To: Ball State University Board of Trustees

It is with considerable pride that I submit to the Board of Trustees the Ball State University 1985-86 Annual Report. As the president, I am very proud of the work that was accomplished this past academic year. This report reflects many achievements which demonstrate that we are making progress toward our goal of providing Ball State students with a quality education in a caring atmosphere at a reasonable cost.

The deans and other academic administrators, at the annual Summer Conference, reaffirmed that Ball State's major commitment over the next ten years will be to enhance the educational experience of students. I believe that you will find within this report descriptions of many educational programs and activities which indicate that the university is moving forward to achieve this objective. I express to the students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and special friends of Ball State a very sincere thanks for their part in making these accomplishments possible.

John E. Worthen
President
In 1985–86, Ball State University honored its past, rejoiced in its present, and stepped up its preparations for the future. It was a year of dedication, progress, and rededication, as anniversaries were celebrated, buildings were renamed in honor of some of Ball State’s living luminaries, innovative programs were crowned with increasing success, and ground was broken for a building that will house some of tomorrow’s educational programs.

Joseph Costa, world-renowned photojournalist and lecturer in journalism since 1977, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, at the August commencement, 1985, and inducted into Ball State’s Journalism Hall of Fame. Photo by John Crozier
Anniversaries

The Ball State Art Gallery celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this year with a "Gala Celebration," a reception and dinner followed by dancing in Recital Hall. The anniversary had earlier been commemorated by the publication of Art Professor Ned Griner’s *Side by Side with Coarser Plants*, a book chronicling the history of the art movement in Muncie from 1885 to 1985.

The board of trustees approved resolutions changing the name of University Hall to John J Pruis Hall and East Quad (formerly the Science Building) to the Richard W. Burkhardt Building, to honor a former president and a former acting president of the university. Those buildings will be formally renamed in ceremonies in the coming year. In the meantime the Historic Costume Collection has become the Mary Beeman Collection, in honor of the former chairman of the home economics department who received the first donation to the collection, and a lounge in the Practical Arts Building has been named in honor of Vola P. Simpson, associate professor emeritus of home economics. A scholarship has been created in the name of Oliver Bumb, vice president emeritus for Public Affairs and University Development.

All year long, the Alexander M. Bracken Library celebrated its tenth anniversary; banners appeared in the fall over the entrances to the building, and the festivities began with a reception for new students. Dr. Goetz von Boehmer, consul general of the Federal Republic of Germany, opened an exhibition honoring Schütz, Handel, and Bach, for all of whom 1985 was also an anniversary year. Faculty and personnel of the Department of Academic Studies in Music, University Libraries, and the Art Gallery combined forces to construct the poster exhibit and plan a recital. Later in the year, WTHR (Channel 13 Indianapolis) broadcast its “Live at Five” news program for three
A three-day meeting of the International Horn Society, hosted by Bracken Library in celebration of its tenth anniversary, brought the unaccustomed sound of alphorns to the library's first floor.
The twenty-fifth anniversary of FM radio station WBST was the occasion for much merry-making, reminiscing, and congratulation. WBST was created September 12, 1960, with a license for ten watts of power—enough to cover the campus at the time, mainly for the purpose of giving undergraduate telecommunications majors practical experience. It still serves that important purpose, but now operates at 3,000 watts and broadcasts throughout east central Indiana as a member of the National Public Radio Network.
The 1985 WBST news department: John Althardt, Cassandra Stancil, and Paul Kjellander, winners of three Indiana Associate Press Broadcasters awards, including best newscast. Photo by John Crozier

Program Manager Bruce Haines with Dr. Bob Robbins, who is recreating his first sign-on exactly twenty-five years before (to the minute).
Distinguished Students

Along with all the celebrations of the past, the work of the campus went on, and many Ball State students distinguished themselves this year.

A number of students in the Honors College—now headed by Dr. Arno F. Wittig, Dr. C. Warren Vander Hill having taken on new duties as acting provost—were recognized for their academic accomplishments. Amy Lindop, Indianapolis, for example, received the John R. Emens Award as the Outstanding Senior of 1985-86—she completed her bachelor’s degree with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, besides achieving an outstanding record as a participant in campus activities. Angela Fullencamp, Cincinnati, was co-winner of the senior of the year award in the Department of Psychological Science. She has received a fellowship for graduate study at the University of Minnesota. V. Eugene Wallingford, Greenfield, will begin graduate work at Michigan State University as a Dean’s Distinguished Fellow and graduate assistant, and Craig Farnsworth, Kingston, Washington, will attend the University of Virginia as a Jefferson Fellow. Both Craig Farnsworth and Ann Kring, Indianapolis, received graduate fellowships from the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society; Ball State was the only school of the 207 with Alpha Lambda Delta chapters to have two winners—fourteen fellowships were awarded nationally. All of these students were graduated summa cum laude.

Among the undergraduates, sophomore Eric Farnsworth, Kingston, Washington, was named a Harry S Truman Scholar. He is one of 105 named nationwide, and Ball State’s first ever. The scholarship will pay his college expenses for the next four years, which will include two years of graduate work.

Other notable undergraduate accomplishments include the research of Lisbeth Cloys, West Valparaiso, with Dr. Arden Christen at the Indiana University School of Dentistry and the work of Sandra Acquino, Rosedale, with the Drs. Young’s National Science Foundation cancer research grant. Honors students presented papers based on work conducted as Undergraduate Fellows or on honors theses at the Indiana Academy of Science, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, the Midwestern Psychological Association, IBASM, NCHC, the Midamerica Undergraduate Research Conference, and NASPSPA. Student publications based on such scholarly activities appeared in The American Biology Teacher, Inorganic Chemistry, and The Journal of General Psychology. In all, more than half of the Undergraduate Fellows partnerships resulted in professional presentations or publications.

Student distinctions this year were not, however, confined to the Honors College. The Ball State Daily News and the Orient yearbook were named best publications of their kinds in the state by the Indiana Collegiate Press Association; it was the fourth straight year for the Daily News to win the Newspaper of the Year Award, the ninth for the Orient to score highest.

The nationally ranked Ball State Individual Events speech team competed in the National Forensic Association Tournament April 24-29 at Bloomsburg State University in Pennsylvania. Ball State was champion at the Indiana State
Individual Events Tourney and placed second of eight teams at the Miami University Novice Tournament and third at the Buckeye Invitational at the Ohio State University.

Junior Thomas Gulley, Carmel, won the first David Letterman Telecommunications Scholarship on the basis of a comedy videotape, "Jake Stone, Private Eye." Letterman, a Ball State alumnus, this year established the scholarship, which pays all expenses for a creative student for a year. After the winner of the award had been announced, Letterman decided to add another scholarship: he liked junior Rich Swingley's second-place entry so much that he gave its creator a $3,000 award "to encourage the demonstrated skills, creativity, and originality."

The work of three Ball State architecture interns, Richard Gnat, Tanner Endzel, and Thomas Harrison, all of Indianapolis, was included in the 150 Years of Chicago Architecture exhibit at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. All three produced models for the firms they were interning with: Gnat's was a large-scale cutaway section of a hall in the McCormack Place Expansion, for Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill; Harrison designed furniture to be used in the Wesleyan Chapel, Bloomington, Illinois, for Weese, Hickey, Weese Architects (for whom he now works); Endzel produced models and drawings of several houses for the same firm. Other work of hers has been shown by the Chicago Historical Society and published in Architecture magazine and Inland Architecture.

Second Lieutenant Robert J. Rice, Osgood, who last year was in competition for the Hughes Trophy Award as the nation's most outstanding ROTC graduate of 1985, this year won the award; he was first among all cadets at 320 colleges and universities across the country. Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh presented the award in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Students of architecture branched out to produce nonarchitectural works for the first architecture student art association exhibit.

Scholarship donor David Letterman NBC photo
Ball State University students enjoying a spring break in Fort Lauderdale made unusual headlines this year: they earned $1,000 for the BSU Student Foundation Scholarship Account by winning the first annual Fort Lauderdale Spring Break College Games. The games, initiated by the city and sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Budweiser, Gatorade, and Coppertone, included volleyball, a tire roll contest, basketball dunk, aerobics, and a tug of war. Ball State players vanquished students from Boston College, Boston University, Michigan State, Penn State, Western Michigan, and Villanova.

Ball State's more traditional sports teams had a banner year also. The women's field hockey team, under MAC coach-of-the-year Karen Fitzpatrick, won its third consecutive MAC championship (a record for Ball State). The men's tennis team under MAC co-coach-of-the-year Bill Richards had an undefeated MAC season—the third straight—to win a third consecutive conference title; and the golf team, coached by MAC coach-of-the-year Earl Yestingsmeier, won the MAC championship and the twelve-team Wildcat Classic at Lexington, Kentucky, and acquired its fourth straight Indianapolis Intercollegiate golf title.

Several individual athletes brought honor to the university through the year: John Diettrich, Fort Wayne, whose twenty-five field goals led the nation, was named to the second team of the Associated Press All-American college football team. Dan Palombizio and Emma Jones made all-MAC basketball first teams—Jones is the first Ball State woman to make the team. This was the second time for Palombizio, who was honored by Sports Illustrated as player-of-the-week after a brilliant performance in a MAC tournament game. The MAC conference named junior Mark Davis, Cincinnati, a third baseman, and golfer Kevin Kozlowski, Valparaiso, players-of-the-week in April.

Thomas (Tank) Howard, Germantown, Ohio, was selected by the San Diego Padres in the first round of the 1986 major league baseball draft, the eleventh player to be chosen. He was the MAC baseball player-of-the-year. Mike Roesler, Fort Wayne, a natural resources graduate in the spring, who was drafted as a pitcher by the Cincinnati Reds a year ago, left in March for spring training.

Ball State athletes shone both on and off the field. Several students were named to academic All-American teams. Ron Duncan, Springfield, Ohio, was named to the GTE Academic All-American first team in football. Craig Farnsworth is listed as an at-large Academic All-American for track. In softball, Laura Whitcomb, Columbia, S.C., was named Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American, first team. Mike David, Columbus, and Kevin Kozlowski, Valparaiso, made the National Golf Coaches' Association Academic All-American first team.

To crown all the sports teams' honors, the cheerleading squad was acclaimed as best in the MAC and came in sixteenth in the nation at the finals in Florida.
Six Ball State professors were honored at the annual Omega and Recognition dinner this spring for outstanding service: Michael B. Wood, dean of University Libraries, was recognized for outstanding administrative service and Rita M. Gardiol, chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages, for outstanding faculty service; Wes D. Gehring, telecommunications, was named outstanding researcher, and J. Rodney Underwood outstanding teacher. Professors Andrew R. Cayton, history, and Robert D. Habich, English, shared the outstanding young faculty award.

Dr. John Koumoulides' already impressive list of honors grew longer this year: he was invited to participate in a symposium on Cyprus in Sussex, England; his book *Cyprus in Transition, 1960–1985* will be published in London this year. The Academy of Athens, founded by Plato in 387 B.C., awarded Koumoulides a prize for studying, promoting, and preserving the heritage of Greece, and another prize for the book *Churches of Aghia in Larissa*, of which he is co-author with Dr. Lazaros Deriziotis, curator of Byzantine monuments of Thessaly, Greece. Members of the academy also expressed gratitude to the Friends of Greek Studies, an organization made up of members of the Ball State and Muncie communities, for their dedication to Greek culture and contribution to the spirit of philhellenism.

Ball State faculty and students contributed to the stunning success of Muncie Civic Theatre's production of *Raisin in the Sun* this season. The production was selected as the United States entry in the Dundalk Amateur Theatre International in Dundalk, Ireland, and it won five awards: Best Production, Best Director (Ball State's Professor James Hardin), Best Actress (Ball State alumna De Tate), Best Actor (James Wesley Williams), and the Audience Award.

For the second time, the National Federation of Music Clubs awarded Ball State first prize for the performance and promotion of American Music. The award included a $500 cash prize from ASCAP. In the year 1984–85, faculty, student, and guest musicians performed about 750 works by about 350 American composers, a few of whom are Ball State alumni and faculty members.

In a program initiated this spring, the Ball State Summer Theatre professionalized and extended its operation. The new full-time summer stock company includes some of the most talented Ball State students, community actors, and actors chosen by audition from other parts of the country. Each of the four summer productions played four times at Ball State and then travelled to Fort Wayne for two more performances at the Foellinger Theatre.

Thirty-six Ball State faculty members were promoted effective in September 1986, eleven of them to the rank of full professor: College of Fine Arts: Kirby L. Koriath, applied studies in music, and Kenneth W. Preston, art. College of Sciences and Humanities: Mohammad Behforouz, chemistry; Robert B. Fischer and David A. Hines, psychological science; Wes D. Gehring, telecommunications; Richard G. Kolczynski, English; and Melvin L. Sharpe,
Dr. Joe Buttram is the new director of the School of Music.

The Ball State University Chamber Choir, conducted by Dr. Douglas Amman, was one of three university choirs chosen, on the basis of a taped audition, to sing for the American Choral Directors Association regional convention April 3 in Indianapolis.
Dr. Judith Roepke, last year named associate dean of the College of Applied Sciences, is now acting associate provost.

Pieter Jansz van Asch, Dutch (1603-1678), *Landscape in Gelderland*, ca. 1655, oil on linen, 50" x 61". Ball State's Art Gallery was reaccredited this year by the American Association of Museums; the senior examiner called it a "viable functioning component of a prestigious university."

journalism. Teachers College: Peter Murk, Center for Lifelong Education, and Raymond S. Dean, educational psychology. Student Affairs: Virgil Ruble, counseling and psychological services.

The academic year 1985-86 was the best year in Ball State’s history for research funding of externally sponsored projects. Of the 410 proposals submitted, 172 were funded, for a total of $3.29 million. Among the grants was an award from the Indiana Arts Commission of $3,000 to the Ball State Art Gallery to be applied to the cost of restoring a seventeenth-century painting by Pieter Jansz van Asch, "Landscape in Gelderland." The grant will also be used to help fund the production of a public television program documenting the restoration work—mainly cleaning, much of the canvas having been obscured by yellowed varnish, according to Alain Joyaux, director of the Art Gallery.

The National Institutes of Health AREA program has recently been established to support research at institutions that have contributed significantly to undergraduate training in the health professions. In the first round of competition, Ball State was the only institution in the nation to receive as many as four awards.

Ball State now has an official chapter of the scientific research society Sigma Xi. Qualifications for acceptance include research of high quality and a positive attitude on the part of the administration toward research. The Ball State chapter of Sigma Xi honors an outstanding Indiana Science teacher,
sponsors a nationally known speaker each year, and gives research grants to graduate and undergraduate students. The officers are Dr. Larry Ganion, physiology and health science, president; Dr. Tom Martinson, associate director of the Office of Research and professor of geography, president-elect; Dr. Nancy Behforouz, biology, secretary; and Dr. Stuart Walker, Center for Medical Education, treasurer.

Each year a number of academic departments are reviewed by external evaluation teams. This year's evaluations for the departments of Foreign Languages, Geography, Geology, Physics, and Astronomy, and History were enthusiastically favorable.

Evaluators of the foreign language department said that the faculty members "show great dedication, a wide diversity of academic interests... a deep commitment to their instructional mission in a discipline that is the basis of humanistic education in any university." Likewise, in the geography department's critique, the comment was, "The department is committed to good teaching." A similar statement came from the geology evaluation: "They [faculty] are immersed in the welfare of their students and are dedicated to quality instruction... The undergraduate program is healthy and of high quality."

From the history department evaluation came the comment, "To find a department as 'computer literate' as Ball State's is unusual," and "What impressed me was the students' élan, a genuine dedication to the program." The history department also received favorable comments about the quality of teaching. Likewise, the physics and astronomy department was praised for the quality of its teaching. "Many of the teaching methods are innovative and the faculty try to attract and maintain the interest of the students in their courses."


Dr. Nancy Behforouz, Biology, received a $1,000 dollar grant to continue her research on the effect of cyclosporine A on macrophage function.
Innovative Programs

Ball State University, redoubling its efforts to meet the growing and changing needs of students and the community, has introduced many innovative programs. The Indiana Government Executive Management Program won a 1986 New Program Award from the National University Continuing Education Association. The program, unique in Indiana, is a year-round, statewide series of executive development workshops for elected and appointed local government officials. It is a cooperative effort of the Ball State School of Continuing Education and the political science department, the Indiana Association of Cities, and the Association of Indiana Counties.

The Institute of Gerontology now has more than fifty students enrolled in its programs; in 1985-86 the institute received seven grants from state, federal, and private agencies. One among many conferences and training sessions held during the year was the first Alzheimer’s Day for Family Members. The institute is in the vanguard of the search for solutions to problems caused by this disease and other illnesses of old age.

One of Ball State’s most successful community service programs, the Crisis Prevention and Intervention Project, developed in conjunction with the New Castle State Developmental Center, received the Governor’s Showcase Award in December. The project, which provides behavior management services to clients of the New Castle center who are experiencing severe behavior problems, has resulted in a sharp decline in the numbers of first admissions and readmissions of clients in this category.
In July 1985 the Center for Energy Research, Education, and Service (CERES) was accredited by the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation as one of five national test laboratories qualified to perform testing and evaluation on air heating solar collectors. The center has completed and copyrighted a software program for energy simulation entitled CERENET™, which is being marketed nationwide for use by professionals and educators.

In keeping with Ball State's long-term recognition of the importance of good teaching, a new Center for Teaching and Learning has been established;
its aim is to help faculty members to improve their skills as teachers. At the center they will have access to consultants, evaluations, and books, journals, and instructional videotapes on practical and theoretical aspects of teaching and learning. Faculty members who are interested in conducting research on teaching and learning for national and international presentation and publication will be invited to apply for research time as Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellows. The results of research done at the center will be available for improving instruction at Ball State.

The new Wellness Management Institute, with Constance Marie Smoczyk as its director, has already augmented the numbers of early-morning exercisers on campus. It provides programs to increase the physical and emotional well-being of students and staff, and will include a research program and an instructional program leading to the Master of Science degree. Faculty from several disciplines will contribute expertise to the academic program, which is expected to draw professionals already working in wellness management. Wellness management involves a holistic approach to health and emphasizes the prevention of illness from what Smoczyk calls “life-style diseases,” such as heart disease and cancer, the two most common causes of death in the United States.

University College, the university’s newest academic unit, was created because of increasing concern about two groups of students whose special needs were not being satisfactorily served: students undecided about an academic major and those who had the ability to do college-level work but needed assistance with academic or study skills to meet the rigorous demands of a four-year degree program.
University College has registered about fifteen hundred students in its first year, most of them in the first category; for these students the dropout rate this year was less than half what it was the previous year. Both groups have experienced noteworthy improvement in grade-point average, and the retention rate for students admitted on warning is also up.

The Learning Center, a division of University College, must be credited with much of this early success; it offers personalized advising and tutoring in reading, writing, mathematics, and study skills to all Ball State students, not just those enrolled in University College. Professors may refer students in academic trouble to the center. More than nine thousand students have come to the center for help since September 1985.

Ball State’s computer competency program has made rapid progress campuswide. One of the most striking examples of its application to specific programs is that in the School of Nursing. The nursing faculty began by taking summer computer workshops in which they learned to create programs and began to explore applications. Computer programs to teach the range of body motions and to introduce senior student nurses to the...
temporary transvenous cardiac pacemaker have resulted from this study. Using computers, students also chart medications, admissions, discharges, and care plans. Professors Renee Twibell and Susan Bennett are working on a program to simulate treatment of patients with head injuries, and Drs. Kay Hodson and Pamela Worrell of the nursing faculty, along with math professor Virginia Hamilton and Margaret Simsic of computer science, have developed a program to teach nursing students to calculate drug doses—this one is already being marketed and sold in this country and Canada.

Ball State’s program for the M.B.A. degree by television has been so successful (464 registrations in 18 sites since its inception in 1983) that a plan is under consideration to extend business classes to undergraduates by way of the Indiana Higher Education Television System.

An experimental teacher education program developed more than a decade ago in the Department of Elementary Education, EXEL, was called “one of three outstanding innovative programs in elementary teacher education in the United States” by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, during its 1985 Showcase for Excellence Awards Program. EXEL requires direct elementary classroom experience during the entire four years of a student’s undergraduate program, and includes an optional term of participation in British schools. The award is the second national citation for excellence earned by the program; earlier the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education gave it a Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Teacher Education.
Internationalism

In the academic year 1985-86, internationalism flourished on the Ball State campus. President Worthen reiterated the university's commitment to internationalize the curriculum and create opportunities for "students and faculty to travel, to study in other countries, and to learn about the peoples and cultures of other lands." He and his family spent two weeks in Korea and Japan, where he met with administrators and educators at four universities to explore possible exchange programs for faculty and students. At Yeungnam University, Taegu, Korea, the Worthens were greeted by university officials and Korean Ball State alumni. Ball State has had an exchange agreement with Yeungnam University since 1972.

At Kyung Hee University planning was begun for programs for Ball State students involving travel as well as substantive course work with English-speaking faculty. President Worthen also discussed exchanges with Aichi University of Education near Nagoya, Japan, and Tokyo Gakugei University.

The first year of the Center for International Programs brought foreign student programs, study abroad, faculty exchanges, on-campus international studies, and university cooperation with city- and state-sponsored international activities together in one administrative unit. Applications to Ball State from abroad (especially from the People's Republic of China) increased almost 30 percent. Ball State has joined the Midwest Consortium for Study Abroad, which has established a new center in Athens for next year. We now have faculty exchange agreements in seven countries: Brazil, Cameroon, China, Indonesia, Korea, Poland, and Taiwan. A new element called "global studies" has been added to the General Studies curriculum; and several members of the university faculty are participating in Muncie's Sister City Task Force, which aims to strengthen international ties by establishing commercial, governmental, cultural, and educational links with cities abroad.

President Worthen, visiting Korea to reaffirm academic relationships, hand-delivers a diploma to a Korean Ball State graduate. Mr. Yong-Suck Hong had to return to Korea right after graduation to serve in the army; his diploma was mailed but returned unforwarded. He called the personal presentation "the highlight of my professional career."

Ball State International students shared information about the music, art, education, industry, politics, and religion of their countries in an International Festival in April.
A delegation from the All China Sports Federation visited the campus for several days and met with twenty Ball State faculty and students who were to spend the month of June in China, students enrolled in the first Mandarin Chinese language class ever to be offered at Ball State, members of the Asian Studies committee, and students and faculty from the Nationalist Republic of China and the People’s Republic of China.

Earlier in the fall, the visit on campus of two Soviet citizens sparked interest and lively discussion. Nikita Bantsenkin, a professor of journalism at the American-Canadian Institute in Moscow, and Sergey Zhuravlyov, secretary-general of the Student Council of the Soviet Union, were selected by the Soviet government to visit universities in the United States.

Other notable visitors on campus this year were retired admiral Noel Gayler, Betty Friedan, and Dr. Benjamin Spock.

Ball State conferred upon Dr. Arno Penzias, Nobel Prize winner for research on cosmic background radiation, the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, in a special ceremony in the spring at which the new Center for Information and Communication Science was opened. The center, which involves the participation of faculty from Computer Science, Journalism, Management Information Systems, Telecommunications, Speech Communication, and Library and Information Science, will offer a master of science degree. Thirty-two business and industry professionals from throughout the United States have volunteered to serve as “industry fellows” for the new center; they will act as resource people for students and faculty, to be called upon for teleconferences, visits and lectures, and creative

Twenty Ball State faculty members and students spent the month of June 1986 travelling in the People’s Republic of China. They were the first participants from this university in an exchange arrangement entered into last year; while they were in the country they were guests of the Chinese government.
consultation. A new building in the heart of the campus will house this program (see p. 24).

In May, Senator Richard Lugar was the commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. The May commencement ceremony was also noteworthy for being the first in a new format: a one-hour university ceremony in the quad featured remarks by President Worthen, a brief commencement address, conferral of an honorary degree, and recognition of outstanding academic achievements. Six simultaneous ceremonies followed in various parts of the campus; each college awarded degrees to its own graduates, with suitable fanfare and illustrious speakers: Dr. David Costill, internationally known director of the Human Performance Laboratory, spoke at the College of Applied Sciences and Technology ceremony, Craig W. Hartman, a partner in Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill and Ball State architecture alumnus '73, spoke to the architecture graduates, and Jim Davis, Ball State alumnus '67 and creator of Garfield, addressed College of Business graduates.
Ball State University continues to look for new ways to improve and extend its services to students. There has been increasing national concern, for example, about the rising numbers of so-called “nontraditional” students—all those who do not fall into the category of last spring’s high school graduates, aged eighteen or so, for whom most universities design their academic programs and even their extracurricular activities. Nontraditional students have different needs, and in the future these may be met at Ball State by University College. Nontraditional students will be able to register by phone at the end of August, and pay their fees by mail; once here, they will be advised in University College, and will be given the personal attention, support, and guidance they need.

The advising procedure for the entire university is being reorganized in an effort to bring more personal attention and guidance to all Ball State students. The new program, to be in effect by autumn quarter of 1987, will move much of the advising to six centers in the Cooper Science Building, the Burkhardt Building, the Fine Arts Building, Teachers College, Whiting Business Building, and the Bell Building. Freshmen will still be advised by the professional advising staff in an advising center in the Administration Building. After their freshman year, students will be advised by faculty members in their majors. Athletes and Honors College students already have their own advisers, as do University College students. Each advising center
will be headed by a professional adviser and will be connected by computer with the Administration Building center. The goal of the program is to create a ratio of about twenty-five students to each adviser. The Committee on Advising has also developed a sophisticated new tool for advisers—an automated degree audit system that will match a student's completed courses with degree and program requirements and track each student's progress toward graduation.

A Transition Committee chaired by Assistant Provost Thomas Kaluzynski has been hard at work for some months at the task of changing the university from the quarter system to the semester system. Months of discussion, research, and investigation preceded the decision to make the change, which was judged to be in line with Ball State's attempt to improve its students' educational experience; it will give more time for faculty to convey and students to absorb difficult material, more opportunity for students to go deeper into subject matter and to undertake substantive research and writing projects. The change is to go into effect in the fall of 1988.

The forward-looking Center for Information and Communication Science has already been functioning on campus for a year; on June 20, 1986, ground was broken for a new building to house it, along with the Department of Telecommunications, Media Services, WIPB-TV (Channel 49), and WBST-FM, Ball State's academic program-related television and radio stations. Computer
science, management information systems, and speech communication will also be involved in activities in the new building. The $8.1 million Edmund F. Ball Building, as it will be named, is scheduled for completion in September 1988. The lower level of the Ball Building will have studios for WBST and WIPB, media services, and the telecommunications department. Upstairs will be faculty and departmental offices.

"Synergism" is the word President Worthen uses for the purpose and function of the new building: the units working together within its walls will be more effective than was possible when they were separated.

All of these activities honoring the past, working with a strong sense of purpose, and planning may be taken as fulfilling the function and nature of a university: building upon its tradition of excellence, Ball State is putting its best efforts into serving its students while constantly seeking new ways to use its considerable resources to shape the future.
Financial Highlights

Years Ending June 30, 1986 and June 30, 1985
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