

Bruff praises advisory committee work

The All-University Presidential Search and Selection Advisory Committee performed in the highest traditions of academic integrity, Board of Trustees Chairman John B. Bruff says.

Bruff says the 18-member advisory group was faced with one of the most difficult tasks possible: collecting, screening, interviewing and recommending candidates to head the University.

"The pressures in this undertaking were formidable, not to mention the great amount of time that had to be spent in the process," Bruff says. "Yet, the committee approached its task with extreme dedication and, despite some serious and damaging provocations, continued to exercise its responsibilities to the end."

Bruff especially praised committee chairman, Robert Barker, professor and chairman of biochemistry. Barker recently announced his resignation from the faculty to assume a position at Cornell University.

"Dr. Barker was the perfect choice to head the committee," Bruff says. "His conscientiousness and personal integrity served as an inspiration to the committee during some very trying times. We are very sorry to have Dr. Barker leaving the University."

He says the trustees sought at all times to be faithful to the advisory process that brought representatives from all student and employee areas of the University into the deliberations.

"I think the final result shows that the concerns and interests of many groups were considered and that the new

president is capable of providing the strong leadership that all can respect," Bruff says.

Members on the committee were Gwendolyn Norrell, chairwoman of Steering Committee;

Faculty members, (besides Barker), Douglas Dunham, professor, social science; Julia S. Falk, associate professor, linguistics and Oriental languages; Jeanne E. Gullahorn, professor, psychology; Gordon E. Guyer, director, Cooperative Extension Service; William Lazer, professor, marketing and transportation; Lawrence Redd, assistant professor, telecommunication;

Academic administrator, Richard Byerrum, dean, College of Natural Science;

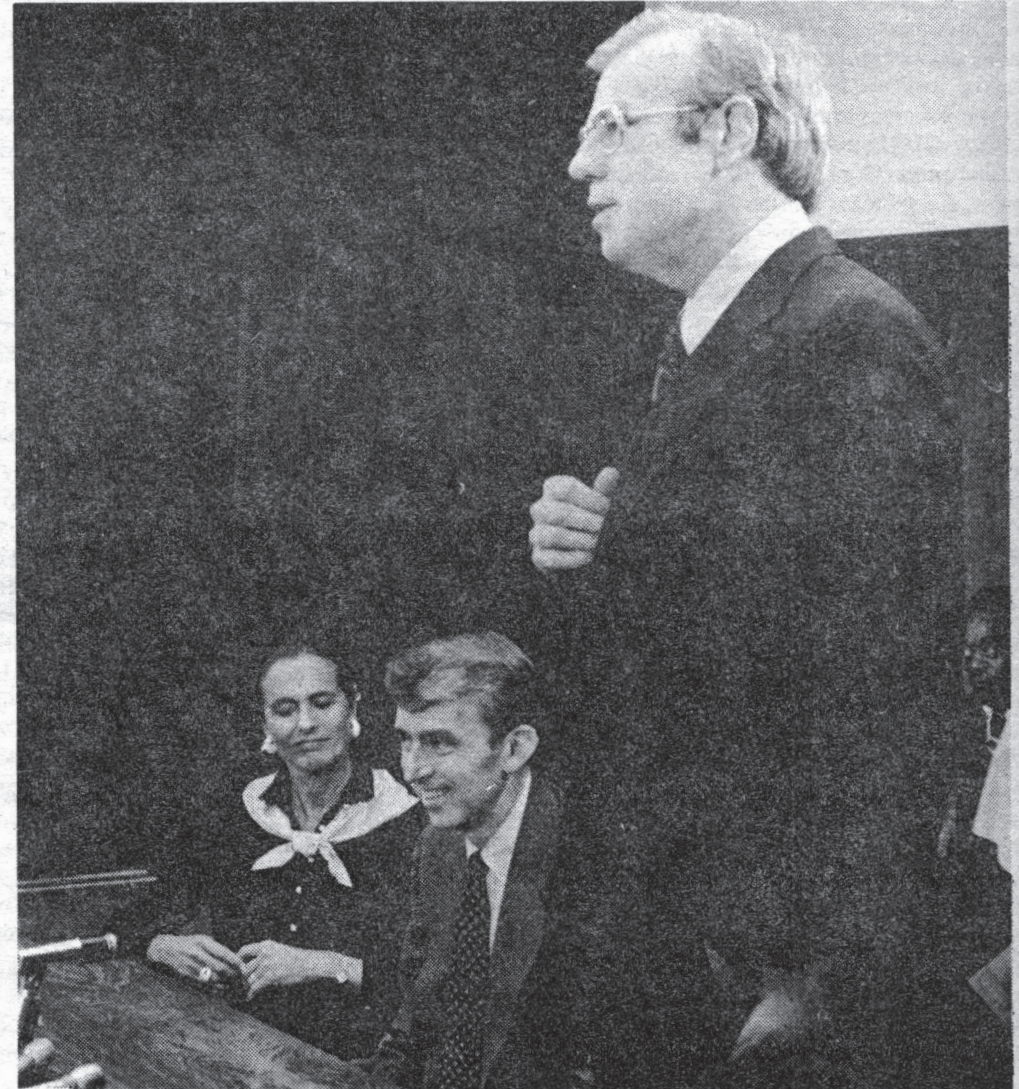
Students, Steve Spivey, Council of Graduate Students; Anne Crowe, Student Council; Paul Meaders, Associated Students of MSU; and Juana M. Gonzales, jointly selected by the three students groups;

Non-faculty, full time employee, Henry Dykema, director, financial aids;

Alumnus, Richard W. Caldwell, Midland;

Trustees, Patricia Carrigan-Strickland and Bruff.

Lester Manderscheid professor, agriculture economics, joined the committee as its 18th member when Norrell's stint as Steering Committee chairwoman expired Sept. 1, 1978. She remained on the committee and trustee Carole Lick replaced Carrigan-Strickland who did not run for reelection to the board.



Chairman of the Board of Trustees, John Bruff, introduces the Mackeys to the media.