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# VESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

# News LETTER

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#### AID TO WANDERLUST

# Foreign Study Opportunities Outlined

In line with the trend to become better acquainted with our world neighbors through such media as the radio and jet planes, an increasing number of the students at Western Michigan University are anxious to study abroad for a summer or a year. Students who go abroad for the summer join traveling seminars sponsored by various colleges and universities, including Western, or attend summer sessions of foreign institutions of higher learning. Courses are offered especially for English-speaking students in such countries as Mexico, Austria, France, Germany, Italy and the Scandinavian countries.

The best time for an undergraduate student to spend a year of study abroad is when he is a junior. This is what is called the "Junior Year Abroad Program." Several colleges and universities in our country have coordinated their third year of undergraduate work with like institutions abroad. A student who has enrolled in such an institution in order to study in a foreign country may have his credits transferred to Western Michigan University, provided that such an arrangement has been previously approved by the registrar before his departure.

Graduating seniors, graduate students, and alumni may apply for various scholarships and fellowships for an academic year of study that are offered by the Department of State, such as the Fulbright Scholarships, and by various national organizations, such as Rotary International and the American Association of University Women. Many countries

offer governmental scholarships of varying stipends. In most cases, the grants do not cover all of the expenses involved. The recipients of Fulbright Scholarships receive tuition, maintenance, and travel to and from the country of their choice. The deadlines for applications for entrance to foreign universities and for grants vary. The deadline date for applications for Fulbright Scholarships for the school year 1959-1960 is November 1, 1958. Other deadline dates range from November to May. Ample time must be allowed for filling in the application blanks and getting the required number of recommendations. In non-English speaking countries an adequate knowledge of the language of the country is usually required. A high

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# Librarian Heads National Division

Miss Katharine M. Stokes, head librarian for the last 10 years, is the new president of the Library Administration division of the American Library Association.

This major division of the ALA is interested in the general improvement of all aspects of library administration in all types and sizes of libraries. The division includes some 17 committees and two major research projects.

In addition to her campus duties with the new D. B. Waldo Library, Miss Stokes is also completing work for her doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Michigan.

scholarship average is very important.

Students interested in studying abroad will be able to talk with fellow students and faculty members who have done so during the annual International Travel Night on Wednesday, November 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. in the Administration Building.

Editor's Note: Local persons interested in study abroad should contact Dr. A. Edythe Mange, professor of history, for more detailed information and assistance.

# Field Services Jump 50 Percent in Year, Report Reveals

The outreach of the Division of Field Services continues to grow, and has recorded more than a 50 per cent increase during the past year, according to Otto Yntema, director of the division.

In his annual report, Yntema reveals that persons reached in 1957-58 were 62,872, a marked increase from the previous year's record high of 41,328. This is the greatest increase noted in the 11 years of operation under Yntema.

All areas of endeavor recorded increases, with adult education jumping from 14,828 to 25,410; inservice education, 18,208 to 24,897; planning and promotion, 1,033 to 4,278; field service classes, 6,246 to 7,229, and correspondence courses, 1,014 to 1,058.

As the need presents itself, the division continues to expand its services to serve the people of Michigan.

# Heart Funds Aid New Home Program

Funds from the Michigan Heart Association are making possible a rehabilitation program in 11 Southwestern Michigan counties this year, conducted through the department of home economics.

Mrs. Alice Kavanaugh has been appointed to conduct the work, which will teach cardiac victims and other such handicapped persons how they can carry on their normal home duties with the least amount of physical effort.

Counties in which classes will be conducted are Kalamazoo, Van Buren, Allegan, St. Joseph, Branch, Calhoun, Eaton, Berrien, Ottawa, Kent and Barry.

The University ranked second in the nation during 1956-57 in number of graduates in occupational therapy, according to the U.S. Office of Education.



# Sebaly Directs Student Teaching

Dr. A. L. (Mike) Sebaly is the new director of student teaching at the University, replacing Dr. L. Morris McClure, who has become assistant dean of the College of Education, University of Maryland.

Dr. Sebaly is a WMU graduate who first joined the faculty in 1945 on the University high school staff.

For the last two and one-half years he has been on leave as the national director of the teacher education and religion study project of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, with offices in Oneonta, N. Y. WMU was one of the original pilot centers for the five-year study.

Among those assisting Dr. Sebaly will be Dr. Wendell J. Hunt, formerly principal of the Paw Paw elementary school.

A sixth WMU instructor to earn his doctoral degree this year is K. Philip Rahbany, an assistant professor of economics. Five others were reported earlier in the News Letter. Dr. Rahbany's major field of study has been public utilities at the University of Wisconsin.

# Eight New Faculty Appointments Reported at WMU

Eight persons named to the Western Michigan faculty for the fall semester offer a variety of backgrounds from young persons fresh from graduate school to those with a broad background of academic experience.

Most are being hired this year to fill vacancies caused by resignations and retirements.

Miss Mary Hurlbut will teach in the fifth grade of the University Elementary school as an assistant professor of education. A graduate of Iowa State Teachers College and the Michigan State University, Miss Hurlbut has taught at Williamsburg. Iowa; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the Clear Lake camp near Battle Creek, and MSU.

George Klein, a new instructor of sociology, comes to Western from the University of Illinois where he earned BA and MA degrees, and has been studying for his doctorate. For the past two years Klein has been a research and teaching fellow there. He is married. Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Klein now calls Chicago home, and his parents reside there.

Robert F. Marsden brings a background of theatre experience to the campus, and as an instructor in speech will also serve as technical director for the University Theatre. He is a graduate of Millikin University and Ohio University, and is working for his doctorate at the Uni-



Klein





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versity of Iowa. Teaching experience has been gained by Marsden at the University of Mississippi, Iowa and St. Cloud State College. He is married and has one daughter.

New to the geography faculty is Fleming S. Moore, who for the past three years has been teaching at East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C. Moore has degrees from the Universities of Kansas City and Kansas, and is working towards his doctorate at the University of Washington. He also has a certificate from the Latin-American Institute, following a year's study. Moore is single.

Vern L. Norris returns to the campus after a successful high school coaching career to become assistant to the placement director. Originally from Grand Rapids, he has coached and taught at Traverse City, Rockford and Hillsdale since graduation from Western. He earned his MA degree at the University of

Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have two daughters.

Dr. John A. Popplestone comes from St. Louis, Mo., as an assistant professor of psychology. Formerly from Detroit, he took his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, his MA at Wayne State University, and earned his Ph.D. degree at Washington University. He has had considerable experience in clinical psychology. Dr. and Mrs. Poppleston have one daughter.

Dr. Alvin Strickler brings many years of experience to the department of chemistry, where he has been appointed for one year. After graduation from Eastern Michigan College he taught there, then at Hunter College and the University of Wisconsin, before becoming head of the chemistry department at Evansville College in Indiana in 1921. He retired in 1954 from that post. Dr. Strickler also has degrees from the University of Michigan and University of Wisconsin. He and his wife have been living at Frankfort, and they have one son.

New to the library staff is James E. Tydeman, who will direct the new library annex in the School of Business building. A graduate of the Universities of Minnesota and Chicago, Tydeman for the last three years has been on the library staff at Southern Illinois University. Before that he has had experience at the University of Kansas and Chicago. He is married and has one daughter.



Norris



**Popplestone** 



Strickler

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# Prepare Own Text For Freshmen in Communication Class

As most universities vary the content of specific courses to meet the aims of their own programs, supplementary texts frequently are found to be wanting in some respects.

In order to circumvent this and to provide a useful text for the freshman students who must take the basic studies studies requirement in Communication, the faculty in this area has created its own text.

Under the editorship of Dr. Ralph N. Miller the text was prepared last

# Two Fellowships in Alcoholism Granted

Two \$1,700 graduate fellowships in alcoholism have been granted by the University, in cooperation with the Michigan State Board of Alcoholism.

Holt Babbitt and David Wassenaar, both of Grand Rapids, have accepted the fellowships and will carry on graduate studies on the campus under the direction of Merrill Wiseman, professor of biology.

Research projects for the two men have been selected with the State Board of Alcoholism, and the results are expected to be of value in assessing the work of the board. spring, featuring contemporary articles and essays designed and selected to adequately assist in the full development of the Communication class.

Dr. Miller says: "The content of the Communication course is the individual and his community as they respond to and are controlled by language. It attempts to establish reasons for possessing skills, and to direct the operation of these skills toward a relationship between the individual and his community which is both understanding and stimulating."

Dr. Arnold Nelson is chairman of the Communication faculty.

## U.S. Gives Aid For OT Students

The office of vocational rehabilitation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has made two grants to the University's department of occupational therapy during the summer, totalling \$5,500.

The first grant of \$2,200 will provide \$800 each for two senior students, and \$300 each for two students engaged in their clinical affiliation work.

Just prior to the opening of classes a \$3,300 grant was received, including \$2,400 for a graduate student, \$400 for a senior, \$200 for a junior and \$300 for a clinical affiliate.

#### Third Annual Paper Conference Jan. 14

January 14 and 15, 1959, are the dates set for the third annual pulp and paper conference at the University, with the department of paper technology playing host to papermakers for the day and half meetings in the paper industry laboratories.

The surface treatment of paper and paperboard at the size press and the calendars will be the subject for the day.

#### October Football

Oct. 4—at Marshall College
Oct. 11—Bowling Green State U.
Oct. 18—at Washington U.

Oct. 25—U. of Toledo (Homecoming)

#### Eichenlaub Added To Track Staff

While taking further work in geography, Val Eichenlaub, a 1955 graduate and former track star, has been added to the University staff to assist George Dales, head track coach. The appointment is for one year only.

Eichenlaub earned the athleticscholarship medal upon graduation, but since that time has changed his field of interest. He is now preparing to continue graduate work in geography towards a doctorate. His home is in Battle Creek.



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