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Enrollment Up 13 per cent; Now 6493 on Campus

Registering a 13 per cent increase in enrollment, Western Michigan College outstripped legislative estimates of a year ago, which placed the 1956 fall enrollment on the campus at 6,250. Registrar Clayton J. Maus has reported the current fall enrollment at 6,493.

Comprising this total are 1,834 freshmen, 1,328 sophomores, 1,158 juniors, 989 seniors, 619 special students and 565 graduate students.

Those studying on a college campus for the first time number 1,490.

The graduate enrollment has increased 21 ½ per cent over the 1955 total of 465. There are included 69 fulltime graduate students, also a record high.

Registrations in curricula primarily concerned with the training of teachers moved along at an 11 per cent clip, climbing from 2,442 a

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The faculty has been completed for this year, with the announce-
ment of the following group; but already contacts are being explored
for the large group of 1957-58 teach-
ers needed in the face of an ex-
pected 7,100 students.

Thus, we complete one year’s
work, and can only prepare for an
increased amount in the next few
months.

Dr. Edwin Beal comes from the
University of Bridgeport as an associ-
ate professor in the School of Busi-
ness. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan
and Cornell Universities, Dr. Beal’s
special field is collective bargaining.
From 1937 to 1942 he was an interna-
tional representative for the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine
Workers, CIO. From 1947 to 1949
he was manpower advisor to the
office of military government in Ger-
many.

Richard Bryck is an instructor in
physical education and driver train-
ing for the State High school. A
native of Manistee, and former Bron-
co gridder, Bryck received WMC
degrees in 1955 and 1956. He is
married to the former Delores Lee.

Another Western graduate, Ray-
mond A. Dannenberg returns to the
campus as an associate professor of
distributive education. He has taught
at Reed City and Royal Oak. Ray
received his BS in 1950, and took
his MA at the University of Mich-
ing in 1953. He is married to the
former Mary Roberts ’49, and they
have two children.

Melvin Howards joins the Paw
Paw faculty as a ninth and tenth
grade English teacher. He graduated
from Drake University and Colum-
bia, and was director of student tea-
ching at Upper Iowa University the
last two years.

Adelaide Everett Howson is no
stranger to the math faculty. A
daughter of Dr. John Everett, who
retired in 1945 as head of the mathe-
ematics department, Mrs. Howson
takes the place of Jack Meagher,
who is on leave. She is the wife of
a local dentist, Dr. Thomas W. How-
son, and the mother of two State
High sons.

Dr. Frederic J. O’Hara is a new
associate professor of librarianship.
A graduate of Boston College and
Columbia University, Dr. O’Hara’s
experience has been gained at Texas
State College for Women, the Uni-
versity of Wisconsin, New York State
Maritime College, City College of
New York and Harvard University.
He is unmarried.

Capt. Michael K. O’Rourke is a
new assistant professor in the depart-
ment of military science and tactics.
A native of Iowa, Capt. O’Rourke
came to Western from service at
LaRochelle, France. He is a grad-
uate of the University of Denver,
marrid, with three children.

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson takes
over the campus school library, while
Miss Jean Lowrie is away at school.
A graduate of the University of
Texas, she took her master’s this
last spring at Western.

Howard Sanborn teaches science
in the Paw Paw high school. He is a
graduate of Colorado A & M and
took his MA at Western in 1956.
For the last two years he taught at
Graduate Faculty Booklets Ready

An outstanding new series of publications has been started by the School of Graduate Studies. Reviving the old name of "Faculty Contributions," Dean George G. Mallinson has already brought out two booklets this past summer.

The first is "The Role of Meaning in Teaching the Fundamental Processes," authored by Miss Pearl Ford and Dr. Herbert Hannon of the mathematics faculty.

Following this was "Core," by Dr. Clara R. Chiara of the school of education. Designed as an explanation and handbook for use in the core curriculum, Dr. Chiara outlines methods, materials, evaluations and teaching.

Copies of these and subsequent books will be available from the School of Graduate Studies for a nominal fee.

Eighteen Honored

Eighteen Western Michigan faculty members have been placed in the newly-published volume three of American Men of Science. This is concerned with social and behavioral sciences. Those listed are Dr. William J. Berry, Dr. Cyril Stout and Dr. William Bruckheimer, geography; Dr. E. J. Asher, Dr. Frank Fatzinger and Dr. Richard Schmidt, psychology; Dr. Paul Horton, Dr. Chester Hunt and Dr. Jerome Manis, sociology; Dr. Samuel Clark, Dr. Milton Greenberg, Dr. John Romani, Dr. Leo Stine and Dr. W. V. Weber, political science, and Howard Bigelow, Dr. Robert Bowers, Dr. Theodore Carlson and Dr. Jared Wend, economics.

Plan '57 Classes

Two three-week courses in advanced studies in paper technology are planned again for the summer of 1957. Conducted in 1955 and 1956, enrollments were filled long before classes opened.

Enrollment Records

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year ago to the present 2,709. The most significant rise was the 28 percent increase noted in secondary education, up 243 to 1,101.

Pre-engineering rose sharply, along with business administration, paper technology and occupational therapy. In two-year areas largest gains were in drafting and design technology and electrical and electronics technology.

More out-of-state students are to be noted, along with a considerable gain in enrollments from Kalamazoo County. It should be noted that the most significant gains are coming from large urban areas.

Kalamazoo County provides 1,564 of the undergraduate students this year. Other leading counties are: Wayne 427, Calhoun 309, Kent 302, Berrien 275, Van Buren 241, Oakland 186, Allegan 178, St. Joseph 153, and Muskegon 132.

Among those from other states are: Indiana 113, Illinois 87, Ohio 24, Wisconsin 19, and New York 13. A total of 22 states and two territories have students here, with Hawaii sending 16.

Canada sends seven, Ethiopia three, Haiti and Korea two each, and single students from Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, Greece, Iraq, Iran, Nicaragua, Norway, the Philippines, the Netherlands, Costa Rica and Switzerland.

Dr. Sangren Honored

Honors from the national commission on teacher education and professional standards of the National Education Association have come to President Paul V. Sangren.

The certificate which he has received states "in recognition of meritorious services to education as a member of the commission from 1946 to 1950, and for notable contributions toward elevating the competence and assuring the integrity of the teaching profession in the United States."
WMCR Extends Air Time to 50 Hours

WMCR, the FM radio station at Western Michigan College, began a new year of broadcasting in October, extending its daily schedule to 50 hours each week.

In addition to a wide range of cultural and entertainment programs, the station continues to carry play-by-play accounts of all Bronco home athletic contests.

Top programs for WMCR come from the tape networks of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Wallace Garneau, station manager, reports a growing interest in Southwestern Michigan, as an area with more than a 50-mile radius is covered. Persons interested in receiving regular publication of program notes should address Garneau.

Africa Reviewed

World Affairs week is to be observed at Western Michigan College Nov. 14, 15 and 16, with principal attention to be focused at this time on African problems.

Extensive correspondence during the last several weeks has assured a wide representation of official interest by countries concerned.

New Math Test

First year mathematics students at Western Michigan College can expect to be well tested before being admitted to college algebra classes in the future, says Dr. Charles Butler, head of the mathematics department.

As the result of experimental tests run this fall, students were placed in college algebra or intermediate algebra, depending on their test scores. In previous years too many have failed to conquer the former course, says Butler, indicating a lack of prior preparation. By moving such people first into the intermediate course his staff feels that more will succeed.

Programs Praised

Much praise has again been accorded Western Michigan College and a group of graduate students who spent six weeks this summer inside the walls of the Southern Michigan Prison.

Added also to such field programs this year was a training period at the State Home and Training School, Coldwater.

Both will operate again in 1957.