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LETTER

TREND FOR THE FUTURE

Four Summer Student Teaching Centers Announced for 1957

During the summer session of 1957, Western Michigan University, School of Education, will expand its program of summer school student teaching centers which it began two years ago.

This program is designed to meet two needs in the field of education. Primarily it is planned as a method of providing summer student teaching facilities for a large number of teachers who, for various reasons, need to earn internship credit in order to become fully certified to teach in Michigan. Some of these teachers are now teaching on emergency special certificates or they have come from other states where student teaching requirements may be less than they are in Michigan.

The summer school centers are sponsored by the University in cooperation with the local County Board of Education of the school where the

center is held. Two centers will be established in Muskegon County, one at the Jolman Community School and one at the Maple Grove Community School. Another center will be in Kent County and will be held at the West Godwin Elementary School. The fourth center will be at Paw Paw.

Aside from the opportunity the summer schools provide teachers seeking regular certification, it is the feeling of the University that the communities served by the summer centers are given the opportunity to see for themselves what a well-planned summer school program can do for their children. This is a reflection of a feeling which has been developing throughout the country during recent years which questions the advisability of the long summer school vacation which most children have. This long vacation

often means that large numbers of children are left without any planned activities which can contribute to their development and their educational growth.

Previous summer school centers have been held in New Buffalo and at the Jolman Community School in Muskegon County. The reaction of parents who have had their children in the summer school has been unusually good. Typical of the responses that have been made by parents regarding the summer schools have been such statements as "Child more interested in summer school than during regular school," "We felt that our child received more individual attention," "Summer school helps children develop special abilities," "Children were particularly interested in the

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\$3,000 Grant Aids Motivation Study In Science Areas

A study of the motivations for the fields of science and mathematics is being put into operation by the School of Graduate Studies, with the assistance of a \$3,000 grant from Science Research Associates.

It is the hope of this five-year study, involving a number of schools, to point out that time at which motivation in science and mathematics starts for young people.

At least 2,000 sixth and seventh grade children in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio will be participating in the study, beginning this spring. The students are to be tested annually for three years, and during high school those electing science courses will continue to be tested.

Schools participating are Rockford, Kankakee and Wilmington, Illinois; Elkhart, Kendallville and Angola, Indiana; Bryan and Archbold, Ohio; and Kalamazoo, Quincy and Marshall, Michigan.

Dean George G. Mallinson is directing the project, with assistance from William Crumrine, guidance director and assistant principal of the Marshall high school.

Debaters Win National Honors

Participants in the recent national Tau Kappa Alpha forensic conference at Butler University, Indianapolis, were doubly aware of the presence of participants from the Western campus.

The men's debate team, under Coach Charles Helgesen, compiled a record of 11 victories and one defeat, to place second behind the University of Florida. This is one of the better showings of recent years for the men's team. A Wachtel plaque for excellence was earned.

At the same time the women's team, under Coach Deldee Herman gained a four-way tie for second in the two-man team division, with five victories and one loss.



George Nancarrow, vice president and sales manager of the Atlas Press Company, has been honored by the Michigan Industrial Education Society for his work with WMU in the last several years. Atlas has annually presented an outstanding high school senior with a \$500 scholarship in industrial arts.

Van Riper Honored By Speech Group

Dr. Charles Van Riper, professor of speech and director of the speech clinic since 1936, has been honored by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

The formal announcement reads: "The American Speech and Hearing Association presents The Honors of the Association to Charles Van Riper in recognition of his many years of rich human leadership in the analysis and management of disorders in speech, not only as a teacher who devotes himself unstintingly to meet the deepest educational responsibilities of the students, but also as a writer of textbooks which have a major effect on the professional thinking of students and colleges throughout the country."

John E. Fetzer, president of the Fetzer Broadcasting Company, has been made an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity.

Summer Teaching

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program of arts, crafts and music."

The program of the summer school is not unlike that which is offered during the regular school year with the exception that consideration is given to the fact that pleasant summer weather and often times excessive heat preclude long periods of drill activities and seat work. Much attention is given to activities in group projects. The fundamentals are taught in relationship as part of these project activities. Much use is made of supplementary reading materials. Field trips and outdoor activities are an integral part of the program. Special teachers are employed in all the centers in the areas of arts, crafts, music and recreation.

In the operation of the centers, the University provides leadership and supervisory services while the local expenses of the school are cared for from a fund obtained from school tuition fees charged students.

The members of the faculty at the University who will serve as directors of the summer centers are Mrs. Lillian Mulvany, Maple Grove Community School; Miss Lois Robinson, Jolman Community School; Mrs. Roberta Westra, West Godwin Elementary School; and Dr. Wendell Hunt, Paw Paw.

SAM Inaugurates Plant Visitation Program

The Society for the Advancement of Management has inaugurated a new program to give student members an opportunity to learn something of the problems and practices of local industrial concerns at first hand. The initial invitation came from the Fuller Manufacturing Company to conduct the students through the plant, and then to spend a considerable amount of time in answering questions.

The Hubinger Company, Keokuk, Iowa, has given a \$500 scholarship in paper technology.

English Honors Program Set for Fall Enrollees

A new Honors Program in English will be offered beginning next fall to selected students in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, according to Dr. Frederick J. Rogers, head of the English department.

It is designed to enable a small group of superior students who intend to be English majors to pursue an ambitious program of reading and seminar discussions, leading to commencement honors.

"It is a program for students who want to work and who will profit by close association with others like themselves," says Dr. Robert Limpus, chairman of the Honors committee.

A better than B average will be required of those first semester juniors next fall who seek admission.

Others on the committee are Dr. Ralph Miller, Dr. Clayton Holaday and Dr. Philip Denenfeld.

Harrington Leaves MVVS at Pine Lake

Oscar Harrington, director of the Michigan Veterans Vocational school at Pine Lake since 1951, will retire June 30.

Once before Harrington retired from educational ranks, after 17 years as superintendent of the W. K. Kellogg school at Hickory Corners. He was its first superintendent. Harrington turned to school sales before coming to Pine Lake.

He graduated from Western in 1911, and later took a degree at Michigan State University. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington expect to travel some, but will reside in Plainwell and devote much of their time to the management of two farms.

Toler Honored

James Toler, Sault Ste. Marie senior, is the 1957 winner of the Industrial Arts plaque as the outstanding student in that area.



It seemed nothing really noteworthy back in 1927 when Charles Smith was the first student to enroll in Western State Teachers College, following a name change. But it was a proud father indeed, center, who watched his son, Anthony, become the first to enroll in Western Michigan University on February 26, 1957. Registrar Clayton J. Maus, left, supervises the ceremony.

All Paper Technology Graduates Now Placed

All 1957 paper technology graduates, 12 in June and one in August, university have been placed in the paper industry, says Dr. A. H. Nadelman.

There are three February graduates, 12 in June and one in August. Six are placed in Michigan, four in Wisconsin, three in Ohio and three in other states.

School Psychologist Study Announced

The education of school psychologists is a new program to be offered by the School of Graduate Studies, according to Dean George G. Mallinson.

Dean Mallinson states that this program will lead to the master of arts degree, and that persons entering the field must hold a state teaching certificate and show an undergraduate concentration of study in the field of psychology.

Burmese Visitor Impressed Locally

America cast a favorable impression on U Po Hto, additional assistant director of education for Burma, who spent five days in Kalamazoo in April.

He was sent to the WMU campus by the American Council on Education's Foreign Leaders program, and while in the city visited the campus training school, the Harold Upjohn school, the Upjohn Company plant and the Cassopolis high school.

A visitor last year in Russia, Po Hto found our nation much to his liking, although American food in quantities tended to upset him. With his charming wife, the Burmese educator was endeavoring to learn all that he could about the varied operations of American elementary and secondary schools in three months.

Educated at Cambridge University, language offered little barrier, but the vastness of the country and the speed with which he moved gave him little time to really learn what was taking place.

Citizenship Clearing House Moves Offices to WMU; Dr. Stine Director

Dr. William V. Weber, head of the department of political science of Western Michigan University, has announced the appointment of Dr. Leo C. Stine to the directorship of the Michigan Citizenship Clearing House. Dr. Stine will be assisted by Dr. Donald Ackerman, who will serve as assistant director. Both are members of the political science staff.

The announcement follows a decision by the board of directors of the Michigan organization to move its headquarters from Michigan State University to Western Michigan University. The board is made up of representatives of junior colleges, colleges, and universities in Michigan and of the two political parties. Professor Elton Ham of Kalamazoo College is a member serving as a representative of the liberal arts college.

The Michigan Citizenship Clearing House is a bi-partisan organization whose program is designed to interest college students in participation in politics and governmental affairs. It is affiliated with the Citizenship Clearing House located at the Law Center of New York University. The financial support of the organization comes largely from a grant of about one million dollars made by the Ford Foundation.

Its program includes Political Party Days, in which the students are introduced to the leaders of both political parties; a workshop for professors of politics and political science; an annual conference of representatives of about 20 participating schools in Michigan, and a legislative day designed to inform the students on party positions on important legislative matters. The recent legislative day was attended by more than 600 students, coming from about 20 different colleges and universities throughout the state.

The political science department of Western Michigan University will serve as host school for the headquarters of the organization for at least two years, according to the announcement made by Dr. Weber. This is one of a number of new ventures being considered by the department in order to bring its activities now in line with the recent decision of the legislature to change the status of the institution from Western Michigan College to Western Michigan University. It is believed that this program and others in the planning stage will make it possible for the members of the Political Science Department at Western to better serve the state, the local community, and the students.



Robert L. Culp

Culp Joins Staff

Robert L. Culp has been named assistant publicity director at the University, dividing his time between general publicity work and sports publicity.

Culp is a Kalamazoo College graduate and for the past two years has been on the news staff locally of WKZO and WKZO-TV. He is married and has two children.

Honorable mention in the scholarship competition of the National Science Foundation has come to two WMU seniors. They are David Carley, Kalamazoo, physics, and John Somerville, Ithaca, chemistry.



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