The Changing Role of Education Includes Constitutional Freedoms

Admission practices, educational programs, the balance between autonomy and control by government funding authorities, and the financial situation are the problems facing U-M according to President R. W. Fleming.

In his annual "State of the University" address, Fleming said "if we knew how to do it successfully there is, in my view, much to be said for expanding the criteria under which we admit students. We have long known that while grades and test scores are the best predictors of academic success, they are not particularly good predictors of social skills, or many other things which make citizens highly valuable to the society."

He said "there is at least an even chance" that the Supreme Court eventually will declare unconstitutional the present practice of most universities on admissions criteria for disadvantaged students.

Discussing educational programs, Fleming said, "My own concept of a good undergraduate program in an institution like ours is one which offers the student many different approaches . . . we ought not to worry as much as we do about whether they follow a particular pattern of study."

Graduate Training Review

"The more difficult problem is what to do about graduate training. For 25 years new Ph.D.s have gone heavily into ever-expanding academic institutions. That growth is now slowing up."

"What we ought to be doing is spending more time thinking out the ways in which our graduate programs can change in order to accord with the realities of society's needs," Fleming said.

Autonomy vs. Accountability

Fleming also discussed the need for a "fair balance between the autonomy which ought rightfully to inhere in the university, and the legitimate desire of the funding authorities to treat their constituents fairly while at the same time demanding accountability."

Turning to an immediate problem, he said that Governor Milliken had requested the U-M and other state colleges and universities "to carry over one percent of the current state appropriation—which amounts to just over a million dollars—into next year. Also, we already have budgeted a deficit of $645,000 to which must now be added a million dollars to be made up this fiscal year."

Constitutional Freedoms

Fleming mentioned a matter which is "doubtless more important" than other topics, but which is generally taken for granted—our constitutional freedoms.

"However difficult our problems may be, we tolerate dissent, which is essential to a great university, perhaps better than any other society in the world."
Women's Athletics Program Offers Something for All Levels of Skill

The women's intercollegiate athletics program, a logical addition to activities that ranged from recreational athletics through participation in intramurals and sports clubs, is entering its second year at the U-M.

Intercollegiate competition is available to women in basketball, field hockey, synchronized swimming, speed swimming, tennis, and volleyball. Marie Hartwig, professor of physical education, has been named associate director of the program; $80,000 has been allocated for the 1974-75 fiscal year, and a seven-member faculty-student committee appointed by President R. W. Fleming is working toward full implementation of a plan to bring the program under the Board of Control in Intercollegiate Athletics by 1977.

Procedures Considered

The six sports currently available for intercollegiate competition were selected because "the had remained consistently loyal to some form of organization throughout the years." Among the questions to be considered by the faculty-student committee is the establishment of procedures for adding new sports. Current plans for intercollegiate competition call for the teams to play in-state schools, culminating in regional, state, and national tournaments, although a Women's Big 10 Conference may be adopted.

Meeting Needs

Miss Hartwig sees these developments as a natural extension of the athletic program as it has evolved to meet the needs of women today. With the addition of intercollegiate athletics for women, she explains, "Any student can find something to meet their needs in terms of interest and time. The number of people in intercollegiate athletics is small as compared to those involved in intramural and club participation. This is equal opportunity . . . to be able to select the level at which you want to participate. "The key to the whole thing of intercollegiate competition is the level of skill that the players have. The sports clubs can act as a feeding system to take care of that development."

First Sport

The first sports activity available to U-M women was basketball, which began with a game sponsored by the Women's Athletic Committee of the Women's League in 1893.
U-M Dearborn Meets Urban Challenges, Offers A Quality Education

Quality, accessibility, and growth characterize the U-M Dearborn campus.

Located on a scenic 210-acre portion of the late Henry Ford's estate donated to the U-M by the Ford Motor Company Fund in 1959, UM-D is just 15 minutes from downtown Detroit, the nation's fifth largest city. Its goal and responsibility is to offer a quality, U-M education while meeting the diverse needs of the urban population.

Enrollment, which has increased sixfold within the last four years, has reached 4,300, making U-M-D the fifth fastest growing state university campus in the nation. Its state appropriation for 1974-75, the largest percentage increase in funds of any state-supported four-year college in Michigan, nearly matches its original endowment.

Building Program

To accommodate an anticipated enrollment of 10,000 by 1980, plans have been approved for a university center, a nature studies center to be located on the 70-acre campus "natural" area, and a center for the performing arts. These will be added to the on-going $19 million construction program which includes a new library and learning resource building, a general instructional and laboratory building, and student activities facilities.

Originally a two-year, senior level institution, the campus has offered full four-year degree programs since 1971. UM-D is a non-residential campus. Most students commute from within a radius of 35-45 minutes driving time.

Many of them must obtain their educations when and where they can. A recent survey showed that most students choose UM-D primarily because of two factors: the reputation of the U-M (93 percent) and UM-D's proximity to their home (78 percent). A significant proportion of the student body is made up of part-time students, evening students, working students, minorities, housewives, mid-career professionals, retirees, and the handicapped.

Evening Classes

UM-D is unique in that it schedules classes from 7:30 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. and will soon have evening hours in all student service offices. It is possible to complete a degree program (the bachelor of general studies) by attending only at night.

From an initial program offering degrees in business and engineering, the curriculum has expanded to over 500 courses distributed within the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters; the School of Engineering; the School of Urban Education; and the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Master's degree programs are offered in the engineering disciplines and management. A new affiliation between UM-D and Detroit Henry Ford Hospital allows first-year nursing students at the Hospital to take courses at UM-D.

Commitment to undergraduate education by faculty members at all levels is one of the most significant aspects of UM-D. Students receive special attention as a matter of course, and classes are deliberately kept as small as possible.

Individualized Learning

Its desire to meet as many student needs as possible has led the U-M-D to launch an innovative "individualized learning program," which allows students to take university courses without ever coming to the campus. The first course to be offered under the plan this fall combines the use of textbooks and special study materials, such as cassettes and microfiche.

A mainstay of the early UM-D curriculum, the cooperative education concept, has also expanded greatly in recent years. Co-op assignments with major employers are generally arranged for four-month periods during which students may work in a career- and study-related position as well as earning while they learn. Non-paying internships in areas such as political science are also available.

The UM-Dearborn has borrowed history, tradition, and academic excellence from The University of Michigan, but it stands on the edge of change by meeting the needs of today's non-traditional students... those who may become the typical students of tomorrow.

Glee Club Sings At Tree Lighting

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club and its conductor, Professor Willis G. Patterson, have been invited to appear in Washington, D.C., in the December 17 Christmas Pageant of Peace tree-lighting ceremony.

President Gerald R. Ford and his family will be present in the President's Park and officially light the National Christmas Tree at 5 p.m. The program will be televised nationally.

President Fleming Tours China, Meets U-M Alumni in the Orient

President R. W. Fleming, who left November 4 for a three-week study tour of the People's Republic of China, brings the total of U-M representatives who have visited the PRC to well over 20. In fact, U-M personnel have been among the first to visit the area following the resumption of Chinese-American cultural relations in 1972.

These scholars visit have their foundation in the University's long-standing ties with the Orient and its strong Chinese Studies Program. There are a number of Chinese-American scholars on the UM-Faculty, and several people in the Chinese Studies have been very active in promoting the exchanges.

According to Professor Albert Feuerwerker, director of the University's Center for Chinese Studies, "More scholars in the sciences and Chinese Studies have been invited to visit the People's Republic of China from the U-M than from any other American university."

President Fleming is among a 13-member delegation of university and college presidents. Before departing, he stated that he expected to spend two days in Tokyo meeting with some of the U-M's 500 Japanese alumni before entering China on November 8.

He also planned to meet with Japanese corporate leaders on behalf of the University's Center for Japanese Studies, this country's oldest area program focusing specifically on Japan. In addition, tentative plans had been made for meetings with U-M alumni in Hong Kong before his return to Ann Arbor on December 1.

There are several hundred U-M alumni in the People's Republic of China itself.
Engineering Campaign Unites Alumni; State Income Tax Credit Liberalized

College of Engineering alumni, their spouses, and friends of the College recently gathered in 15 major cities across the country to watch a special closed-circuit color videotape presentation on the College and its goals for the future.

The telecast opened the alumni portion of the College's Capital Campaign, which was announced in April. Approximately $12 million of the $20 million goal will be combined with funds from the state and used to construct new classrooms and office and small laboratory on the University's North Campus to complement the existing large engineering laboratories.

The telecast featured a panel of College of Engineering alumni and faculty, including National Camp-aign Chairman James E. Knott, '38 Eng.; National Alumni Division Chairman Charles C. Dyvig, '31 Eng; Robert M. Howe, chairman of the College's Department of Aerospace Engineering; and H. Richard Schmertz, '40 Eng., chairman of the Detroit Alumni Division; and was moderated by Dean David V. Ragone.

State Income Tax Credit

Until recently Michigan taxpayers were allowed direct state income tax credit for gifts made to the general fund of Michigan institutions of higher learning. The University qualified twenty-three named funds for this credit but many other gifts made to special funds within the University did not qualify.

This restriction has been removed, and all gifts accepted by the University are also accepted for tax credit under the following formulas: a full 50 percent of the gift can be used to reduce the tax due amount. The credit is limited to a $100 maximum on a single tax return or $200 on a joint tax return of 20 percent of the original tax liability, whichever is less.

Winter Sports: An Early Forecast

Basketball

Coach Johnny Orr will use the same style which brought Michigan a share of the Big Ten championship last winter—a bustling offense and pressure defense.

Co-captains C. J. Kupec and Joe Johnson, along with Wayman Britt and Steve Grote, were regulars on the title team.

Grote, who played on a U.S. national team last summer, and John-son are two of the best sets of guards in the Big Ten. Kupec and Britt are extremely solid rebounders.

The annual Michigan Invitational Tournament, featuring Manhatten, Virginia Tech, and Wash-ington, is scheduled December 20-21.

Hockey

Michigan hockey jumped off to a fast start with a pair of victories over Ohio State, but the Wolverines are expecting a long, rugged season in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. Coach Dan Farrell has a blend of veterans and freshmen which he hopes will improve Michigan's seventh-place finish last year.

Robbie Moore, an All-American goalie, is back, and defense is expected to be one of the Wolverines' strengths this season. Former Sophomore Angie Mover-ando etto and Don Dardig, the two leading scorers from last year, are back to give the offense a boost.

Wrestling

Michigan missed the NCAA title last year by a slim two points with the final match deciding the outcome. Former coach Rick Farmer, who guided the Wolverines, re-signed after a highly successful sea-son which produced an undefeated regular dual meet season for Michi-