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LETTER

'GREAT DECISIONS . . . 1957'

Study of Foreign Policy Program Grows

The college is a focal point for the growing program of "Great Decisions . . . 1957," a project of the Foreign Policy Association, and conducted in Michigan through the public affairs committee of the Adult Education Association of Michigan.

Leonard Gernant, associate director of field services at Western, is the committee chairman, and as such has worked closely with the representatives of the Cleveland regional office of the FPA is aligning more than 20 Michigan communities for the work.

A year ago a pilot program was started in Michigan, and worked so well that other areas throughout the nation are now launching such foreign policy studies. The FPA is a non-profit organization, with no governmental ties, which through use of private funds is seeking to instill a greater interest in and understanding of foreign policies of the United States.

Recognition of this new source of awakened public interest has come from the U. S. State Department. Now in its samplings of public opinion on foreign policy matters, the ballots presented by FPA participants are being considered as one of the major sources of feeling the nation's pulse.

William Cowan and Len Robock of the FPA's Cleveland office have appeared frequently in Kalamazoo, and last November brought to the city Dr. John W. Nason, association president, for a talk to adult education leaders around the state.

Last year this program took root in Michigan with eight communities participating. Experts from Michigan colleges and universities participated, along with newspapers and local radio stations. Mainly, however, the program consisted of study and discussion of the issues among people from many different fields.

The flexibility of the project was

demonstrated in that communities differed in their use of it. Ann Arbor depended on large audiences listening to an expert and then breaking into small discussion groups before returning for a final session with the expert. Lansing had small "coffee" groups, gathering in members' homes and listening to radio broadcasts on the issues before discussing them.

This year, Gernant estimates that the program will increase threefold. Communities that have expressed interest include: Grand Rapids, Flint, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Owosso, Muskegon, St. Joseph, Saginaw, Mt. Pleasant, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Lincoln Park, Ironwood, Gladstone, Escanaba, Richmond, Holland, Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie. Organizations that have indicated their interest include the League of Women Voters and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Eight key foreign policy issues

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Liberal Arts, Sciences Curriculum Prepared for Fall '57 Enrollees

A new curriculum in Liberal Arts and Sciences will be offered to students at Western Michigan College in the fall of 1957, providing a set of standards and requirements for students who wish to take all or most of their work in the School of Liberal Arts.

The desirability of this opportunity arises from the fact that whereas other schools of the college are organized about curricula which were in existence before the reorganization, the departments in what is now the School of Liberal Arts, have, in the main, no curricula of their own to serve. In the past, they have existed to provide necessary courses for students who were preparing to teach, or to enter the fields of applied arts, business, etc.

However, the use of the word "School" in the present organization of the college connotes the marshaling of certain facilities toward the end of granting a particular kind of degree.

The committee which has worked out the new curriculum, under the guidance of Dean Gerald Osborn, has not seriously conflicted with or overlapped functions of other Schools. Actually, some students with the aid of their counselors, have for a number of years worked out a means of securing a liberal arts education within the very loose framework of the General curriculum.

In both breadth and depth the new Liberal Arts curriculum suggests standards of achievement which are not now applied to the General curriculum.

The plan of study does not differ greatly from those existing in most liberal arts colleges and liberal arts divisions of universities. The members of the planning committee feel that students graduated from this curriculum should be able to meet the entrance requirements of gradu-

ate schools as easily as students from any other institution, and that our own graduate program, when it is expanded to include degrees from the liberal arts areas, could profit by having students equipped in this fashion.

The requirements of the curriculum are:

(1) One hundred hours' overall work in the School of Liberal Arts.

(2) A required spread of six hours in each of the three divisions of Science and Mathematics, Languages and Literature, Social Sciences, excluding the specifically designated Basic Studies courses; and

six hours from selected courses in the division of fine arts.

(3) Thirty hours of work in 300 and 400 courses.

(4) Four hours of intermediate work in a foreign language, or successful completion of a qualifying examination.

(5) Six hours of mathematics, or a high school preparation of two years of algebra, geometry, and/or trigonometry.

Dwight Cooke February Assembly Lecturer

Dwight Cooke, foreign correspondent and lecturer, will speak at a WMC assembly program Wednesday evening, February 20. It is to be held in the women's gymnasium at 7:30, and his subject will be "You and the World."



Leaders in the new foreign policies program are William Cowan and Len Robock, representing the Foreign Policy Association, and Leonard Gernant, WMC.

Great Decisions

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facing the United States have been selected as topics for discussion. "Fact Sheets" on each of these topics have been prepared. These are intended to present all sides of a question so that the reader can make up his own mind after thought and discussion with others. The program

is nationwide in its scope.

"Hundreds of people will be directly involved in the group activity, and thousands of others, through their newspapers, radio, television, public schools, libraries, colleges and universities, and various other organizations and agencies will cooperate to make it one of the largest such programs ever held in Michigan," says Gernant.

Schlosser to Head 1957 Bronco Grid Team

Pick Missouri Assistant for Coaching Spot

Merle J. Schlosser, assistant football coach at the University of Missouri, has been appointed head football coach by President Paul V. Sangren. He will take up his new duties February 1.

"We are confident that we have selected the man who has all the qualifications for which we were looking and that he will produce a winner in the Mid-American Conference," says President Sangren.

He is to name two assistants to aid him with varsity football.

Schlosser is a graduate of the University of Illinois in 1950 and received his MS degree there in 1952. He served for one semester as an assistant in football for his alma mater before entering the high school coaching field at Geneseo, Illinois. He moved from there to Monroe, Michigan, in 1952 and 1953. His 1952 team won six and lost two; his 1953 team won seven and lost one.

The next year he was an assistant coach at Bowling Green State University in the Mid-American, and then moved to the University of Missouri where he has assisted Don Faurot the past two seasons. While at Missouri he also scouted half of their games.

Faurot tagged Schlosser with a "keen football mind."

A six-footer, weighing 203 pounds, Schlosser has seen quite a lot of football action from different vantage points. For three years at the Leroy, Illinois, high school he played end, and in his senior year was a halfback. He won all-state honorable mention in both football and basketball as a senior, and also lettered in baseball and track.



Merle J. Schlosser

Between high school and college the new coach served in the Navy, and played quarterback and fullback for Paul Brown's Great Lakes team in 1946. He left the Navy after carrier service on the USS Sicily.

At Illinois he played football for four years, winning three varsity letters and honorable mention on the all-Big Ten team as a senior. In college Schlosser's academic work showed better than a B average. While at Illinois he played with such football greats as Johnny Karas, Buddy Young, Dike Eddelman and Chuck Bario.

As a coach he has developed such stars as Jack Hecker, Bowling Green all-MAC choice; Ed Janeway, a Monroe player and now a Bowling Green starter, and Harold Burnine, Missouri All-American now playing with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Schlosser, 29, is married and has two daughters.

"The Art Market" is the theme of a new show to be opened in the McCracken hall galleries February 25. The exhibition is to continue through March 18.

New Literature Lecture Series To Open May 8

Plans are in process of completion for presenting the first William R. Brown Lecture on Literature in Kanley chapel May 8, the committee has announced.

"Contributions from friends of Dr. Brown that we have not yet heard from will make possible realization of our hopes for a yearly continuing series of these lectures," the chairman said.

The project is intended to pay tribute to the recently retired head of the English department who made literature interesting to so many people. A different lecturer each year is to be selected from among persons who have distinguished themselves as interpreters on literary subjects. Students, alumni, and other friends are being invited to attend.

Information may be obtained from, or contributions may be sent to members of the committee (addressed to the William R. Brown Award fund): Miss Mathilde Steckelberg, Mrs. Georgiann Burge, Joseph McKee, Robert Palmatier, Kenneth Reber, Miss Thelma Anton, chairman.

February Schedules

Basketball

Feb. 2—Ohio University
Feb. 7—at Kent State University
Feb. 9—at Miami University
Feb. 16—at Ohio University
Feb. 20—at Toledo University
Feb. 23—Kent State University
Feb. 27—Loyola University
March 2—Marshall College

Swimming

Feb. 16—Ball State
Feb. 23—at Notre Dame
Feb. 25—Albion
March 2—Hillsdale
March 7-9—MAC meet, Oxford, Ohio

Five New Faculty Members Added for Second Semester

Four new faculty members will be welcomed on the campus February 1, while another became a part of the college faculty last December.

Richard C. Barron has been named assistant director of alumni relations; Dr. John Visser, assistant to the registrar; Darrell G. Crose, sixth grade supervisor in the Paw Paw elementary school; Raymond Janes, assistant professor of paper technology, and Dr. Myrtle Beinhauer, assistant professor of economics.

Crose began his work December 3, replacing Mrs. Rita Fleming as sixth grade supervisor at Paw Paw. Mrs. Fleming had been filling in temporarily at that post.

Crose graduated from Western in 1951, and received his MA degree last June. All of his classroom teaching experience has been in Niles, where he was also a teaching principal for the last year. He is a native of Three Rivers, where his parents now reside. Crose is married.

Barron is likewise a WMC alumnus, having graduated in 1952. After graduation, he taught for two years in the Ypsilanti schools, then served for two years as an intelligence specialist with the Third Armored division at Ft. Knox, Ky. This fall has



Barron



Beinhauer



Crose



Visser

seen him at work in the Battle Creek Lakeview schools.

He received his MA degree from the University of Michigan. He and his wife, the former Nona Lueders '52, have three daughters.

Dr. John E. Visser comes to Western to assist Registrar Clayton J. Maus with the growing admissions program. He has been dean of men at Hope College the last year.

A graduate of Hope, Dr. Visser joined the faculty there in 1949 as an assistant professor of history. He served as head basketball coach from 1951 to 1956, and since then has been dean of men. He received his advanced degrees from the State University of Iowa, is married and has three daughters.

Dr. Beinhauer comes to Western from Manhattan, Kansas, where she has taught at Kansas State College. Before that she had been for 10 years on the faculty of Drake University.

Dr. Beinhauer is a graduate of Drake, and holds her doctorate from the University of Minnesota. She is

a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi.

Another alumnus to return is Raymond L. Janes, who graduated from Western in 1953, and continued his studies at the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin. Upon receiving his master of science degree there, Janes was employed by Potlatch Forests, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho, a papermaking concern.

He is a native of Grand Rapids, and as an undergraduate won several prizes for his academic excellence.

Migrant Study Planned

Funds obtained through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare will permit the Center for Sociological Research to conduct new studies on the educational levels of migrant children.

Through the cooperation of growers in the Van Buren and Berrien County areas, a study will be made in the near future. Dr. Jerome Manis will be in charge.

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