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Field Services Studies  
New Areas in Education

Yes, Michigan colleges and universities face challenges in serving more and more students—but there also are mounting requests for more and more services to Michigan adults in their home communities.

That was the conclusion reached as Michigan college and university officials met at Michigan State University to consider the changing pattern of off-campus services.

Many references were made by these officials to the current report of the President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School which reports that "one out of every three adults participates in various sorts of adult education programs." America, with its estimated 50 million adult students "has become a society of students," the report states.

Officials of the many institutions represented at this Michigan College Field Services Committee Workshop discussed problems and shared their successes. This committee, active since 1948, makes it possible for the institutions to do a great deal of cooperative work, reported Otto Yntema, workshop speaker. Yntema, director of field services for Western Michigan University, pointed out that "there is not the duplication which some people think there is in off-campus services."

The problems facing off-campus extension departments are many and varied, the participants agreed. Their list of challenges, opportunities, requests, pressures, etc., included the following:

1. Growing demand for graduate courses not only in education but also such areas as engineering, business, government, others.
2. Mounting interest in cities for university assistance with community self-studies.
3. More and more requests for services from such organized interests as industry, business, religion, government, others. The most-common request is no longer from some teacher for an inservice course.
4. Challenging needs to serve better the senior citizens, the industrial workers with shorter work weeks, and others.
5. Continued need for experimental and pilot programs in some new fields.
6. Responsibility to serve as a convening agent to bring community

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The final accounting for new faculty who have joined the WMU faculty this fall includes eight persons. (Others have appeared in three previous issues of the Newsletter.)

Charles B. Blagdon, assistant professor of business. A graduate of Kalamazoo College and a native of the Jackson area, Blagdon comes back to this city to teach business correspondence in the School of Business. He has previously taught at Cleary College, Michigan State University and the University of Oklahoma. His MA degree was earned at MSU. Blagdon is married and has two sons.

James K. Chase, assistant professor of art, Paw Paw. Chase comes to Western after teaching at Rich- land and Sturgis. He holds two degrees from Ball State Teachers College. He is unmarried.

Delores M. Curtis, instructor in physical education, Paw Paw. Miss Curtis has previously taught in Har- vey, Illinois, and Nappanee, Indiana, having graduated from Indiana State Teachers College and the University of Illinois. Her home is in Kouts, Indiana.

June G. France, instructor in physical education, University elementary school. Mrs. France is a WMU graduate, who since that time has been teaching in Royal Oak. She has one son.

Roy W. Groulx, assistant professor of industrial technology. Coming from Grand Rapids, Groulx has taught in Lake Odessa and Godwin Heights, and of late has been employed in an engineering capacity by General Motors. He is a graduate of Bay City JC and holds two degrees from Michigan State University. Married, five children.

Dr. Radford B. Kuykendall, associate professor of speech. Dr. Kuykendall has taught since 1951 at Michigan State University. He is a graduate of Washington State College, Pullman, holds his master's degree from the same institution, and his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University. He has also taught at Kendall College and the University of Wisconsin. Unmarried.

John R. Lindbeck, assistant professor of industrial arts. Lindbeck comes to the faculty from the University of Minnesota, where he has taught for the last two years. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, receiving a BS degree "with distinction" and also earned an MA degree. His teaching has also been in the St. Paul schools. He is married.

Lawrence Marinaccio, principal, Paw Paw High School. Marinaccio left his post as supervisor of student teachers at Moorhead, Minnesota, State College, to take the Paw Paw principalship. A graduate of the Teachers College of Connecticut, he has taught at Bridgeport, Connecti- cut; directed a camp at Monroe, Connecticut, and in 1954 founded the Community Center camp of Bridgeport. He holds an MA degree from New York University. He is married and has one daughter.

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groups together for planning and action.
7. The need for four-year insti- tutions to work closely with community-junior colleges.
8. Potential possibilities of off- campus extension services via tele- vision.

Some of these problems can be ap- proached, the committee workshop concluded, by seeking closer relation- ships with community col le ges, school superintendents, boards of ed- ucation, college registrars and other allied groups. Such plans will be pursued at the regular January meet- ing of the committee, which is a unit of the Adult Education Associa- tion of Michigan.

Attending from Western Michigan University were Dr. Russell H. Sei- bert, Otto Yntema, Dean Gerald Osborn, Clayton J. Maus, Dr. Ro- land S. Strolle, Leonard Gernant and D. B. Leonardelli.

Paper technology students at the University this year are sharing $10,346 in scholarship grants, prin- cipally from corporations.
Search Campuses For Nation's Future Professors

College campuses are being diligently searched across the nation for good college-level teachers. Undergraduates displaying particular talents in this area are being encouraged to devote their graduate study to preparation for a lifetime of college and university teaching.

One of the more active agencies in the promotion in this facet of academic survival is the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Visiting the University campus this month was Dr. Richard C. Boys, national director of the foundation. He is a native Kalamazooan, having graduated from University high, and for some years has been on the English faculty of the University of Michigan.

The Association of Graduate Schools is now collaborating with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation to provide adequate instruction and incentive for possible teaching candidates.

A grant from the Ford Foundation of $25,000,000 is also aiding in the provision of grants to students and additional grants to the graduate schools of their choice.

Selection at the present is in the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics.

Charles Starring has been named as the campus representative for the fellowship programs.

Dr. James O. Ansel this fall has twice won recognition for his work in rural life and education. He has been named to a two-year term on the adult advisory council of the Rural Youth of the United States. Later this month he was elected to the executive committee of the Department of Rural Education, National Education Association. He thus follows a pattern laid out by the late Dr. Ernest Burnham and continued by Dr. William McKinley Robinson, present department head.

D. C. Shilling Award Planned in Political Science

Mrs. D. C. Shilling has presented the University with a sum of money to make possible an annual D. C. Shilling award to the outstanding senior in political science.

Honoring the memory of her late husband, the principal sum will provide interest for a $30 annual prize.

Dr. Shilling taught at Western for 31 years and for seven years before his retirement in 1952 was head of the political science department.

He was also a prominent local citizen, having served on the city planning board, the zoning board of appeals, the board of the Bronson Methodist hospital, and the board of the First Methodist church.

Bus Drivers Get Intensive Courses

The training of school bus drivers in the problems which they face daily, or may suddenly be confronted with, is one of the busiest facets of the University's division of field services this fall.

Under the direction of Homer Earl, and in cooperation with Eastern Michigan College and Michigan State University, special classes for school bus drivers are being scheduled across Lower Michigan.

New drivers have already been treated to the basic course this fall, and they, plus those who took the basic course a year ago, are in line for an advanced course after the first of the year.

Drivers in these classes are studying first aid, liability laws, some applied psychology, and safety on the bus, among other things.

Earl reports that the response of the drivers and of schoolmen in general has been outstanding.

The University will be host in October of 1958 to the Great Lakes district meeting of the American College Public Relations Association.

Paper Sales Studies Set for Fall, 1958

Paper sales, a third opportunity for specialization within the paper technology field, will be offered at the University in the fall of 1958.

Training for sales, will thus be coupled with prior programs in technical and business areas.

The Salesmen's Association of the Paper Industry has worked with the University in studying the needs and in formulating a tentative curriculum.

While primary work will be done in the department of paper technology, such students will find themselves from time to time enrolled in 12 other academic departments.

Scholarship funds for this venture are to be forthcoming from the paper industry and its sales organizations.

Foreign Students Now Number 24

Twenty-four foreign students, and 13 visitors from the Territory of Hawaii, are included among the University students this fall.

They have banded together, along with a large number of fellow students from this country, in the International Students club, a group promoting better understanding among many peoples.

Among the countries represented are Japan, Ethiopia, Singapore, Canada, Haiti, Iran, Norway, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Egypt, Formosa, Brazil, Israel, France, Greece, Bolivia, and the Philippine Islands.

Westinghouse Electric Company officials found the facilities of the University most compatible in the 31 stops which they have made this fall across the nation to conduct a day-long seminar for papermakers.

Sixty-five men participated in the scientific forum on "Better Paper Faster at Lower Cost."
Dad's Day to Close Grid Season

With the annual Dad's Day football game coming up November 16th (this year's opponent is Kent State), Western Michigan University's football team can boast of two fathers who distinguished themselves as WMU gridders—John W. Gill and Bernard Barber, fathers of quarterback Don Gill and Tom Barber.

Gill, associate director of athletics, will see his son Don, a senior, perform for the last time for the Brown & Gold. Don has seen considerable action in early season games; he took over the starting assignment for the opener against Central Michigan and for the Miami home opener when regular quarterback, Captain Bob Mason, was laid up with a broken finger.

Don's father was one of WMU's great football players—he lettered at halfback in the 1919-20-21-22 seasons and was an important part of the famous WMU 1922 team which won six, lost none and tied none and was unscored upon.

Bernard Barber, who developed outstanding high school teams at Lakeview and Sparta in sixteen years of coaching, will see son Tom perform in the Dad's Day pageant. A junior, Tom is playing his first season as a signal-caller after lettering last year as a halfback.

Tom's father Bernard was a first-string fullback for the Broncos in 1934. In 1935, just before the opener, Barber broke a foot and was out for the year. Bernard is originally from Vicksburg.

While only two fathers are represented as former Bronco athletes, there are outstanding brother and uncle-nephew representations. Fullback Lovell Coleman's brother Horace lettered in the 1940-41-42 seasons (he was most valuable player the last two seasons he played) and in 1942 led the state in scoring. End Lew Secory's uncle, Frank now a National League umpire, was a starting guard for WMU in the 1933-34-35 seasons.

1922 Unbeaten Team Returns November 16

In conjunction with the annual Dad's Day game against Kent State November 16th, the Broncos last year, the letterwinners of the 1922 team are holding a reunion. The 1922 team posted six wins, no losses, no ties and was unscored upon under coach Milton Olander, who, along with John W. Gill dreamed up the reunion idea.

Olander is presently in Toledo, Ohio, where he's a representative of Owens Glass Co. Olander and Gill and all other letter winners of the 1922 squad will see the Kent State game, then dine at the new University Student Center.

Three of the fifteen players of the 1922 team are deceased: Donald Bauer, Wilbur (Whip) Johnson, and Carroll Messenger. Most of the rest are still connected with athletics. Here's a rundown on the letterwinners:

- Leo Redmond, principal at Bunker Junior high school, Muskegon.
- Henry Le Moin, athletic director at Otsego high school.
- Rudel Miller, owner of Miller-Boerman Sporting Goods, Kalamazoo.
- Harry Potter, athletic director at Muskegon high school.
- Sam Bishop, athletic director, Northwestern high school, Detroit.
- Oscar (Okie) Johnson, athletic director and football coach at Muskegon Heights high school.
- Martin Van Wingen, coach at Grand Rapids Creston high school.
- Albert Kreuz, owner of haberdashery store in Philadelphia.
- Ernest Gerke, teacher at Port Huron high school.
- John W. Gill, WMU's associate director of athletics.
- Bernard McCann, teaching in Lansing Eastern high school.

All but Kreuz are expected to attend the reunion.