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Of Mutual Benefit

$13,000,000 Annual Income to City Of Kalamazoo from WMC Money

The city of Kalamazoo and Western Michigan College can now glance back on 53 years of cooperation and mutual benefit.

While some may have looked askance at the financial and moral support given by the city and school district to the fledgling Western State Normal School of 1903 and 1904, the economic community of which we are all apart has reaped continued benefits in the years since those first 117 students enrolled for summer school in 1904.

It has been of even more noticeable dimensions in the last few years, as the enrollment skyrocketed by 2,000 between 1951 and 1954.

Do you realize that the economic value of the college to the city is now computed at more than $13,000,000 annually? Making up this figure are:

- $3,189,820 State appropriation
- 925,000 State capital outlay
- 47,000 Special capital outlay
- 3,000,000 Self liquidation building
- 5,175,000 Students, 5750 x $900
- 853,728 Self liquidating operation

$13,190,548

Such an operation cannot be conducted without large expenditures for utilities, and last year we find that the college paid $331,000 for such services.

Perhaps one of the more staggering expenditures is in the grocery line. The college purchased food in the last fiscal year in the amount of $347,792.04, mostly from local sources. This was dispensed in the college cafeterias and snack bars.

Many are surprised to learn that during the current college year, there will be refunded to the state treasury about $500,000 in tuition payment, which when subtracted from the $3,189,820 state appropriation for current operation, leaves the average cost per student to the state of Michigan at $447, the lowest figure of any state college.

Perhaps the reader can formulate his own picture of the future: From 107 full time students in the fall of 1904, Western Michigan College climbed steadily to 3,700 in the fall of 1951, and 5,750 last fall. In 1960 the enrollment may reach 8,000 and by 1970, 13,000.

A closer look at the 5,750 students shows 60 per cent are men, 25 per cent are from Kalamazoo County, and 2379 live in college residences (many others in approved rooming houses and throughout the community).

As the college grows, its contribution to Kalamazoo's economic life continues. Together they form a thriving partnership.
Festival of Arts Opens Its Sixth Season

Fare Includes
Art, Literature,
Music, Drama

Always one of the highlights for the spring season on the Western Michigan campus is the occasion of the observance of the Festival of Arts.

Begun in 1951, this year marks the sixth annual wedding of drama, music, art and literature. Its outreach has been to almost all corners of the campus, affording an opportunity for a fresh expression of talent for any student who cares to participate.

While much of the program, running about three weeks, is by students, there is also a sprinkling of faculty and professional talent.

The 1956 version opened Thursday, March 22, with the student dramatic production of Christopher Fry's "The Lady's Not for Burning." It will close on Tuesday, April 17, with "Pygmalion," by the Dublin Players.

On Sunday, March 25, the student art exhibition opened in the McCracken hall galleries. This will continue throughout the Festival, and is always one of the highlights. Each year an increasing number of the students exhibit outstanding art work of a wide variety and background.

The first musical event is Tuesday, March 27, with a concert by the College Choir in the Kanley Memorial chapel. "Songs of Conquest" by McDonald, from the poetry of Phelps Putnam, and "Snow White" (arr. Fulton) will form the basis for the concert. A trio of graduate students is also planning a "Suite for Flute, Violin and Piano" (Goossens).

After the spring vacation recess, the music faculty plans a Tuesday evening concert, April 10, in the Kanley chapel. And on the following two nights the attention will turn to the theatre for programs by the Modern Dance club.

As one of the highlight outsiders to take part this year will be the famed Henry Lee Willet of Philadelphia. Willet has had a close association with the college, in as much as his firm has manufactured the several stained glass windows in the Kanley Memorial chapel. He will speak Saturday afternoon, April 14, at 4 p.m. in the theatre.

The following afternoon at 4, the theatre will be the scene of another concert, including the Madrigal Singers, a flute quartet and brass ensemble. They have chosen as their respective compositions, "The Four Prophecies" (Paul Christiansen), "Suite Italienne" (Yvonne Desportes) and "Toccata" (Edmund Haines).

Dublin Players

"Pygmalion," a favorite play from the pen of George Bernard Shaw, will be brought to Kalamazoo by Western Michigan College as a student-faculty assembly feature April

Residents along South street during February had an opportunity to see some of the top examples of snow sculpture done by two fraternities from Western Michigan for the annual Snow Carnival.

Top prize went to the Swiss horn blower at the right, created by Delta Chi fraternity. Second prize went to the big bear at the left, in front of the Delta Sigma Phi house.
Dr. Russel New Head of History Dept. July 1

Dr. Robert R. Russel, the senior member of the history faculty, has been named the new head of the history department, effective July 1, according to President Paul V. Sanggren.

Dr. Russel joined the faculty in 1922, after teaching in McPherson County, Kansas, the University of Illinois and Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans. He taught at U-I in 1919 and at Ottawa from 1919 to 1922.

Dr. Russel received his baccalaureate degree from McPherson College in Kansas in 1914, his MA degree the following year from the University of Kansas, and his Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Illinois in 1922.

He was born in Galva, Kans., and was married in 1924. He and Mrs. Russel have two sons.

His high standards of scholarship have always been praised by his colleagues, and the books which he has written, while not of broad popular appeal, have been carefully used by other scholars. They include: Economic Aspects of Southern Sectionalism, Improvement of Communication with the Pacific Coast as an Issue in American Politics, 1784-1864 and The Expansion of Industrial Facilities Under AAF Auspices, 1940-1945.

In the spring semester of 1955, Dr. Russel was on leave while working on a book on United States economic history.

He will replace as head of the history department Dr. James O. Knauss, who will retire at the end of the present semester.

Fox Scholarship Fund

Contributions to the John E. and Edwin S. Fox memorial scholarship fund have now reached $1,200, according to Dr. Paul Rood, who has headed the drive.

Biology Trip to Eastern U. S. Set

Biology in the field will be the subject for a field trip covering more than 2,000 miles in the Eastern United States between Aug. 18 and Sept. 2. This venture will be sponsored jointly by the biology department and the division of field services, and will be headed by Dr. Harriette Bartoo.

The itinerary now calls for departure from Kalamazoo on Sunday, Aug. 19, with the first stop at East Lansing; thence across Canada and into the Finger Lakes region of New York. Continuing east, the group will stop in the Green Mountains of Vermont, and then on to Sargent camp, Peterborough, N. H. On Aug. 26 the travelers will arrive in Storrs, Conn., for the meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

Returning westward, the group will leave Storrs Aug. 31, and travel through the Catskills, Pennsylvania and Ohio, arriving back in Kalamazoo Sept. 2.

A $35 deposit for those interested may be made with the division of field services. Course credit may be earned in Local Flora 224, Flowering Plants 420 or Field Studies in Ecology 453.

Evening Classes Prove Popular

It would appear that Kalamazoo industrialists are interested in additional training for themselves and their employees.

At the present time there are two evening classes on the campus: Paper Mill Management, featuring a number of leading paper industry executives as speakers, has an enrollment of 92; an eight-week lecture series, Nuclear Science for Industry, counts 73 students.

Both classes meet on Monday night and are conducted by the departments of paper technology and physics, respectively, in cooperation with the division of field services.

Dublin Players

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17. This Tuesday evening showing will be at the Central high school auditorium.

Returning here from Ireland, after spending last summer refreshing themselves at home, the Dublin Players will present their version of Shaw's work in the course of their fifth coast-to-coast tour of the United States.

Others among their repertoire are "Money Doesn't Matter," "An Ideal Husband" and "Arms and the Man." In past years their stage works have come from Oscar Wilde, Louis D'Alton, Lennox Robinson, Sean O'Casey, William Butler Yeats, J. M. Synge, Lady Gregory, Paul Vincent Carroll, Shaw and others.

Making up this group of players are the finest actors and actresses from Abbey and Gate Theatres in Ireland. Ronald Ibbbs was the founder and has been the mainstay of the company, originating this idea back in 1947.

Almost every stop they have made in the United States has been accompanied by extravagant praise of their high entertainment level.
Cagers Close
13-9 Season;
Third in MAC

The 1955-56 basketball season has passed into Bronco history with the team showing a 13-9 record for a .692 percentage.

In the Mid-American Conference race, where the chief emphasis is placed, the team won seven contests while losing five to take third place behind Marshall and Miami. Behind the Broncos were Toledo, Ohio, Kent State and Bowling Green.

Jack Smith, Grosse Pointe junior and forward, was the sparkplug of the team and during the season set a new individual scoring record with 445 points, breaking the former record of 414 set by Ron Jackson. The 445 points in the 22 games gave Smith a 20.1 point game average for the season, this breaking the mark of 20 points per game set by Harold Gensichen back in the 1942 season.

Smith also added another record during the season. His 37 points against Great Lakes set a new single game scoring mark for any Bronco player. Harold Stacy’s 33 points on the home floor against Bowling Green a year ago, still remains the home one game mark.

Before the Broncos open another season replacements must be found.


Second Science Award
Given Western Student

For the second year, a student at Western Michigan College has been granted a National Science Foundation scholarship to permit him to carry on graduate study.

Donald Spitzer, a senior student in chemistry, will study at the University of Chicago next year under a grant which includes tuition, fees, travel expenses and $1,500.

The recipient last year, Samuel Brady, is now studying at the University of Michigan.

for Bob Diment, Saginaw; Fred Corbus, St. Louis; Alan Barkeley, Pontiac, and Leonard Eason, Chesterton, Ind.

April Baseball

April 4—at Illinois Wesleyan
April 5—at Illinois Normal
April 6—at Iowa
April 7—at Iowa (2)
April 13—at Ohio State
April 14—at Ohio State (2)
April 20—at Miami
April 21—at Miami
April 24—Michigan
April 27—Toledo
April 28—Toledo

Science Day Set

Science day, an annual observance bringing nearly 1,000 high school seniors and juniors to the Western Michigan Campus, will take place this year on Friday, April 13.

Dr. Frederick Margolis, a Kalamazoo pediatrician, will speak.