

# The Sunflower

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## Special report

# Is formal education valuable?

by carla roberts  
staff writer

What is the value of a formal education in this era?

John Morton, reporter for The National Observer, had this to say in a review of the book "Freedom and Beyond:"

"In years past, all you had to do was be able to do the job. Now you have to be able to do that and have a good school record to show, too. Cleaning the streets of New York City now requires a high school diploma."

In view of the supposed exigency of a formal education, enrollment figures for colleges and universities become impressive. Yet conversely, what are the dropout figures? Who leaves college and why?

Is the college student who decides to leave school for one reason or another predominantly male or female? Is he or she black, white, chicano, etc.? Does the dropout come from a lower income group family, a middle class family or is he or she financially well-to-do?

At WSU the answers to all these questions are found with considerable difficulty, if at all. Some of the answers may be discerned through speaking with WSU administration and staff and students who have left school.

Dr. James J. Rhatigan, dean of students and vice president for student affairs, asserts that the technical problem of determining "who is the dropout" must be overcome before discussing the problem.

"Dropout itself is an ambiguous word," Rhatigan said. "A failure is not a dropout. You don't call a dropout a failure, do you?"

He explained that a student may enroll in WSU to take four courses related to a job at which he may be working. After taking these courses, the person may leave WSU and perhaps not come back.

Or this same person may show up again at WSU one or two semesters later. Rhatigan questions the validity of classifying this person as a dropout, although on the books he might fall into that category.

In addition to this, other factors work toward creating a dropout problem. Rhatigan said that WSU is an open admissions institution where many students of marginal academic ability come in on a sink-or-swim basis. When an institution has this type of student in great numbers, this will be reflected in the dropout figures, he said.

For the students who do enroll in WSU, many efforts are made to permit these students to continue their education here.

"I think we are making a considerable effort to see to it that students are able to stay in school and graduate. There are several devices in use but there are some problems to them," Rhatigan said.

One such device is an exit interview, such as the one now conducted by University College. Students who complete the formal withdrawal procedure from that college meet

with a counselor before leaving school.

Rhatigan said that an exit interview probably serves as a good means of getting information on why students withdraw but does not ordinarily deter a student from dropping out of school.

### Other programs instigated

According to Rhatigan, other programs which may be more effective have been instigated in order to help students to remain in school. One method is to contact students who receive downs and urge them to contact counselors. This often helps to locate and correct difficulties students may be having in the early stages, Rhatigan said.

He also pointed out that at times helping students through personal and financial crises will help them to remain in school, as will providing job opportunities for students.

Another effort which WSU makes in order to help the students stay in school and graduate is the re-admissions program.

"Many students seek after one semester or more to return," said Rhatigan. "This university probably has a more enlightened outlook on this than any institution I know."

He added that every possible effort is made to give students who have not succeeded academically the first time, a second chance.

The most complete and comprehensive statistics which have bearing on the WSU students who drop out or leave

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## Parnassus slots open

The positions of Parnassus Associate Editors for Art and for Feature Articles are open for next semester.

The art position is open due to the current director's resignation from the latter half of his term. The feature editor's position was created by the Board of Student Publications. The art and feature articles positions pay monthly salaries of \$175 and \$150 respectively.

Interested students must submit applications for the positions to Dr. Leo Poland, Pub Board chairman, no later than noon Monday, January 15, in 343 Clinton. An appointment meeting is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, January 17.

Applicants must have at least a 2.0 gpa and must be full-time students as defined by their respective colleges during next semester. Students must be carrying at least six hours if applying during the remainder of this semester.

## Committee on Teaching announces Activities

During Spring 1971 discussions about the quality in instruction at the university level prompted University Senate to create a committee to look into the problem.

The Committee on Teaching was charged with the responsibility of exploring ways to improve instruction and to stimulate greater recognition for teaching.

To support this activity, the



WSU administration set aside \$10,000 to finance research into teaching and course development.

During the present semester the Committee has drawn up guidelines for submitting proposals in regard to these areas of research. These guidelines will be available to the faculty on December 18 in the dean's office of each college in the University.

In addition, the committee and the WSU administration are sponsoring a conference on Teaching and Educational Systems Design on January 4 and 5 in the east alcove area of Fairmount Towers.

The conference will focus on the teaching process in relation to the guided design of course materials and problem-solving activities.

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**Free Flick**

Tonight at 7 p.m. the CAC Theater will be the place to see a three and a half hour nostalgic film revival, "Son of Movie Orgy." It is a conglomerate of segments from old time movies and television shows of the 1950's with humorous commercials and funny cartoons. Some of the characters featured are Howdy Doodly, Hopalong Cassidy, Mighty Mouse, Happy Tooth, Midnight the Wonder Horse and Jungle Jim.

**Christmas party**

Sunday, December 17, from 7-12 p.m. there will be a World Student

Forum Christmas Party. One of the highlights of the party will be the selection of the Christmas Queen. Tickets will be on sale for \$1.50 per person. Anyone interested in helping with the decorations the afternoon of the 17th should contact Maria at 522-5174.

**Sunflower information**

This is the last issue of The Sunflower for this semester. The newspaper will resume publication with the Friday, January 19 issue. Those students wanting to write for The Sunflower during next semester should come to the news-



room, 004 Wilner, no later than Thursday, January 11.

**Sunflower writers**

The Sunflower is restructuring its format and operation for next semester.

Students wanting to work as either staff writers or reporters must apply by noon Friday, January 5, in 004 Wilner. Staff writers will be selected and paid on the basis of writing expertise, experience, enthusiasm, dependability and past performance. Those people not willing to devote maximum efforts need not apply.

**Pre-school**

WSU Pre-school is now taking enrollment for second semester. This school is for the children of WSU students. The school is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For extra informa-

tion, contact Student Services, Morrison Hall.

**Library Holiday hours**

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a.m.-1 p.m.; Jan. 14, closed; Monday, Jan. 15, resume normal schedule.

**Readers' Theatre**

"How Much Man Does the Land Need?" an original production adapted and directed by graduate assistant Gail Randall, will be presented in the Wilner Pit Auditorium Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.



**Friday, December 8**

7 p.m.—Free Flick, "Son of Movie Orgy," CAC Theater.

7:30 p.m.—Jesus' Birthday Celebration, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 249 CAC.

**Saturday, December 9**

10 a.m.—Children's Hour, CAC Author's Lounge.

7 & 9:30 p.m.—WSU Madrigal Christmas Concert, Miller Concert Hall, \$1.

8 p.m.—Basketball, WSU vs. Northern Illinois, Henry Levitt Arena.

8 p.m.—Readers' Theatre, "How Much Man Does the Land Need?" Pit Theater.

**Sunday, December 10**

2:30 p.m.—Readers' Theatre,

"How Much Man Does the Land Need?" Pit Theater.

7 & 9:30 p.m.—WSU Madrigal Christmas Concert, Miller Concert Hall, \$1.

**Monday, December 11**

Classes close

**Tuesday, December 12**

Finals begin (see schedule, page 6)

**Friday, December 15**

Basketball, WSU vs. University of Washington, Henry Levitt Arena.

**Sunday, December 17**

7 p.m.—World Student Forum Christmas Party, The Penthouse, 17th and Hillside.

**January 10-13**

Spring semester registration

**Monday, January 15**

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## Final lampoon

I crawled slowly towards the slimy face of the creature, its No-Doz infected eyes glaring at me with a terror beyond my comprehension. The stinking smell of tobacco and strong coffee exuded from the mouth of the creature; it nearly overpowered me with its stench. If I was to save the university, I must find some way to communicate with the beast. I'm Professor Perwith Snit. Science is my game. I'm working on the fame. It's my job to destroy the creature before it destroys us.

I must talk with the beast, though its crawly face covered with IBM cards appalls me. "Pie-R-squared," I threw at the behemoth, hoping it would understand the simple mathematical term. "No! It's round," the slime growled. "Toast are square."

It was clear all hope for communication with the beast was lost, still I tried a last time. "What is name?" I asked the beast carefully.

"Advanced 111,209, Professor Carnset."

"Oh, my goodness! Professor Carnset!" One of my most distinguished colleagues at Wahoo University had turned into this horrid creature.

"Carnset, is it really you?" I asked reverently, assuming his experiment turning young coeds into barn swallows had backfired.

"No," the smell exclaimed, "I'm your star student, Sydney Stamina."

"Stamina," I cried in terror, "What happened to you? You were always such a nice boy. Is your mother ill?"

Stamina looked at me ploringly and as a Royal electric typewriter fell from his lips he said, "No." Obsolete IBM pencils began shooting from the creature's gullet, history books and term papers flew from its throat, students lives were endangered, and the campus

was being filled with litter. I had to destroy the creature before it destroyed us.

The creature's eyes rolled back in its head. It began shooting teacher evaluation sheets at me. I was desperate; the time had come to use the weapon I had developed expressly for this purpose, but I dreaded this moment. For a second I hesitated, then, realizing it was my last hope, I screamed loudly, "Sydney!" He turned a portion of his slime towards me. "Sydney, you flunked your final in my class."

The creature began to shiver and shake. It rolled to what I assumed to be its back and coughed out its last request as erasers and Bic pens dribbled from the corner of its mouth. "Professor Snit," he dribbled, "may I ask a few favors of you before I go?"

Even though the creature had nearly destroyed me and the institution I loved, I benevolently quieted him. "Sure, Syd, anything you want, anything within reason, of course."

"Prof, just grant me this one request. Give my Cliff Notes back to the bookstore, will you? They've meant so much to me throughout my academic career, and I want the rest of the students to share in my wealth."

I gazed affectionately at this horror which was once the brightest young College Joe ever to step into my class. "Sydney, one thing before you kick off," I said (not realizing that I had offended this creature who had no feet because of its ameoba-like state). "What happened to you? What made you look like this?"

"Kiss off," he said.

I turned slowly, walking towards Fiske and shook my head as I stumbled over a partially buried construction worker. "Poor old Syd. He'll never know he really got an A."

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HEALTH SERVICE doctor examines coed's mouth.

### Health service moves

## Student health needs met

This year's Student Health Office is "much more suited" for student needs than any previous time, according to Wanda Maltby, head nurse.

Maltby, a nurse in the office for 15 years, said the new office, located at 1825 Harvard, has a number of advantages, including three examining rooms, a lab and utility room, a physicians' room and a pharmacology area.

The office can give allergy shots and immunizations for flu and tetanus. Ultra-sound high frequency waves may be given for muscle spasms or sprains if requested by a physician, she said.

Lab tests can be given for urinary problems, mononucleosis, and pregnancy. Contraceptives are available for married women over 21 after consultation with the doctor.

She said 12 Wichita physicians donate their time in addition to their regular practice to WSU's program. Each is in the office about one hour per week to treat and consult with students.

Medicines are dispensed for a nominal fee and laboratory tests and x-rays ordered by a health service doctor are arranged at local labs. Maltby said the first \$20 of lab and x-ray fees per student per semester are paid by the Student Health Service.

The only requirement for treatment, she said, is that the

patient must be a WSU student and have filed a health form with a medical history and physical exam.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. Monday through Friday. She suggested appointments be made in advance for quicker service. The office phone number is 689-3620.

### Three students win scholarships

The recipients of the George J. Farha pre-medical and allied health scholarships have been selected by WSU's College of Health Related Professions.

Winners of the scholarship, reserved for WSU students who are planning to enter one of the medical professions, are Lee P. Frye and Alan J. McLeod, both pre-medicine majors, and Linda Johnson Nerad, a nursing major.

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Using GRAD II students can identify employers they would like to interview with and avoid interviewing those that

don't have what they are looking for. The program gives students a broader look to many employers that might be overlooked. Participation in the program is free and voluntary.

To take advantage of this program students should contact the Career Planning and Placement Center (Morrison Hall) and complete a special form. Later they will receive a print-out listing employers with openings closest to the student's preference.

The completed form should be returned to the placement office no later than January 5.

## Committee tells present plans

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Conference directors will be Prof. Charles E. Wales of West Virginia University and Prof. Robert A. Stager of the University of Windsor, Ontario.

Both men are recognized for their combined work in the area of guided design, and have given similar conferences at Purdue, Penn State and Ohio State Universities.

Due to the supervision required in working out actual design problems in groups, enrollment in the conference will be limited to 55 participants.

No previous experience in guided design is necessary for faculty who wish to attend.

Applications must be submitted to committee chairman Dr. Joseph Dominic (box 14) by Monday morning, December 11.

## Examination schedule

HOUR	Tuesday December 12	Wednesday December 13	Thursday December 14	Friday December 15	Saturday December 16	Sunday December 17
7:30-9:20	8:30 HWF	9:30 HWF	9:30 TT	7:30 HWF	7:30 through 9:30 Sat.	7:30 TT
9:30-11:20	10:30 HWF	11:30 HWF	10:30 TT	8:30 TT	10:00 & after Sat. Chem 111&112	
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2:30-4:20	English 111 and English 211	2:30 HWF	1:30 TT	2:30 TT		3:30 TT
4:30-6:20	5:15 TT	5:15 HWF	3:30 HWF	4:30 HWF		4:30 TT
6:30-8:20 p.m.	Classes starting 6 to 7:10 2,3,4, or 5 hrs. TT 1 or 2 hrs. Tuesday	Classes starting 6 to 7:10 2,3,4, or 5 hrs. HW 1 or 2 hrs. Wednesday	Classes starting 6 to 7:10 1 or 2 hr. Thursday	Classes starting 6 to 7:10 2 hrs. HW 2 hrs. WF 1 or 2 hrs. Friday		Classes starting 6 to 7:10 1 or 2 hr. Monday
8:30-10:20 p.m.	Classes starting 8 p.m. or later 2,3,4, or 5 hrs. TT 1 or 2 hrs. Tuesday	Classes starting 8 p.m. or later 2,3,4, or 5 hrs. HW 1 or 2 hrs. Wednesday	Classes starting 8 p.m. or later 1 or 2 hr. Thursday	Classes starting 8 p.m. or later 2 hrs. HW 2 hrs. WF Friday		Classes starting 8 p.m. or later 1 or 2 hr. Monday

## Business college holds clinic for executives

A special one-day program on time management for executives will be offered by WSU next week.

"Managing Your Time - The Executive's Most Critical Resource" is a workshop designed to help the manager deal more effectively with "the least understood, the most ignored and the worst managed" of all managerial resources. It is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, by the Center for

Management Development of the WSU College of Business Administration.

The session will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is offered

ed for a fee of \$40, which includes luncheon.

The program will be conducted by R. Alec Mackenzie, president of the Institute for Leadership, a consulting firm promoting professional development.

Mackenzie has conducted the time management seminar throughout the country in the past six years as well as in eleven different countries in Europe and the Americas.

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Navy Capt. Eugene A. Geran, geologist Harrison H. (Jack) Schmitt and Navy Cmdr. Ronald A. Evans, are the crew on the final flight of the Apollo series.

### Drive underway for Xmas fund

A drive is currently underway to raise money for the annual Christmas Card Scholarship Fund.

The fund was originated in 1968 by Nicholas H. Pronko, professor in the WSU psychology department.

"It seems ridiculous to extend sincere verbal greetings and then purchase cards to say the same thing," Pronko said.

The plan is to express Christmas wishes by verbal greeting, then to donate the money ordinarily used for cards to the Scholarship Fund.

Pronko said response to the annual drive has been good each year. Last year more than 100 contributors made \$725 available for the fund.

Donations can be made to the cashier in the WSU Business Office. Donators who contribute by December 11 will be listed in the December 15 WSU News.

## Independent students begin monthly journal

by max evans  
news editor  
and pat jennings  
staff writer

Beginning with the New Year, Shuckers may have a wider choice of campus publications. The option was recently enlarged with the publication of The Relator, the Black Student Union monthly journal.

The SGA is currently circulating a newsletter and now a new tabloid size newspaper, WSU Independent, will appear during the last week of January, according to Wil Goering, LA junior and SGA treasurer.

The Independent was formed this year with a small group of interested students, Goering said. The Independent is recognized by SGA and was funded \$200 during this semester's allocations under the name of Student Media Association.

"The Independent will attempt to publish the first issue the last of January. It will be approximately eight pages, and we will print 1,000 issues to begin with," Marshall Whitlock, publisher, said. He added that the Independent will not be unopinionated, and it will cover as many aspects of campus news as possible.

Whitlock is an SGA senator and a member of WSU's Publications Board. He previously was a staff writer and layout man for the Wichita Free Press and the Dark Horse.

When queried about the possibilities of organizations receiving sleeve jobs, Goering indicated that several organizations were being considered, but Whitlock said, "Don't quote us as using 'that word.'"

Asked why the Independent was founded, Goering replied, "We saw several inadequacies in the Sunflower. Homecoming

didn't receive the coverage it should have, the SGA ad-hoc committee on academics was also not given proper coverage. There was also an article which quoted John Nicodemus on some things which were said by him about this year's SECT. Nicodemus didn't say anything of the sort, they were said by Tracy Thomas Brown last year."

When asked about their affiliation with Student Senate,

and if their relationship with SGA would have any effect on the coverage of SGA meetings, Goering replied, "I don't know that the paper we are printing is going to be friendly all the time to Student Senate, or SGA for that matter." Asked the same question, Whitlock replied, "We won't pretend to be neutral on Student Senate meetings, we are going to try to take a different slant than The Sunflower."

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# Bengali student views Bangladesh

"The people of Bangladesh revolted when they realized the domination of West Pakistan over their lives," says Shahedul (Tusan) Islam, a WSU business administration major and former resident of Dacca, Bangladesh. Islam came to Wichita two and a half years ago to

study aeronautics. Following are some of his beliefs about the revolution and culture of the Bengali people.

"Formally East Pakistan, Bangladesh is located to the west of India," the WSU junior said, "and is supported chiefly through agriculture. The women still wear saris although some men are becoming westernized and are beginning to wear suits.

"Overall, our culture is based on music. The expression of feelings, no matter what, is done through music. For example, on February 21, we celebrate Shaheed Day, the anniversary of the 1952 shooting

deaths of Dacca University students during the language movement. Beginning at 4 a.m., the people begin singing as they walk barefoot through the streets carrying flowers."

Islam says he first saw the signs of revolution when the Bengali people realized how they were being looted by West Pakistani business interests. West Pakistan supposedly took much of the Bengali capital to use in West Pakistan for their own development. "There were other differences which led to the revolution such as a language barrier," the Bengali emigrant said. "Also Bangladesh citizens were not allowed

to hold important jobs in the army or government service."

Finally in 1971, a new prime minister was elected by East and West Pakistan. The new prime minister saw the Bangladesh situation and declared a separation. He then personally led the rebellion for the formation of Bangladesh. Nine months later, West Pakistan surrendered. India, which was an ally to Bangladesh, is holding 11,000 West Pakistan troops in custody until Bangladesh is politically recognized and a favorable negotiation is reached.

Although Islam was not in Bangladesh during the revolution, his family became involved with the situation. His father was exiled to Canada for what he sited as political reasons, his brother was trapped behind the West Pakistan border, and his mother was left stranded in Bangladesh.

Islam expects to be reunited with his mother and brother soon, but is not sure whether he will return to Bangladesh. He said he hopes to visit and possibly help the Bengali people in some way.

## Former President on critical list

Former President Harry S Truman remained on the critical list late Thursday in a Kansas City Hospital.

The 88-year-old former chief executive was in "a very delicate and critical balance." He has been hospitalized with lung congestion and bronchitis since Tuesday.

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# Something to be said about Ted

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In August of 1972, WSU was in desperate need of a hero to save its athletic program. We did not get the conventional hero-type like John Wayne or Paul Newman. We didn't get a well-known figure in the sports world. We got a man from a relatively unknown southwestern school. He was small, average, and very business-like. The production of this man has been gigantic in comparison to past athletic directors. We got Ted Bredehoft!

As the first semester of Mr. Bredehoft's term expires, WSU has tangible results to look at. Since Bredehoft's appearance, football has become a winning and an enjoyable spectator event. The cross country team won the Missouri Valley Conference title for the second year in a row. With the advent of basketball, Bredehoft made it possible for Shocker fans to watch the team on closed circuit T.V. while on the road. As if that wasn't enough, he has introduced two new sports to WSU's sports program: wrestling and baseball. He is also considering a third: crew. Already he has added a new dimension to WSU athletics. It's called positive motivation.

One of the problems with past athletic directors is that they have not been available to the average student. Mr. Bredehoft is aware of the students and is concerned about them. He feels that if you don't have the support of the students, you might as well quit. Because of this, students now have a say in how much student tickets will cost, where they will be seated, and how many seats they will have. Though they don't always win, the students at least are heard, which

is something that the average student hasn't been able to do for a long time.

Take away Bredehoft's ideas, take away his understanding of students, and lastly, take away his showmanship and what do you have left? In pure and simple terminology, it's called dedication. Bredehoft is convinced that WSU is destined to dominate the Missouri Valley Conference. After that, he will tell you in plain language that the Shockers will eventually become a major power in the world of intercollegiate sports. While this may seem a little impractical, it is this kind of conviction that makes winners.

The thing that makes Ted Bredehoft an interesting man is that he never misses anything. If you see a bulge in his pockets, don't get upset. It is not a gun nor is it a bottle of his favorite beverage. It is merely his handy-dandy little recorder that he carries with him all the time. The purpose of the recorder is to save any idea he or anyone else might have. Even when he makes trips with the athletic teams, he is always at work thinking of new ideas and ways that will improve the quality of WSU athletics.

With the yuletide season upon us, most people slow down and think of nice things to do for other people. Bredehoft doesn't slow down because he's been doing nice things for WSU since he came here. His recent present has been to schedule UCLA for the 1974 basketball season. Don't be too surprised if he comes back from the holidays with a New Year present for the university. You know the old saying: "Good things come in small packages."

guest editorial  
by bob kerr

## Missouri first stop for indoor track team

WSU is preparing for the indoor track season which will begin Jan. 27 against the University of Missouri and the University of Arkansas in Columbia, Missouri.

After a winning season for the cross country team, the track team will be looking for Missouri Valley Conference title.

This year's cross country team came away from competition with a number of broken records and surprising upsets.

In four of its meets, the team set new records. Top on the list in performance was Alan Walker, the only WSU cross country runner ever to be named All-American in the NCAA. He broke records in three meets and also helped topple previously unbeaten University of Kansas and Kansas State University from the unbeaten ranks.

Bob Ream also gave a good performance this season as he broke three record times. One which surprised many spectators and coaches on Nov. 11 at the NCAA Regional qualification meet held at Echo Hills Golf Course.

Following these two runners in overall performance was Steve Lee. He broke previous

records three times.

Leon Brown was another record breaker when he finished twice ahead of the previously set record times. Hal Hays and Randy Smith also

finished ahead of previous records which helped put WSU's cross country team into the Missouri Valley Conference championship again this season.

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# Value of formal education discussed

school is recorded by University College.

Rusty Crawford, instructor and counselor in University College, said some University College statistics on matters such as enrollment, complete withdrawals, etc. were broken down in a report which was sent to the faculty.

This report listed complete statistics for six semesters, starting Fall, 1969. Several

trends could be ascertained from this report.

First of all, total UC enrollments are dropping as the number of new freshmen decreases. In the fall semester of 1969, total UC enrollment was 4,723. For the fall semester of 1972, the total UC enrollment was 4,288.

Also the number of students on academic probation and academic dismissal decreased markedly. According to Crawford, it is notable that during this time the academic standards at WSU have been raised and are continuing to be elevated.

The report also showed a definite trend toward a lower figure denoting the number of students who do not complete the semester.

#### Students labeled

It should be noted that the number of students who did not complete the semester

comprises students who are labeled complete withdrawals, that is they complete the formal withdrawal procedure and walkaways, an inferred category of those who have an official record and who received all F's or earned below a 0.2 gpa.

Crawford explained the walkaways as students who evidently just stop coming and leave without completing the formal withdrawal procedure.

When asked if University College is making an effort to help these students stay in school, Crawford said, "You better believe it. We want the people to survive. Our job is not to flunk people out."

In addition to this report, Crawford has been working on a retention study for more than six years. Some of the statistics obtained from this report are pertinent to the questions as to which students drop

out and why, although the study is mainly directed toward discerning which students stay in school and finally obtain a degree from WSU.

The study involves a sample of 20 per cent of the 1965 entering freshman class. This amounted to 457 students. These students had never been to college before and all entered in good academic standing.

Crawford said that he began the study at a time (1965) when many advantages of the computer system were not available or applicable to studies of this nature.

If some pertinent factors or breakdowns are not included in this study, it is not because the information could not be obtained, but because of the time and expense involved in compiling the data, Crawford said.

He noted one interesting result of his study: "Of those entering the freshman class at the end of four years after entry, six and one half per cent have graduated."

Crawford indicated that this is entirely based on his study and the 20 per cent sample of the class which was utilized.

#### Other results

Some other results of the study show that of those 457 students in the sample group, 85 per cent of them came back for their second semester. Fifty-two per cent came back for the third semester.

Crawford indicated that, according to these figures, 48 per cent of the sample group did not return for some reason or another after one year of college.

The reasons why those students did not graduate from WSU were not actually a part of the study, yet it was concluded that 13 per cent of the group did not remain at WSU because they flunked out, he said.

Yet regarding the statistics which the retention study did unearth, several important considerations must be made according to Crawford. After 12 semesters, the study shows that 23 per cent of the sample have graduated from WSU.

Since WSU is an urban college and close to 70 per cent of the students work, this does indicate that many students take longer than four years to graduate and explains the higher number of graduates after 12 semesters.

This study also does not take into consideration the number of students who have transferred to other universities. Crawford said that the information is or could be made available but that it involves a long, time-consuming process to determine exactly how many students in the control group did actually transfer.

Also, this retention study and the faculty report concern only students from WSU's University College, he added.

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# faculty, administrative members

completely withdraw from WSU after they have left University College and entered one of the degree granting colleges dissimilar to that of UC.

It could be assumed that statistics for complete withdrawals from the various degree granting colleges of WSU and the entire student body of the university would be found in the WSU Registrar's Office, the WSU Enrollment Office or the Office of the Dean of Admissions and Records.

This is not necessarily the case. Dr. Victor Zavarella, WSU Acting Registrar and assistant enrollment and schedules, said that there is no record of the number of students who totally withdraw from WSU in a given semester due to the manner in which total withdrawals are processed.

"We do have a list of the names," he said. "If John Doe withdraws on September 15, we do have that. We just have John Doe, social security number and that's all."

In spite of this fact, Zavarella said it would be difficult to determine how many students withdraw totally from the university in a given semester or year.

It involves the fact that the enrollment and withdrawals are

in a state of constant flux. Students are completely withdrawing and enrolling for the first time at WSU simultaneously up to certain deadlines, such as the final deadline to enroll and final deadline to drop.

Irene E. Feak, chief of enrollment and Registrar Clerk in the Enrollment Office, clarified the situation and extrapolated on the difficulty of obtaining statistics on the number of students who drop out.

"I couldn't even tell you how many of the original enrollment have withdraw," Feak said. "I don't have any count to tell you how many withdraw by a certain date or in a semester."

According to Feak, the Enrollment Office completes a state count of the enrollment the second week of classes. This year the count would have occurred on September 8.

"But I'm sure an awful lot of people must have withdrawn for some reason or another since then," Feak added. "I would have no idea how many there are. The information is somewhere, but it's dispersed around the campus. It's not in any central office."

She reiterated that no tally count of total withdrawals is kept. "It would be like trying

to keep a running tally of how many cups of coffee you drink. We don't keep any running count. They're just coming at us all the time."

She added, "It's important that your records are right, not a head count."

### Wentworth explains

Dr. Russell Wentworth, WSU Dean of Admissions and Records, also attempted to explain these student withdrawal statistics during an interview.

At first he explained the procedure students go through to complete withdrawal from WSU if they are enrolled in one of the degree granting colleges.

"The procedure for total withdrawal is that the student first goes to his or her dean's office. Then those papers are simply processed by our office so we don't really see them, except possibly at the window when the kids bring the withdrawal cards to us.

"I have no interview arrang-

ed with students, nor do I have any data to my knowledge in this office which relates to why they withdraw."

A telephone survey of the deans' offices of the various colleges of WSU provided little additional information.

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# Several masters degree programs will be phased out within 3 years

by pat jennings  
staff writer

Several master degree programs at WSU will be phased out within the next three years, according to Lloyd M. Benningfield, Acting Dean of Graduate Studies.

These programs include specialist programs producing 1.5 degrees per year, but less than three degrees per year, which are to be placed in a provisional status to be reviewed every year for three years. If the program is not improved, it will be phased out.

Also put on provisional status are those masters programs producing less than five degrees per year and more than two, for the last five years. Those programs which are definitely to be removed are masters programs producing fewer than two degrees per year, and specialist programs producing less than 1.5 degrees per year.

"A lot of masters programs have two in the same category, but one is a Master of Arts program and the other is in a Master of Science category. We are attempting to phase out

overlaps, repeats, and those programs which produce very few graduates," Benningfield said.

Benningfield continued, "We have closed admission to the only graduate program we had in philosophy, and will phase the program out completely in three years." He indicated that one graduate student in phil-

## Senate passes Xmas Resolution, adjourns til Jan.

Student Senate Tuesday night held its last meeting of the semester. The Senate appointed Wells Hamilton as the new Free University assistant coordinator.

One resolution was passed wishing the student body a Merry Christmas.

For the first time this semester, a senator was requested to be removed from the Senate meeting for disrupting the meeting. Senator Barbara Doll McKinney was ordered to leave, but refused and the issue was dropped.

osophy had contacted him in regards to receiving his diploma and Benningfield assured him that all persons already enrolled in the program would be allowed to complete the work.

"No student enrolled in the present program will be ousted unless he fails or otherwise drops out," Benningfield said.

Those programs which are presently in the phase out category are: MA in philosophy, MA in mathematics (will retain the MS program), MA in Education (already closed), MA in Secondary Education (M.Ed remains), MA's in physical education, educational psychology, student personnel and guidance (all substituted by M.Ed degree), and M.Ed in logopedics (already closed, leaves MA).

Those programs in the provisional category: MS in engineering mechanics, MA in anthropology, MS in biology, MS in geology, MA in political science, MS in Education, MA in sociology and specialist in educational administration.

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