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WELCOME

EMERITI, FACULTY AND FRIENDS

The Administration and the Faculty Senate welcome you to the Recognition Dinner of 1976. All are invited to visit with friends in the Faculty Lounge after dinner.
REJOICE and be exceedingly glad!

Once more we have a group graduating from among us to emeriti status.

This special occasion sponsored by the Administration and the Faculty Senate, is in recognition of them. They have served our University long and well.

It is also an occasion to welcome back our beloved emeriti, and it gives us an opportunity to greet old friends, meet new acquaintances and give thanks for the privilege of working at Western Michigan University.

REJOICE then . . . we say, Rejoice!
HONORED RETIREES

Tonight we honor nineteen of our esteemed colleagues who are retiring. May they have a full and challenging future.
ADA E. BERKEY

Ada E. Berkey, an associate professor, Library, joined Western’s faculty as a reference librarian in 1947, and has served as librarian for the Music Library in Maybee Hall since 1949. A 1938 graduate of Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., Berkey earned her master’s at the State University of Iowa in 1939, and a second bachelor’s degree in library science from the University of Michigan in 1947.

Prior to coming to Western, she was a reserves librarian from 1945-46 at Mount Holyoke College, and was circulation librarian at the Pennsylvania State Library in Harrisburg from 1940-45.

She has been active in several professional organizations, and was a member of Western’s Faculty Senate from 1963-72, serving as treasurer from 1971-73, and as chairman of the faculty elections committee from 1968-70. She was president of the Faculty Women’s Club, 1967-68.

LEONARD GERNANT

Leonard Gernant, Dean, Academic Services, received his bachelor of arts degree at Western Michigan in 1934 and his Master’s in 1935 at University of Michigan.

He started at WMU as a teacher and boys’ advisor at State High School and then became assistant registrar; later he served as associate director, adult education, field services and director of Academic Services.

Vitally interested in the aged and aging, he has served many years as chairman of the WMU Committee on Gerontology. He also has served as chairman of the university Curriculum Committee and the Committee on College of Health and Human Services and as Secretary of the Educational Policies Council.

Gernant has been very active in religious affairs and at one time served as chairman of the Teacher Education and Religion Study program at WMU.

He published a booklet on the study of 814 retired professors in Michigan in 1971. He also authored a book entitled “You’re Older Than You Think.”
DR. HERBERT H. HANNON

Dr. Hannon, professor of mathematics, is the author of a successful series on Practice for Discovery in Mathematics, Progress in Mathematics, Growth in Mathematics and Success in Mathematics, published by Laidlaw Brothers, River Forest, Ill. He served as vice president for 4-year colleges of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 1973-74. He has written numerous articles for professional journals and is a member of several professional organizations.

He joined Western’s faculty in February, 1947. He received his A.B. degree in 1938 from WMU, M.A. in 1940 from the University of Michigan and Ed.D. in 1954 from Colorado State College. He was an elementary teacher at Hermansville, 1929-36; a high school teacher at Grand Blanc, 1938-46; and a junior college teacher in Benton Harbor, 1946-47.

He has been a very active member of the Kiwanis Club.

DR. ELIZABETH JOHNSON

Dr. Johnson, professor of teacher education, joined Western’s faculty in 1949 as an assistant professor in the former University High School on campus. She has held her current position as professor since 1955, and has primarily taught methods courses in elementary education. She received her bachelor’s degree in 1934 from Kalamazoo College, her master’s in 1942 from Teachers College, Columbia University, and her doctorate in 1966 from Wayne State University.
MRS. DOROTHA KERCHER

Mrs. Kercher, assistant professor, Library, has been a member of Western's faculty since 1966 when she was employed as an assistant professor in Waldo Library. She has served in bibliographic and acquisition services, specializing in African literature. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western in 1936 and 1963, and is a member of the American Library Association and Beta Phi Mu, an international library science honor society.

MRS. OPAL K. KLAMMER

Mrs. Klammer, assistant professor of women's physical education since 1971, came to Western Michigan in 1962. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf (Minnesota) College and a master's from Western.

Before coming to Western, she taught at St. Olaf College and at Mankato State College (Minnesota).

Mrs. Klammer served on the WMU Personnel Committee and as coordinator of East Hall physical education. She also was supervisor of physical education teaching assistants in the women's physical education department.

She holds membership in several professional organizations.
DR. STEPHEN I. KUKOLICH

Dr. Kukolich received his bachelor of science degree in 1931 at Grinnell College (Iowa), his master's at Institute of Paper Chemical in Appleton, Wis., and his doctor's degree at the latter institute in 1936.

Prior to coming to WMU, he was technical director, Mills Group, Standard Packaging Corporation in New York (1962-65); Research Director, Fitchburg Paper Company, Fitchburg, Mass. (1958-62); and with the research department of the Simpson-Lee Paper Company, Vicksburg, Mich. (1944-58); and the research department of Neenah Paper company, Neenah, Wis. (1936-44).

He first taught in chemical engineering at Western and then later shifted to teaching pulp and paper technology.

In addition to several committees and service on many boards in the profession, Dr. Kukolich was president of the Kalamazoo Section of TAPPI (1950-51).

DR. JEAN M. LAWRENCE

Dr. Lawrence, associate professor of biology, joined Western's faculty in 1959 as an instructor of biology, and has served as an associate professor since 1965. A 1936 graduate of Yankton College, she received a master's from Wellesley College in 1937, and her doctorate in zoology and physiology from Northwestern University in 1942. Her service to Western includes membership on several University committees, including the Educational Policies Council from 1968-71, and the University Honors College Committee, from 1966-71.
DR. ARTHUR J. MANSKE

Dr. Manske, a professor of counseling and personnel, has been a member of Western’s faculty for 32 years; he came to campus in 1943 as an associate professor of education.

Manske is a 1931 graduate of Wayne State University, and he earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in 1933 and 1936 from Columbia University, where he also has done post-doctoral work.

He is a member of several education and guidance organizations, and served as president of the Michigan Council on Secondary Education from 1964-65. While at Western, he also taught summer school courses at other institutions of higher education for several years.

Previously, he was a teacher and counselor at Peekskill High School, N.Y., from 1935-43; and was teacher-principal at the School of the Epiphany in Detroit from 1926-32.

OLIVE PARKES

Olive Parkes, an associate professor of music, was first appointed full-time as a lecturer of music in 1964. She has taught string classes, violin and quartet performance, and since 1969 has chaired the string area. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, N.Y., she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees there in 1931 and 1932. The concertmaster of the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra since 1939, and the principal second violinist of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, she also is a member of several professional organizations, and has served as president of the Michigan Music Teachers Association and as secretary-treasurer of the Michigan chapter of the American String Teachers Association. In 1972, she was named Michigan String Teacher of the Year.

She has performed in concerts in England, Austria, Germany, Holland and Belgium.
NEIL L. SCHOENHALS

Neil Schoenhals was a professor of teacher education and held the administrative position of Director of the Educational Resources Center at WMU prior to his death in December of 1975. His widow is Leta Cole Schoenhals.

Schoenhals came to WMU as an instructor in 1946 at the campus school and was there through 1953.

He received his bachelor of science degree from WMU in 1940 and his master of arts degree at Michigan in 1950.

He was very active in the Michigan Industrial Educational Society and also the American Industrial Arts Association.

In 1964 Schoenhals and his colleague, Joseph W. Giachino, authored a widely-used textbook entitled “General Metals for Technology.”

Schoenhals was active in the Kalamazoo Optimist Club.


THOMAS C. SLAUGHTER

Tom is highly regarded in the United States as a teacher, coach, athletic director and recreation and camping authority. An associate professor of men’s physical education since his appointment to WMU in 1948, he has also served as visiting professor-scholar at Michigan State, University of Georgia, University of Florida, Wyoming, Michigan and Indiana University.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Tom attended schools in Kentucky and established himself as a great athlete; he was a star in three sports at University of Cincinnati before he transferred to and competed and graduated from Western in 1935 with a bachelor of science degree. He received his master's at Michigan in 1944 and did other advanced degree studies at Michigan State, Minnesota, Northwestern, Colorado and Purdue.

He has served on many state and national committees and received numerous national awards including two from different Michigan governors and two national Boy Scout awards.

Besides teaching at Western, he also coached freshman football (and varsity assistant) and frosh basketball and baseball.

He and his wife Sue have made four camping trips through Europe and he is still making several trips across the nation to lecture about the experiences.
EMIL J. SOKOLOWSKI

Emil J. Sokolowski, assistant professor of marketing, has been a member of Western's faculty for 25 years. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1937 from the Detroit Institute of Technology, and his master's from the University of Michigan in 1951. Prior to coming to Western in 1951, as an assistant professor, he worked in material control for the Chrysler Corporation. He belongs to several professional management and purchasing organizations.

DR. SARA JANE STROUD

Dr. Sara Jane Stroud's first position at Western was as an assistant professor in the University High School in 1955. She has been a professor of teacher education since 1971. A 1934 graduate of Kalamazoo College, she earned her master's degree here in 1955, and her doctoral degree from Michigan State University in 1966. She has been active in both the National and Michigan Education Associations, and chaired the Michigan Department of Public Instruction's Curriculum Planning Committee for Core and General Education in 1964-65.

DR. SARA R. SWICKARD

Originally appointed as an associate professor of education, Dr. Swickard has served Western for 25 years. A professor of education since 1953, she was a key factor in the establishment of teacher education programs in early childhood education and the integrated arts, which serve as development models for the State Department of Education. She also was instrumental in the initial organization of Western's Preschool, organized by the Associated Women Students in 1971. Dr. Swickard received her bachelor's degree in 1937, her master's in 1940, and her doctorate in 1948 from Ohio State University. She taught at several other universities prior to coming to Western.
DR. BETTY TAYLOR

A member of Western's faculty for 29 years, Dr. Betty Taylor first served as an assistant professor in 1947. She was named professor in 1958, and was appointed as acting chairman of home economics in 1973 for one year. A 1936 graduate of Iowa State University, she earned her master's at Columbia Teachers College in 1939, and her doctorate from Michigan State University. She belongs to many home economics associations, from which she has received several awards. She was state treasurer for the Michigan and American Home Economics Association from 1951-53, and state president of the Michigan and American Dietetics Association in 1959-60.

LOIS VAN DEN BERG

Lois Van Den Berg, assistant professor of directed teaching, is a native of Holly. She joined Western’s Division of Field Services in September, 1950, after having taught in Ionia and Eaton County rural schools, 1937-44, and serving as a supervisor and helping teacher for Montcalm, Mason and Lake Counties, 1944-50. She received her B.S. from WMU in 1944 and M.A. in 1950 from the University of Michigan. She has done additional work at Wayne State and Michigan.

She has been a coordinator of directed teaching, a teacher and a liaison person between Western and the public schools. Van Den Berg is a member-at-large of the Michigan Association of Teacher Educators. She has served as president of the Ionia chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, professional education sorority; as president and treasurer of Western’s Homer L.J. Carter Reading Council; and as a member of the editorial board of Reading Horizons.
One of only two Distinguished University Professors at Western, Dr. Charles Van Riper, an internationally recognized speech and hearing therapist and scholar, has been a member of Western’s faculty and director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic since 1936. The author of nine textbooks on speech problems and therapy, Van Riper is renowned for his innovative methods. He is a 1926 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he also received his master’s degree in 1930. His doctoral degree was awarded by the University of Iowa in 1934.

He is world-renowned; he is perhaps the most widely known of all Western’s faculty-staff-administration family and is also probably the most popular faculty member on campus!

MARY M. WILCOX

Mary M. Wilcox has been employed at Western for 17 years, first as an instructor and, since 1964, as an assistant professor in Waldo Library, where she serves as a cataloging librarian. She is a 1934 graduate of the University of Michigan, and received her master’s degree from Western in 1959. She is a member of the American and Michigan Library Associations.
PROGRAM

Invocation before the Dinner .................................. Father James O'Leary

Chairman, Faculty Relations Committee ....................... Robert L. Culp

Master of Ceremonies ........................................... Charles A. Smith

President, Faculty Senate ....................................... Donald J. Brown

President ......................................................... John T. Bernhard

For the Emeriti .................................................. Dorothy Mccluskey

For the Retirees .................................................. Leonard Gernant

Dinner music was played by Karey Johnson, violist, and Ann Jeans, pianist. Both are music majors at Western Michigan. We also wish to give recognition to the members of the ROTC Color Guard Steven Hicks, Mike Evans, and Dave Tremblay.
THE
FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Robert L. Culp, Chairman, Joan A. Boucher, Roger Wallace, Moyra Ebling, Charles Smith and Carl Snow.

We wish to thank Ruth Vander Wal, Eleanore Linden, Yette Ackerson, Lynn Ross, Gertrude Peterson, Rena Middaugh, Joyce Tonander and other hard-working secretaries, who have kept things straight for the record.

The Committee
Punch Bowl

MENU

Chilled Pineapple Juice
Relish Tray
Western Salad Bowl with choice of dressing
Baked Swiss Steak
Whipped Potatoes with Swiss Steak Gravy
Buttered Broccoli Spears
Assorted Hard Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Bavarian Pie
Beverages