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LETTER

Faculty Building Continues; 18 Appointed

As is customary in the late spring and early summer, administrative officers of the University have been busy sorting applications and searching for new persons to fill vacancies and assume new positions on the faculty.

This year has certainly been no different. With 43 new teaching positions, two retirements, and several resignations the work load in this area has been great. But at this writing nearly all positions have been filled and schedules are ready for the opening of September classes.

President Paul V. Sangren, Vice President Russell H. Seibert, the academic deans and department heads have worked in close cooperation to find the needed persons.

In this and subsequent issues of the NEWS LETTER we shall attempt to bring information concerning the new members of the faculty. Brief sketches follow:

Dr. Robert H. Anderson, assistant professor of chemistry. A graduate of Baker University and Columbia University, has been a research specialist at Rutgers University the past

year. Has also taught at Bloomfield College. His parents now live in Topeka, Kansas. Dr. Anderson is married and has two children.

Robert J. Batson, assistant professor of political science. Batson for the last five years has been a personnel analyst with the Public Personnel Association of Chicago. He is a graduate of Princeton University, has done his advanced study at the University of Chicago where he is now a doctoral candidate. During 1949 and 1950 he was a Fulbright fellow at the London School of



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Batson



Becksfort



Breisach



Brunhumer



Callan



Carter



Christenson



DeBoer



Dewitt

Economics, and also spent a summer in England in field research for his baccalaureate thesis. Batson is married.

Dr. Howard F. Becksfort, assistant professor of mathematics. Dr. Becksfort is a native of Holland, and a graduate of Hope College. His advanced study has been at Tulane University, Syracuse University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He taught this last year at Albion College, and before that at Ohio University and Syracuse. He is a member of Blue Key and Sigma Xi. Dr. and Mrs. Becksfort have two daughters and one son.

Dr. Ernest A. Breisach, assistant professor of history. Dr. Breisach was born in Schwanburg, Austria, and educated in Europe, receiving his Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Venna, and a Dr. rerum oeconomicarum in economics from the Hochschule fuer Welthandel. He first came to the United States in 1951 as a Fulbright fellow, and returned to join the faculty of Olivet College in 1953. Dr. and Mrs. Breisach have one daughter.

Dr. Walter J. Brunhumer, assistant professor of history. For the past two years Dr. Brunhumer has taught at the University of Wichita.

He is a graduate of Marquette and Northwestern Universities, and has also taught at both places. His special field of interest is intellectual history of the 18th and 19th centuries. He is unmarried.

Edward T. Callan, assistant professor of English. A much traveled man is Callan, having begun his education in his native Ireland. He holds his BA from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and a higher education certificate from the Teachers College there. His MA was taken at Fordham University and he is a candidate for the doctor of literature degree from the University of South Africa. Since 1954 Callan has taught at Loyola University in Chicago, and before that for two years at Fordham. From 1950 to 1952 he was a member of the National Panel of Speakers of the Ministry of Information in London, England, speaking on commonwealth affairs. Callan is married.

Esther Mae Carter, assistant professor, campus school library. For the last two years Miss Carter has been librarian and audio-visual director of the Crown Point, Ind., high school. She is a graduate of Earlham College and is studying for

her MSLS degree at the University of Illinois this summer. Her home is in Russiaville, Indiana, where her parents reside.

Elmer J. Christenson, instructor, campus school sixth grade. After several years of business experience, Christenson decided to become a teacher and has spent the last five years teaching sixth grade students in the Battle Creek Lakeview schools. He holds degrees from Michigan State University, but Western is not unfamiliar to him, as his wife Marie Durrstein, is an alumna.

Marvin E. DeBoer, assistant professor of speech. Graduate study and part-time teaching has occupied DeBoer this last year, as he is completing doctoral work at Northwestern University. He is a graduate of Franklin College and took his MA at Northwestern. From 1952 to 1956 he was an instructor at Iowa State College, and during two years of that time was director of forensics. Mr. and Mrs. DeBoer have one daughter.

Jacob Dewitt, assistant professor of physics. Dewitt returns to the WMU campus after a long absence. He came to the Paw Paw faculty in 1942 and the following year was teaching V-12 students at Western;



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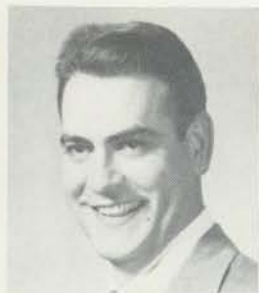
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and later was here for two summer sessions. He is a graduate of Hope College and the University of Iowa. He taught first at the Orange City, Iowa, Junior College, and for 14 years at Fort Scott, Kansas JC, and for the last eleven years he has been at the Sturgis high school. Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt have two children.

Dr. John R. Fanselow, associate professor of paper technology. Dr. Fanselow will leave industry this fall after a long association with the Kimberly-Clark Corporation, one of the nation's foremost paper-makers. He is a graduate of Ellsworth College, the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin. After two years of teaching at the latter school, he joined Kimberly-Clark in 1930, serving successively as superintendent of research, staff superintendent and assistant to the manager of mills. Dr. and Mrs. Fanselow have two sons and one daughter.

Dr. Edwin Grossnickle, associate professor of business. Dr. Grossnickle has a broad background in the field of finance to bring to the classroom. He is a graduate of Manchester College and holds advanced degrees from the University of Iowa and Ohio State University. He taught first in the high school at North Manchester, Indiana, then at Manchester College. There followed nine years as treasurer of the General Brotherhood Board of the Brethren denomination at Elgin, Illinois; secretary-treasurer of Rohrer, Hibler & Replogle, Chicago, management consultants; assistant to the vice president of finance, Elgin National Watch Company; and for the last year with Nehring and Ricketts, Elgin, Illinois, investment brokers.

Dr. and Mrs. Grossnickle have three daughters and two sons.

Marc F. Hansen, assistant professor of art. Grand Rapids residents have become acquainted with Marc Hansen during the last five years in his teaching of ceramics at the University of Michigan extension center there. He is a graduate of San Jose State College and Ohio State University, and has expressed his intense interest and fine craftsmanship in ceramics by participating in numerous exhibitions throughout the country. This summer he exhibited at the Kalamazoo Clothesline Art Show. The Hansens have two children.

Beatrice Hartman, assistant professor of speech. Miss Hartman is a native of Detroit and has studied at Denison University and the University of Michigan. Her doctoral work is now in progress at Michigan State University where she has been an instructor in communication skills since 1950. Her major interest is in the field of communications, which she will teach here. Miss Hartman has also taught and directed debate at the Highland Park Junior College.

Dr. Irving L. Lo, assistant professor of English. Dr. Lo and his wife have lived in the United States now for 10 years, while he has completed his studies and has begun a teaching career. They were naturalized as citizens last year. After graduating from St. John's University, Shanghai, *summa cum laude*, he took his MA at Harvard University and his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. He has taught at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, since 1952, and has also taught English at the USAF base at Craig, Alabama. Dr. and Mrs. Lo have no children.

Dr. Roy Olton, assistant professor of political science. Dr. Olton has taught international relations at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1950. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and holds advanced degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Dr. Olton is a native of Richmond Hill, New York, and he and Mrs. Olton have two sons.

Dr. Claude S. Phillips, Jr., assistant professor of political science. Dr. Phillips earned his AB and AM degrees at the University of Tennessee, where he had extensive experience in guidance and testing. Since 1954 he has taught at the University of Michigan. He earned his doctorate at Duke University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. The Phillips have two children.

K. Philip Rahbany, assistant professor of economics. The son of a Lebanese physician and an English mother, Rahbany is a graduate of American University of Beirut, and has recently been a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin while studying for an advanced degree. Mr. and Mrs. Rahbany have one daughter.

Dr. William P. Spence, assistant professor of industrial arts. Dr. Spence has had considerable teaching experience at the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary. He holds two undergraduate degrees from the Southeast Missouri State College, and his advanced work has been at the University of Missouri. Dr. and Mrs. Spence have one daughter.

Dr. Elizabeth F. Tuller, assistant professor of chemistry. Dr. Tuller is a graduate of Kalamazoo College, and a native of Detroit. Her advanced

Tuition, Room Rental Fees Up

Tuition costs will be up in the fall \$17.50 for each semester, bringing the fee for Michigan residents \$107.50 per semester at the University. Out-of-state students will pay \$167.50, a rise of \$30 per semester.

Full time graduate students will pay \$114 each semester, rather than the \$96.50 of last year.

The State Board of Education has also approved increases in board and room with fees in residence halls rising from \$286 to \$320.50. Those rooming at Vandercook hall will pay \$108, instead of \$99. The Elmwood Apartment rates for married students will be \$60 monthly for one-bedroom units and \$65 for two bedrooms.

ed study has been at Ohio University and Iowa State College, in biophysical chemistry. This year she has been an associate in nutrition of the department of nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health. From 1951 until 1957 she was associate director of the Baker Clinic Research Laboratory, New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston. She has also taught at Wellesley College and Eastern New Mexico University. Her research findings have been extensively published. Dr. Tuller is unmarried.

These brief sketches will be continued in the July NEWS LETTER.

Football 1957

Sept. 21—at Central Michigan
Sept. 28—Miami (Band Day)
Oct. 5—Marshall College
Oct. 12—at Bowling Green
Oct. 19—Washington (Homecoming)
Oct. 26—at Toledo
Nov. 2—at Ohio University
Nov. 9—at Western Reserve
Nov. 16—Kent State (Dad's Day)

Placement Office Busy During Year

Twenty-five per cent more teaching vacancies have been reported to the University placement office this year than a year ago, reports Vern E. Mabie. Since 1948-49 the reporting is up 433 per cent.

In business placement, vacancies climbed 10 per cent this last year, and a rise of 820 per cent has been noted in eight years.

Mabie states that the greatest difficulty faced by his office is the lack of interviewing facilities, with demands up 50 per cent within a year.

This last year has seen more than 400 seniors placed through the office along with 355 alumni and graduate students.

Miss Katharine Stokes, librarian, is vice president and president-elect of the Library Administration division of the American Library Association.

Dr. Bartlett Makes First WMU Appearance Aug. 1

Dr. Lynn Bartlett, who took office July 1 as the state superintendent of public instruction, will be the speaker for the commencement service to be held at the University Thursday evening, August 1.

As this is an annual event attended by large numbers, plans are being made to hold it out of doors in the Hyames field stands.

Preliminary information on the graduating class shows there will be 130 persons receiving the master of arts degree, 179 bachelor of science, 56 bachelor of arts, 13 bachelor of business administration and seven bachelor of music.

Teaching certificates to be granted will include: 105 elementary provisional; 46 secondary provisional and 27 state limited. There are also eight business and technical certificates.

For the first time in its brief history, WMCR, campus FM radio station, will not have a summer vacation. Full 12-month broadcasting is being inaugurated by Wallace Garneau and his staff, carrying programs of a cultural nature to a growing listening audience within more than 50 miles of Kalamazoo. The station broadcast on 102.1 megacycles.

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