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NEW CURRICULUM

Petroleum Distribution Program
Given Backing By Oil Interests

Petroleum Distribution, a new two-year program to equip men for work in the varied phases of the petroleum industry, has been approved at Western Michigan College, and will be inaugurated in September.

Based upon an alternate cooperative scheme, students will be paired; while one is in the classroom the other will be gaining practical experience in some phase of petroleum distribution in a job assignment. Periodically they will exchange so that each receives needed experiences to fulfill the intent of the program.

Planned under the School of Applied Arts and Sciences, the newest educational venture on the Kalamazoo campus came about because of intense interest displayed by petroleum processors, dealers and retailers, both within Michigan and throughout the nation. New York City Community College now conducts a similar program.

Members of the college-industry advisory committee Ralph Townsend, Pure Oil Co., Kalamazoo, chairman; S. K. Makemson, Bennett Pump div., John Wood Co., Muskegon, vice chairman; and Adrian Trimpe, WMC, secretary.

Deane A. Birkes, Ethyl Corp.; Grand Rapids; Reed Brazelle and L. R. Kamperman, Leonard Refineries, Alma; Martin Citrin, Citrin Oil Co., Detroit; Dr. Fred Dow, Dow Chemical Co., Midland; Truman Gish, Naph-Sol Refining Co., Muskegon; Joseph Hadley, Michigan Petroleum Assoc., Detroit; Cash Hawley, National Congress of Petroleum Dealers, Detroit.

T. J. Sewick, Socony-Mobil Oil Co., Grand Rapids; Russell Spooner, Standard Oil Co.-Indiana, Grand Rapids; D. T. Thompson, Speedway Petroleum Corp., Farmington; Harold Waggoner, Waggoner Transportation Co., Muskegon; and Grant H. Young, Ohio Oil Co., Findlay, O.

Representing the college are President Paul V. Sangren, Vice President Russell H. Seibert, Dean George E. Kohrman, Leonard Gerrant and Wendall B. Fidler.

Persons entering this two-year program will receive some technical training, science, basic studies and their cooperative work experience. Among special courses planned for them are petroleum chemistry, introduction to petroleum industry, petroleum technology, motor transport operation and performance, application of petroleum products and service station operation.

On the business side are psychological aspects of business, economic marketing and transportation, business law, salesmanship, small business management, credit and collection, and accounting.
Moral, Spiritual Values Workshop Opens July 30

An intensive two-week workshop on "Education for Moral and Spiritual Values" is to open July 30.

Dr. A. L. Sebaly, on leave from the WMC faculty to serve as director of the national teacher education and religion project of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Oneonta, N. Y., will return to Kalamazoo to head the venture.

The principal objective of the workshop, as outlined by the teacher education and religion committee at Western, will be to highlight those moral and spiritual values which will be of greatest value to developing right attitudes in children and young people.

With this in mind, a battery of experts has been gathered to present various aspects and to lead discussion among the workshop participants. The program has been designed for teachers of elementary and secondary children, as well as church school teachers.

Among persons being brought from outside Kalamazoo to participate are Msgr. Jerome V. MacEachin, St. Thomas Aquinas parish, East Lansing, and Dr. Willard A. Page, pastor, Kawkawlin Community church, Bay City.

From the WMC campus the committee has invited Dr. William VanDeventer, Dr. John Pruis, Miss Mate Graye Hunt, Dr. Stanley Kuffel, Dr. William Engbreton, Harvey Overton, Dr. George Bradley, D. B. Leonardelli and James Hoffman.

Other Kalamazoo educators include Dr. Raymond Hightower, Dr. Loy Norrix, Dr. Richard Percy, Mrs. Robert Beisel, Mrs. Mary Noecker, Eugene S. Thomas; and Rabbi Herman Grossman, the Rev. Vernon Boriack and the Rev. Victor J. Maxam.

Recognizing his leadership in industrial education and his continued support of such work over a long period of years, the Michigan Industrial Education Society surprised President Paul V. Sangren in its annual meeting this spring in Detroit with the presentation of a life membership in the society. Dr. Sangren is pictured receiving a plaque from Dr. J. W. Giachino, head of the industrial technology department and former president of the MIES.

'41 Grad Winner Of Teaching Award

Mrs. Marie Durrstein Christenson '41 of Battle Creek was singled out by the Western Michigan faculty in May to be presented with a life membership in the National Education Association.

Begun three years ago, this award is based upon outstanding classroom teaching, with the recipients limited to those who have graduated not more than 15 years ago.

Mrs. Christenson taught for several years in Dowagiac and for the last two years has been principal of the Prairie View school in the Battle Creek Lakeview system. She makes her home at 131 Fairhome in Battle Creek.

Previous winners have been Miss Antoinette Varano '45, of Monroe, and Joseph E. Dickinson, '41, a teacher at Watervliet. Presentation is made by President Paul V. Sangren at the annual recognition dinner for retiring faculty.
Retirements and leaves of absence, along with promotions and reorganizations, have brought about the appointment of three new department heads at Western Michigan College. They will begin their operations this summer.

Dr. Frederick J. Rogers succeeds Dr. William R. Brown as head of the English department. Dr. Brown retired after nearly 40 years at Western, turning over his duties to a former student.

Dr. Rogers is a Western Michigan graduate who received his doctorate from the University of Michigan this spring. After returning from service, he joined the WMC faculty in 1946. Before that he taught at the South Haven high school and Kalamazoo Central high. His wife, Katharine, is also a member of the English faculty.

Another member of the English department faculty, Dr. Robert M. Limpus, succeeds Dr. Russell H. Seibert, as director of basic studies.

A Northwestern and Chicago graduate, Dr. Limpus came to Western in 1947. He has had considerable college teaching experience and while at Western has been closely associated with the work of the influential Educational Policies committee.

Taking over as acting head of the industrial technology department for two years is Dr. Andrew C. Luff. He replaces Dr. J. W. Giachino who is on leave to accept a position as an educational consultant for the Ford Foundation in Pakistan.

Dr. Luff came to Western in 1949, and was promoted to full professorship in 1955 after completing his doctorate at Bradley University. Much of his work has been in the field of electricity and electronics, and of late he has been instrumental in developing the advanced industrial supervision curriculum.

Dr. Luff is frequently called upon by area industry to work out in-service educational programs.

When an author or an editor finds that someone has actually read a printed piece in which he has had a part it is most encouraging.

But Mrs. Elizabeth Householder, assistant dean of women, can be doubly happy for something which she wrote back in the April, 1938, issue of the Educational News Bulletin.

Her article, "Modern Dancing from the Kindergarten Through College," was not only read in 1938 but has been in constant demand since then.

Supplies of the bulletin long ago disappeared, but the Kamin Dance Bookshop in New York is in the process now of reprinting Mrs. Householder's article and will distribute it to interested parties from there.

18-Year-Old Article on Modern Dancing Still Attracting Students
No Champs in Spring Sports; Netters Tie

Those hoped for spring championships in Mid-American Conference competition this spring were missing — except for a tie in tennis.

Only one of the four spring sports came through with a better position in 1956 than it had in 1955, golf jumping from fifth to second place.

Baseball, where the Broncos had gone through an undefeated MAC season in 1955 and advanced to the NCAA finals suffered a serious reverse. The Broncos were prevented from an opportunity to at least tie for the championship in being rained out of three contests while Ohio was rained out just once.

While Western had a 5-2 mark in the MAC the entire season record displayed nine victories against ten defeats; the first such season since 1942.

During the earlier weeks of the track season it looked as though this might be the year in which the Broncos could dethrone Miami as the perennial Mid-American champion, but two injuries sent hopes glimmering.

John Mackenzie, conference half-mile champion and school record holder in this event, was badly spiked in practice a month before the meet. A pulled leg muscle sustained by Ed Avery, sophomore dash star, also hit a hard blow.

These injuries not only prevented the possible dethroning of Miami, but let Bowling Green slip into second place ahead of Western. Only once before had a Western track season finished as low as third in the conference.

Loss of four top players from the 1955 tennis season did not keep Coach Hap Sorensen from fighting for another strong team. Only Captain Bud Donnelly had previously played in the conference tourney, but the Bronco netters fought through a strong season schedule to turn in a 12-2 winning dual meet season and in the Mid-American tournament came from behind to gain a tie for the title.

A nine won, four lost and four tied dual meet season mark indicated a better golf team than in 1955. In tournament play the Broncos were even up with Bowling Green but over the final holes the Falcons proved slightly more consistent and came up with the championship, with Western in second place, the best mark since the Broncos won the title in 1948.

The annual Mid-American conference meet was held this year on the campus of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.