Goebel Among Those Honored at Commencement Ceremonies

Paul G. Goebel of Grand Rapids, Regent-Emeritus, devoted alumnus and the U-M's most prolific fund raiser, was awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree during the May 5 commencement exercises. The well-known engineering graduate and former All-American football player has spent the major part of his time during recent years traveling the nation, together with Fred Vogt, recruiting members for the Presidents Club. Over half of the 1,271 affiliates of that prestigious organization were enrolled through the Goebel-Vogt team. Goebel also was national chairman for the very successful $55 million capital campaign.

Other honorary degree recipients were Dr. Kingsley Dunham, director of the Institute of Geological Sciences of Great Britain, the commencement speaker; Jerome L. Goldman, president of Friede and Goldman, Inc., consulting naval architects; U. S. Senator Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, and Prof. Nathan P. Feinsinger, of the University of Wisconsin Law School, a noted labor arbitrator.

Tuition Increases Necessary To Counter Projected Deficits

A tuition increase averaging six per cent in various categories for the 1973-74 year on the Ann Arbor campus has been authorized by the Regents.

The increase, according to Vice-President Allan F. Smith, is necessary to counter "the expected loss in fee income, the deficiency in the governor's recommendation for state appropriation, and the continued inflation throughout the economy." Student fee income without the increase, he noted, would be "almost $1.2 million below the estimate upon which the coming year's budget is based. This loss results largely from shifts from non-resident to resident status, with some shift between higher-fee-paying students and lower-fee-paying students."

The Ann Arbor campus requested an increase of nearly $24 million in the state appropriation. The governor's recommendation was less than $7.2 million.

University Grants Full Aid To Fourteen-Year-Old Student

Greg Wellman, 14-year-old University of Michigan student from Plymouth, Michigan, will receive the full financial aid he requires from the University for the 1973-74 academic year, according to Allan F. Smith, vice president for academic affairs.

Announcing the decision, Smith said, "The Office of Student Financial Aid is still analyzing needs of thousands of students who will be notified of final decisions on financial assistance by mid-summer. "However, because of the wide-spread interest in the situation involving Greg Wellman, an early evaluation has been made of his financial aid needs. Our analysis conforms with his request. The funds will be split—and this is common practice—between gift and loan monies.

"Our analysis is that the request made is appropriate and that Greg's financial needs for the coming school year will be fully met."

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Two Michigan Benefactors Die This Spring

Regent-Emeritus Frederick C. Matthaei, Sr., Michigan civic leader and philanthropist, died March 26. He was a 1914 graduate of the University and served as a Regent from 1960 to 1967.

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She has yet to make the cover of Time, but she has made Good Housekeeping, Today's Health, The New York Times, and The London Daily Mail, as well as having been invited to appear on the Mike Douglas TV show.

She is Skeezzer, a mixed-breed dog who is more interested in being the nation's first "canine therapist" and who is doing a marvelous job in helping emotionally disturbed children at the U-M's Children's Psychiatric Hospital. Skeezzer is a "residual dog" in 1966 and soon appeared to recognize which young patients needed her special attention. She often spends the night with children who are lonely or afraid. The children are responsible for her feeding and bathing. One 11-year-old patient was allowed to take Skeezzer on a 4-H obedience course.

A year after her arrival, Skeezzer gave birth to a litter of nine puppies, an event that gave many of the children their first real insight into normal life processes and helped build confidence in the Hospital's treatment programs. She didn't even ask for a maternity leave nor has she requested a sabbatical.

A book, Skeezzer: Dog with a Mission, written by noted author Elizabeth Yates, was recently released. It tells the story of Skeezzer and her contribution to therapy programs at the hospital.

Skeezzer's fame continues to grow as evidenced by the volume of inquiries from psychiatric facilities from all over the nation. She may yet become a cover girl.

In A Few Words...

The American Council on Education reports that more than 91 per cent of this year's U-M freshmen class are drawn from 60 per cent nationally, ranked in the top quarter of their high school graduating class. . . . John K. Whitmore, professor of history and a specialist on 14th and 15th century Southeast Asia, who was recently in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam as a guest of the Ministry of Education, was the main speaker at the June 8 Mission, Peace, and Scholarship Program and she and Greg commute to Ann Arbor.

On April 24 Smith said, "The fact is that The University of Michigan has aid, both in the form of outright gifts for merit and high performance and aid in the form of gifts, loans, and work-study, based on need. All of the free gift money based upon performance or merit is competitive. In recent years the University has turned more and more of its aid resources into awards based upon need."
Summer Intern Program in Washington
Provides Valuable Experience for Many

Imagine idealistic and energetic students, and University President Robben W. Fleming all in the same room discussing political affairs for a couple of hours. A potentially dangerous situation? Not at all. At the recent reception which President Fleming sponsored for people involved with the University's Summer Intern Program in Washington, this group had a most animated and friendly give-and-take dialogue.

Mary's Summer Intern Program in Washington, in which students work in the nation's capital and learn first-hand how the government functions, is unique to the University. This program became a reality. By the end of this summer, almost 200 students will have served as interns in Washington. The program has provided financial aid for about half of the interns, since few of the Washington employers provide salaries and the cost of a summer in Washington is great. The program's ability to provide this support means the interns are selected solely on the basis of qualifications and not on their economic status.

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**Annual-Giving Fund Reports Another Record-Setting Year**

Gifts totaling $4,709,296 were received by The University of Michigan Annual-Giving Fund during 1972 according to a report issued by Michael Radock, Vice President for University Relations and Development. This is an all-time high in response from alumni and friends of the University.

Several large bequests contributed to the total, which was an increase of 46 per cent over the $3,209,089 in gifts received the previous year. The number of donors in 1972 reached 4,174, also a record high. Contributions for undesignated use showed a slight increase. During the most recent 10 years, the total received by the fund amounted to $20,900,000.

Nationally, an estimated record total of $2.02 billion was contributed by private sources to American colleges and universities last year, also a record high. This reflects an 8.6 per cent gain, as reported by the Council for Financial Aid to Education and based on a survey it conducts annually.

Included are donations from alumni, foundations, corporations, and other voluntary sources. The American business community gave $223.2 million, its largest contribution ever.

The University of Michigan ranked third among public universities, behind California (university system) and Texas (university system), in the amount of private money it received last year. The U-M ranked twelfth among all institutions after being in the top ten for several years. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago, and Michigan were replaced in the top ten by New York University, Cornell, and Princeton.

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