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briefs

Fleming To Retire; Search For New U-M President Is Under Way

Robben W. Fleming, University of Michigan president since 1968 and also a U-M law professor, will retire in January, 1979, to become president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) in Washington, D.C.

Allan F. Smith, professor of law who served as dean of U-M Law School from 1960 to 1965 and as the University's vice-president for academic affairs from 1965 to 1974, was designated as acting president by U-M Regents. He will serve until Fleming's successor is chosen by the Regents and takes office.

Suggestions for candidates for the U-M presidency are now being sought "from the entire University community, the people of Michigan, and any individual having an interest in The University of Michigan," according to the U-M Regents who, under the state constitution, have final responsibility for choosing a U-M president.

Names should be submitted to the Presidential Selection Committee, 4010 LSA Building, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109.

Among other procedures, the Regents established a special presidential selection committee consisting of eight Regents or their successors in office. They invited three groups—the U-M faculty Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, the Michigan Student Assembly and the Alumni Association—to appoint representative committees to suggest future University needs and the names of candidates.

Fleming, who became U-M president after a career as a law professor, labor arbitrator, and chancellor of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, said:

"In December of 1978 I shall be eligible for early retirement from the University. Accordingly, I have during the past year talked with the Regents about my desire to retire in 1979. This is consistent with my oft-repeated

statement that universities benefit from periodic changes in leadership.

"Among the other opportunities that have been presented is a proposal that I become president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in Washington, D.C. To do so requires that I take the position in January of 1979. We find public radio and television an exciting field."

Fleming's selection as CPB head followed a nationwide search to find a successor to Henry Loomis who announced his intention to retire this year.

Amos B. Hostetter, chairman of the CPB's search committee, described Fleming as "a highly regarded administrator who has presided over an outstanding teaching and research institution which is publicly funded. He has had considerable experience and success in balancing that institution's need for both independence and accountability."

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1967 to foster the growth and development of the nation's non-commercial television and radio stations.

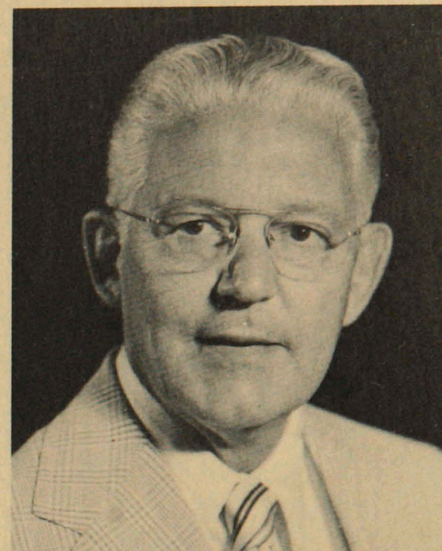
Fleming is the ninth president of the U-M. His length of service in the office was exceeded only by Henry P. Tappan, James B. Angell, Harry B. Hutchins, Alexander G. Ruthven, and Harlan Hatcher, whom he succeeded.

During his presidency the University has grown from a student body of 37,283 (fall term, 1967) to 46,017 (fall term, 1977) on three campuses. The volume of research rose from \$59,440,591 annually in 1966-67 to \$83,257,602 in 1977-78. Total operating budget rose from \$210,998,901 in 1967-68 to \$515,832,857 in 1978-79.

Fleming has served as president of the National Academy of Arbitrators (1966) and the Association of American Universities (1974-75). He was chairman of the board of directors of the American Council on Education in 1976-77 and of the board of trustees of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 1977-78. He has been chairman of the Council of Ten (the "Big Ten" universities) since 1974.

Born Dec. 18, 1916, in Paw Paw, Ill., Fleming received a B.A. degree from Beloit College in 1938 and a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1941.

He was director of the Industrial Relations Center at the University of Wisconsin (1947-52) and served as executive director of the National Wage Stabilization Board during 1951. He was director of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois (1952-58) and



Robben W. Fleming



Allan F. Smith

