Enlarge Faculty as Student Body Grows

More school children, increased retail sales, houses sold and rented, apartments let to new tenants, doctor bills to be paid, all of these are facets of the community life which can be attributed to new faculty members.

About 30 new positions are being filled this year at Western Michigan College, and coupled with resignations, retirements and other factors affecting faculty status President Paul V. Sangren and Vice President Russell H. Seibert have been busy during the summer trying to complete the requirements to bring a full staff to the campus in September.

Registrar Clayton J. Maus reports that there will be plenty of students enrolling this fall to keep all new faculty occupied.

With this in mind we are presenting in this issue pictures and brief biographical statements about a part of the new faculty. Others will follow in the September News Letter. With your permission, the editor will present brief sketches in a bare outline form.


Dr. Arthur A. Birkby, associate professor of music. A New Jerseyite, who has taught four years at Westminster College. A graduate of Temple University, with advanced degrees from the Philadelphia Conservatory. A sub-dean, American Guild of Organists, and an associate, Trinity College of London. Married.
Sterling L. Breed, assistant dean of men. A WMC graduate who taught last year at Paw Paw. Former state trooper. Married.

E. J. Brune, instructor in industrial arts. WMC graduate, teacher for last 11 years at South Haven. 1939 winner of Industrial Arts Award. Married, one daughter.

Sherwood Cordier, instructor of history. A teaching assistant from the University of Minnesota, a graduate of Juniata College and Yale University. A Rotary Foundation international fellow at Geneva in 1951-52. Unmarried.

William R. Dopheide, instructor of speech. A WMC and Penn State graduate, Dopheide has been a speech and hearing therapist of late in the Kalamazoo area. Also worked in Eric County, N.Y. Married, one daughter.


Barbara Gaylor, assistant professor for campus school home economics. She has two degrees from Western and has been a teacher at Wayland the last three years. Unmarried.

H. Nicholas Hamner, assistant professor of history. An instructor at Auburn and then an assistant at Ohio State, Hamner is a graduate of Emory University and expects his doctorate in August from OSU. Oscar H. Horst, assistant professor of geography and geology. Expects to receive doctorate in August at Ohio State, where he took other degrees. Married, one daughter.

Dr. Don O. Iffland, associate professor of chemistry. A teacher for nine years at West Virginia University, he has degrees from Adrian College and Purdue University. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Purdue in 1954-55. Married, two daughters.

Dr. Cornelius Loew, associate professor of philosophy and religion. Dr. Loew comes from Lake Forest College. He has been a Navy chaplain and assistant pastor of the Bethlehem Evangelical and Reformed church in Ann Arbor. He has degrees from Elmhurst College, Union Seminary and Columbia University. Married, one son.
Buildings Continue to Grow; New Work Started During Summer

The theme song of the Western Michigan College campus again this summer has been the monotonous drone of great earth movers and bulldozers.

During the summer of 1955 more than 100,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved on the old Wilbur property north of West Michigan avenue, preparing for construction of the new men’s residence hall and student center.

With these buildings moving along well, attention in July turned to the next men’s residence, to be ready in 1957. The earth movers returned and resumed the leveling of the hills and valleys and the removal of trees in preparing the site for the building crews.

At the time of this writing the steel strike was in progress, but commitments already made and orders for to be filled indicated that construction would not be halted, in all likelihood, on this new residence.

Dedication is planned during the fall for the new $1,500,000 men’s physical education building and the Frank E. Ellsworth hall for men. This latter structure, first to be opened on the Wilbur property, will house 450 men, and is the first of four such residences planned.

Nearby, and expected to be completed this fall, is the food service unit, including kitchens and dining rooms for the residences. Access from Ellsworth hall will be through an enclosed passageway.

While the men’s physical education building is being put to use, the area to the south of it will see during the fall and winter months a growth of steel framework for the field house. As soon as the steel girders are in place, masonry work will be started.

Completion of the paper industry building, a $225,000 addition to McCracken hall for paper technology studies, is expected Nov. 1. This will provide sorely needed classroom, laboratory, and office space.

On the other side of McCracken hall work will soon begin on the construction of the new Dwight B. Waldo library. This $1,500,000 structure is provided by a state appropriation and will centralize library services on the west campus. Also to be housed here are the department of librarianship and the audio-visual center.

Over on the southwest corner of the west campus four more student apartment buildings, providing 48- low cost rental units, are underway and are expected to be ready sometime during the fall semester.

Junior College Program Added to Graduate School

New attention to the educational needs of junior college teachers is planned by the school of graduate studies.

Dean George G. Mallinson and members of the graduate council have undertaken an extensive study of types of educational opportunities available to junior college instructors and have developed a new program which will get underway in the fall.

Working towards a master of arts degree, persons preparing for junior or community college teaching will take six hours of education courses, including educational research, the junior or community college, and psychology of the late adolescent and early adult.

Fourteen to 16 hours will be elected in the major field of the student,

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Add Three Men To Coaching Staff For Fall Semester

Three new additions to the coaching and physical education staff at Western Michigan College have been announced within the past few weeks, two of which involve well known Bronco stars of former years.

Roger Chiaverini and Fred Stevens will work with football and Jack D. Jones is the new trainer.

Fred Stevens, athletic director and coach at State High School, will assist Tom Slaughter with the freshman football squad and will also teach some physical education classes and handle some intramurals.

Stevens starred in three sports, football, basketball and baseball in his undergraduate days in the mid-forties.

Roger Chiaverini returns to his alma mater from Adrian High, where he had been coaching, to become a line coach in football, with the varsity squad. Chiaverini, a star lineman in 1946 and 1947, assisted with varsity coaching while studying for his master's degree and also did considerable scouting. He is expected to be a valuable addition to the varsity football coaching staff. Chiaverini will also teach in the physical education department and aid in intramurals.

Jack Jones, Texas native, was assistant trainer at the University of Texas in his undergraduate days. After being called back into the Air Force for a time, he became trainer at Baylor University for two years. He comes to Western Michigan College from Southern Illinois, where he was trainer last year. Jones assumes his new duties here Sept. 1.

$25,000 in Gifts

In the quarter ending July 1, Western Michigan College reported to the state board of education the receipt of gifts totalling $25,078.88. Sizable portions of this amount were for scholarships and for the new paper industry building, now under construction.

Looks into Papers

Dr. James O. Knauss, professor emeritus of history, will spend the next year working in the college library, cataloguing and arranging the papers of the late President Dwight B. Waldo and the late Professor Ernest Burnham.

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thus expanding his college undergraduate studies, and the final eight to 10 hours will be in an allied field.

"While there is now a great need for junior college teachers," says Dean Mallinson, "the Michigan certification code is extremely vague in providing a suitable program. We believe that this is a major step in the right direction."