programs. Ball State was the only state-assisted university recognized in the Alumni Administration Awards Competition.

In 1968 the number of alumni donors to the annual fund increased 95 per cent, and the dollar contributions increased 111 per cent. For the second consecutive year Ball State alumnus Ralph J. Whitinger, president of the Ball State University Foundation, extended a $100,000 challenge to Ball State University alumni for the 1969 annual fund campaign. Annual giving to the Foundation for 1968-69 totaled $898,896. Membership in the President's Club increased from 183 to 269.

The new University Swimming Pool, in use throughout 1968-69, was dedicated on May 16, 1969. The swimming pool, 49 feet wide by 75 feet long, has six competitive lanes and two easy access viewing ports below deck. The diving pool, 40 feet by 49 feet and 14 feet deep, features two one-meter and two three-meter diving boards and has one underwater port. Circular seating permits an unobstructed view for all spectators.
The Board of Trustees contracted with Perkins & Will Partnership for Phase II of the campus master plan. Frazer Poole of the Library of Congress was engaged as consultant in the planning of new library facilities, designated the top priority construction project for the next biennium. Plans for the College of Architecture and Planning Building, a new home management house for the Department of Home Economics, and a Student Center addition were also concerns of the Master Planning Committee.

Quite a different concern was the 1969-71 biennial budget under consideration by the Indiana General Assembly in early 1969. Because the State's appropriation for Ball State University's current operating budget was $5.6 million less than the requested $21.8 million, the Board of Trustees in April, 1968, approved an increase in the contingent fee, effective Autumn Quarter, 1969. For a resident of Indiana taking a normal course load, this increase is $150 a year.

Because of the fee increase, the Board of Trustees designated $125,000 for a fees assistance program, stipulating that a student demonstrating financial need of at least $150 would be eligible to receive that amount in 1969-70. A similar program, the Ball State Emergency Fees Relief Fund, was created by the Student Senate.

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**In Memoriam**

William Michael Hoffman, Instructor of Physical Education and Assistant Football Coach

May A. Klipple, Associate Professor Emeritus of English

Robert L. Shelley, Professor of Chemistry
For the 1968-69 year the total operating expenses for Ball State University, including current operations, current restricted funds, and operating expenses for auxiliary enterprises totaled $33,271,578. The current operations fund, which supports the major portion of direct classroom and administrative expenses of the University, expended $20,641,767 which was 62 per cent of the total operating expenses. The State of Indiana provided an operating appropriation of $15,128,526.

Major construction projects essentially completed during the year were Phase I of the Johnson Residence Halls Complex and the second phase of the Scheidler Apartment Complex. Other major construction in process during the year included the Life Science Building, an addition to the Central Chiller System for air conditioning, an addition to the W. E. Wagoner Residence Hall, and improvements to the dining area of the Elliott Residence Hall. In addition, the University had construction projects in planning, the total estimated cost of which is in excess of $20,000,000. Less than $1,500,000 of this is to be financed from state capital appropriations.

The Physical Plant had a net value increase of $13,095,000 to a book value of $94,471,473, as of June 30, 1969, or an increase of 16.1 per cent.

Honored at the Omega Recognition Dinner for retirees and emeriti on May 14, 1969, were (from left to right) Errol G. Myers, Special Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Thomas H. Wetmore, Head of Department and Professor of English; and Elizabeth E. Meloy, Associate Professor of Music. A fourth honoree, Marion B. Grady, University Librarian and Professor of Library Science, was unable to attend.
During the 1968-69 year 18,156 student loans, grants, scholarships, or jobs were provided as financial assistance to students. Student employment during the year involved more than 4,900 students, with a total payroll of $1,332,417. National defense loans during the year totaled $609,350, aiding more than 1,300 students. Private assistance through guaranteed bank loan programs increased more than fourfold over the preceding year. More than 2,600 students borrowed $2,271,000 to assist them in their education. The amount of student assistance from all sources, including grants, bank loans, scholarships, and other student aids, totaled $6,477,915.

The year 1968-69 was an exciting, challenging, and rewarding one for all of us. While we are proud of the record and the accomplishments of our University during the year, we also recognize that the University, along with our society, finds itself living in a new and different world. We trust that our experiences of this year will have prepared us to meet successfully the next.

With the continued devotion and dedication of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends, and our Trustees, it shall be so.

John J. Pruis
President, Ball State University
## University Operating Funds
### Summary of Revenue and Expenses Classification, 1968-69

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Note: Table excludes Plant and Loan Funds, Stores and Depository Funds, Assets Converted to Cash, Agency Funds, and Transfers Other Than Those for Debt Service Reserves

*Includes transfers for debt service reserves