Coppin State College to train alcoholism counselors

Announcement of a new graduate concentration in alcoholism counseling and addictions services has been made by Dr. Geraldine Waters, dean of graduate studies at Coppin State College.

This may be used in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the master of science degree in either adult and continuing education or criminal justice or the master of education degree in either rehabilitation counseling education or correctional education.

It can also be offered to meet the course requirements for certification as an alcoholism counselor in Maryland and other states.

This program will help to meet a long unmet need in one of the major health problems of the United States.

There is an extreme shortage of adequately trained administrators as well as counselors in alcoholism and addictions services.

At last count there were less than sixty certified alcoholism counselors in Maryland.

Because of a shortage of qualified personnel it has been impossible to implement a law which went into effect in 1978 requiring all elementary schools in Maryland to institute programs in alcoholism counseling.

Coppin State College is one of the institutions in the eastern part of the United States offering bachelor's degree in alcoholism counseling and addictions services and now becomes one of three institutions on the east coast offering master's degrees in alcoholism counseling and addiction services.

Persons interested in the graduate program may contact Dr. Waters at 383-5955-6. For information on the undergraduate program, call 383-6535 or the Admissions Office at 383-5990 for applications.

Coppin State College is a forerunner among Baltimore institutions of higher learning in its initiation, in 1976, of a dual degree program in engineering and sciences in cooperation with the College of Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park.

Coppin State College also cooperated with the department of astronomy and physics of Howard University to implement the cooperative physics program on the campus since 1976.

In the three-year period of 1976-79, the department of chemistry and physical science introduced three new calculus based physics courses and four new engineering courses.

Dr. N. R. Joshi, the coordinator of the dual degree programs and the coperative physics program was eagerly looking for funding sources to buy equipment for the laboratory sections of the newly introduced seven courses.

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Graduations from Southern colleges slowing down

The South is beginning to mirror the national slowdown in the annual completions of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, according to a new SREB report.

The slowdown in graduations comes at a time when the South is also noting a cooling of collegiate enrollment increases and a stepped-up tendency for students to attend college part time.

After resisting the national doctoral downturn since 1974, the region has registered its first decline in decades in the number of doctoral awards made in an academic year.

The number of bachelor's degrees completed dropped slightly between 1976 and 1977 — the latest year for which information is available.

This is the third straight year that bachelor's degree completions in the South have held relatively constant at about a quarter million, after recording an annual growth rate of 5 percent earlier in the Seventies.

The number of master's degrees in the region, although still expanding, also slowed considerably in 1977 to about a 3 percent gain, after increasing between 10 and 15 percent annually during the first half of the decade.

Half of the more than 80,000 master's degrees awarded in 1977 in the region were in the field of education.

Two - year college degrees have shown the greatest growth in the Seventies.

During the first seven years of the decade, the number of associate degrees increased more than 90 percent regionwide and more than doubled in nine of the 14 SREB states.

This is a reflection of the 10 percent increase in the number of two - year institutions since 1970 and the doubling of regional enrollment in two - year schools between 1970 and 1977.

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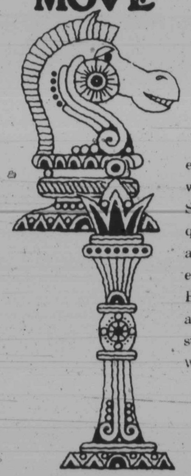

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Legislative roundup affecting higher education in the South

Uncertain prospects for the economy are posing special problems for Southern legislatures considering 1980 - 81 state budgets.

Current revenue collections in some states are falling short of projections as the economy slows and tax decreases approved last year begin to go into effect.

For example, Arkansas' governor has called on state agencies to reduce their 1979 - 80 spending by 5 percent to adjust for a revenue shortfall.

A downturn in revenues in **Alabama** forced colleges and universities to trim budgets by 3 to 6 percent for the 1978 - 79 fiscal year that ended in October.

The Alabama 1979 - 80 revenue picture has improved enough for the governor to announce that a tentative 7 percent pay raise for state employees approved by the last legislative session can be funded.

In **West Virginia**, the governor has asked agencies to submit two 1980 - 81 budget proposals — one for 10 percent less and one for 6 percent more than this year's budget, but both including a 7 percent pay increase for state workers.

To hold the line on spending, **North Carolina's** governor has frozen state government hiring to allow for larger pay raises for continuing state employees.

In **Virginia**, the governor has set hiring ceilings aimed to hold state employment growth at 4 percent.

Higher Education Budgets

While state revenue estimates are up less than projected, higher education enrollments are up slightly more than projected, with 1 to 3 percent gains registered by most states this fall.

The 1980 - 81 funding outlook for states and higher education does not look as gloomy, however, as it was in 1975 - 76, when state revenue growth fell sharply during a nationwide recession and collegiate enrollments recorded their largest gain in ten years.

Preliminary budget hearings indicate that increasing faculty salaries may be the most common denominator in 1980 Southern state spending programs.

For example, the **University of Kentucky** is requesting a 9.5 percent cost - of - living increase for all university employees and more than $9 million to make faculty salaries competitive with comparable institutions in surrounding states.

The **Georgia** Board of Regents has asked for an average pay increase of 10 percent for university system personnel, plus an across - the - board 2.5 percent raise.

All states with budget sessions are attempting to gauge the inflation rate in their spending proposals. For example, the **Mississippi** State College Board has developed a budget request for its eight universities that assumes a 9.5 percent inflation factor for costs per student credit hour.

In compiling a two - year budget in **Kentucky**, the Council on Higher Education has authorized institutions to use these annual inflation rates: salaries and wages, 9.5 percent; general operating costs, 7.5 percent; library books, 12 percent; other supplies and equipment, 5 percent; and utilities, 20 percent.

Utility costs are also receiving attention in **Florida**, where the nine state universities report that 1979 - 80 utility bills may run more than $3 million over budgeted amounts.

At **Louisiana** State University in Baton Rouge, officials say that even if the institution uses the same amount of natural gas it consumed last year, the bill will increase by almost a half million dollars.

Collegiate library improvement is becoming another common item on legislative agendas, with **Florida** making its third and fourth $10 million installments in a five - year, $50 million library development program, and **Mississippi** considering a 20 - year, $103 million proposal to correct a statewide 3.4 million volume deficit reported by the State College Board.

Tuition

Legislative scrutiny of higher education budget requests in a year of moderate state revenue growth may focus new attention on tuition.

Although tuition increases from 5 to 7 percent were common in 1979, there were few or no increases in one - third of the SREB states.

In **Florida**, where tuition was last increased in 1974, the legislature rejected a proposal in 1979 to raise undergraduate and graduate tuition by 7 to 9 percent and double tuition for medical and law students.

In **North Carolina**, a proposal was killed in committee for tuition increases of 10 percent for state residents and 24 percent for out - of - state students.

Although **Texas** has increased required fees modestly during the 1970s, tuition has not been raised since 1971, when the legislature set it at $4 per semester hour with a $50 minimum for those students taking less than 13 hours. Tuition is included in the current review by the Texas legislature's Special Committee on Higher Education Financing.

Maryland institut held the line on tuition th year when the legislatu earmarked funds assure no in - state tuiti increase, but t University of Maryland 1980 - 81 budget requ proposes increases about 5 percent for m undergraduates.

In **Tennessee**, whe tuition had not increas since 1976, a 7 perce increase was approv this year and an 8 perce increase is proposed f next year.

At **West Virginia's** institutions, tuition a fees increased in 1979 less than 2.5 percent at s of the institutions and s others had no increas

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