

The Board of Regents faces many challenges

on leadership and structure as they make

Decisions For The Decade

By Angel Fairbanks

Murray State's Board of Regents mainly dealt with policy making. One of the decisions was not to extend president Dr. Ronald J. Kurth's term after June 30, 1994.

Kurth, a retiree from the U.S. Navy as an admiral, assumed responsibilities in July 1990. Since that time, the University, with the help of Kurth, has accomplished its goal of fund-raising for the Regional Special Events Center, finished building the Martha Layne Collins Center for Industry and Technology and established a stronger relationship with western Kentucky school districts through recruitment efforts.

Hearings were held for the faculty, students, staff and townspeople to express their concerns and opinions for a new president. The Board of Regents used Q-Sort, a statistical research technique, that listed 45 traits the majority

chose.

Dr. Frank Julian, the faculty regent, said there was no major difference of opinions between the groups heard.

The Board of Regents chose to use Korn/Ferry International, a consulting firm, in search of a president. Julian said Korn/Ferry has the experience and resources to help Murray State find the best possible president.

"I think (a president) should care about the people not just the numbers," said Joyce McKeel, a junior organizational communications major from Baton Rouge, La. McKeel said that if the future president would include the faculty and staff members in the decision making process, it would boost morale and productivity.

Nickolas Smith, a junior psychology major from Hawesville, said the future president should be democratic, liberal and have leadership abilities. Smith said, "Be-

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cause we go to school here we should have a say in what goes on here."

"The Board of Regents is trying to make MSU a student-oriented body," said Brian VanHorn, president of the Student Government Association.

VanHorn said he makes sure the Board hears the opinions of the students. "They are very receptive. They have great loyalty to the students," VanHorn said.

"We want to come up with a candidate that everyone will agree on," Julian said.

Julian said the committee knew what was needed and desired in a president for Murray State and they were all in agreement on finding one.

VanHorn agreed and said, "There will not be a compromise."

The Board of Regents had a large job ahead. But with the desire to work together for the good of Murray State, it will produce success.

CONCERNED COMMITTEE — Members of the Board of Regents discuss criteria for a new president with Murray State students. About 50 students representing various groups on campus attended to voice their opinions.

