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NINTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY-WIDE VENTURE

Festival of Arts Heads March Activities

The arts-in-process-of-creation will be the theme of the ninth annual Festival of Arts which will be observed on the WMU campus March 5 through March 26.

The festival will move into full swing Sunday, March 8, with a reception which initiates the three-week student art exhibition in the McCracken hall galleries. Several of the plastic and visual arts will be demonstrated “in process of creation” in the studios and labs of the art department. Another exhibit will show all stages from the original “doodles” to the final color-separation drawings and plates for the three-color cover design by John Kemper, used for all Festival programs.

Emlyn Williams, well-known English actor, will present a program of dramatic readings from the work of Dylan Thomas at Central high school auditorium March 10.

The concert band will give a Sunday afternoon program at Central March 15; followed on Tuesday by “A Study in Jazz” program by the student music fraternity, in the Student Center ballroom; and on Thursday, March 19, by an all-Matthews program in Kanley chapel, made up of songs for solo voice and for chorus, a 'cello and piano suite, and an organ sonata composed by Dr. Holon Matthews of the music department faculty.

The technical dress rehearsal for Everyman, the campus production of the medieval morality play, will be open to the public Wednesday evening, March 18, so that they may see dramatic art in process of creation. The regular presentations of Everyman will begin March 23 and run through March 26, when the Festival of Arts closes.

All programs except the final productions of the play, are free to students, faculty, and friends.

Dr. Clayton A. Holaday is chairman of the committee planning the festival. His assistants include John Kemper, Daniel Kyser, Miss Ann Shaw, Mrs. Helen Brown, Sterling Breed, Howard Mowen, and Miss Thelma Anton.
Three Added for Second Semester Instructional Aid

During the second semester three persons have been added to the faculty of the University.

Dr. Charity Risher is teaching in education. She is the wife of Dr. Charles Risher, industrial education, and is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, and last summer earned her doctorate at the University of Missouri. She has previously taught at East Carolina College.

William J. Frazer has joined the geography and geology department, after completing his doctoral studies at the University of Michigan. His undergraduate work was at the University of Illinois.

Considerable experience in petroleum distribution has been brought by A. F. Goldsmith, who comes to the distribution education department. He is also teaching one class in mathematics. A graduate of Eastern Illinois State University and a former teacher and superintendent, Goldsmith has been with the Ohio Oil Company for the last 20 years, in charge of the salesman training program.

Summer Geobotany Study Assured

College faculty members will have an opportunity for two weeks of intensive study in geobotany because of a $17,900 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Harriette Bartoo, professor of biology, will conduct the conference for 50 teachers from Aug. 1 to 15. She says, “Our intention is to present a background study for an intelligent interpretation of the subject of world-wide distribution of vegetation, equally stressing in its international aspects the viewpoints of the geographer, the geologist, the biologist and the conservationist.”

Assisting her will be Dr. Oscar Horst and Dr. Leo VanderBeek, WMU; Dr. Chester A. Arnold, University of Michigan; Dr. A. W. Kuchler, University of Kansas, and Dr. Frank E. Egler, Anton Forest, Norfolk, Conn.

Baseball Team Ventures South for 10 Days of Florida Tournament Play

Coach Charlie Maher’s baseball team will take part in Florida State University’s fourth annual invitational tournament at Tallahassee March 26 through April 4.

Also invited to play in the Florida State tourney are Michigan, Illinois, and Michigan State (all from the NCAA’s District No. 4) and Duke, Florida and North Carolina—all southern baseball powers. It is the fourth straight year in which Florida State hosts some of the nation’s outstanding collegiate nines.

There will be no official tourney champion declared, and tournament pairings will be announced later. It is the first Florida trip for the Broncos, but four of the seven visiting teams have been in the Seminoles’ tourney before. Illinois and North Carolina participated in the inaugural tourney in 1956 and Duke and Michigan played there in 1957. The newcomers, besides WMU, are Florida and Michigan State.

The tourney will open March 26th with North Carolina, Illinois, Florida and Florida State opening. Michigan will join the group March 28th, and WMU, Duke and Michigan State will enter the tourney March 30th.

Of the field, Florida State coach Danny Litwhiler stated that Michigan (NCAA champion in 1953) and Western Michigan (NCAA world series contender three times) would be the teams to beat. However, both Michigan teams lost heavily through graduation and the signing of key players—and neither is figured to win the round-robin tournament.

Beginning his twenty-first season as WMU’s head man, Charlie Maher has won 271, lost 132, and tied four, a .672 percentage. Last year, the Broncos were 23-8-1, including the Mid-American Conference title (10-0), NCAA District No. 4 title (3-0), and third place in the NCAA World Series (2-2).
Don Pears First WMU House Speaker; Five Others in Lansing

Don R. Pears '23, a Republican from Buchanan, is the first Western Michigan University graduate to be honored by his fellow members in Michigan's House of Representatives with election as speaker of the house.

Others from WMU serving in the House are Homer Arnett '23, Republican from the city of Kalamazoo; Lucille Hanna McCullough, a student in 1923, Democrat from Dearborn, and Cyril H. Root, Republican from Kalamazoo County. Root attended University high school, and in 1937 received an honorary master of public administration degree from the university.

Across the way in the Michigan Senate are Basil W. Brown '50, Democrat from Detroit, and Carlton H. Morris, Republican from Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties, who received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University in 1956.

Pears is now 59 years of age and has had a varied career to fit him for this most responsible post. Upon leaving Western he taught at Big Bay in Marquette County and later at Elkhart, Ind.

County government became familiar to him in the six years he was register of deeds for Berrien County, and he later served in the House of Representatives. The Democratic landslides of the early '30's swept him out of office, and he was out of work for a while before becoming county juvenile agent. This post he kept for five years, and then took another elective post as Berrien County clerk.

His education had been interrupted for service with the Army in World War I, and with the advent of World War II Pears was again in uniform, completing his service as a captain in the Army Transportation Corps.

Pears has also twice been an unsuccessful candidate for sheriff.

When not at his busy post in Lansing, Pears is back in Buchanan where he operates a theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Pears have two daughters, Mrs. Lee Pickering, Phoenix, Ariz., and Charlene, a Michigan State University senior.

Management Conference

A management conference for small retailers and service institutions will be sponsored on the campus by the School of Business April 17, with assistance from the Small Business Administration office in Detroit.
$6,000 Given for Science Study

A study by Dr. George G. Mallinson, dean of the School of Graduate Studies, on motivation and achievement of students in science courses in the junior and senior high school, has been given a $6,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The study will cover the next four years, and cooperating schools are the Kalamazoo Public schools, University high; Rockford, Kankakee and Wilmington, Ill.; Angola, Elkhart and Kendallville, Ind.; Archbold and Bryan, O., and Marshall, and Quincy, Mich.

Twenty-five scholarships for advanced summer study in driver education will be available at the University from Aug. 3 to 14, through the Michigan Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee.

Hospitability in Lansing

M. D. (Suds) Sumney, president of the Bronco Boosters Club, has announced that the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids alumni groups of WMU will again host friends and alumni at the hospitality room in the Olds Hotel in Lansing during the state high school cage finals, Friday and Saturday, March 20-21.

Spring Sport Schedules

BASEBALL
March 30-April 4 at Florida State Tourny
April 10 at Marshall*
April 11 at Marshall*
April 13 Iowa
April 14 Iowa
April 17 at Bowling Green*
April 18 at Bowling Green*
April 21 Michigan State
April 24 at Toledo*
April 25 at Toledo*
April 28 Michigan
May 1 Miami*
May 2 Miami*
May 4 at Wisconsin
May 5 at Wisconsin
May 8 Kent State*
May 9 Kent State*
May 12 at Michigan
May 16 Notre Dame
May 22 Ohio*
May 23 Ohio*
May 30 at Notre Dame
June 6 at Michigan State

GOLF
March 31 at Louisville
April 1 at Louisville
April 2 at Marshall*
April 3 at Marshall*
April 11 at Valparaiso
April 18 at Kent State* (also Toledo there)
April 23 Wayne State
April 24 Detroit
April 25 at Michigan State
April 28 Valparaiso
May 1 at Toledo* (also Marshall & Bowling Green)
May 2 at Bowling Green* (also Ohio)
May 9 at Wayne State
May 15 at Miami* (also Kent State)
May 22-23 at MAC (Oxford, O.)
May 25 at Detroit

TENNIS
March 28 at Vanderbilt
March 30 at David Lipscomb
March 31 at Chattanooga TC
April 1 at Louisville
April 2 at Evansville
April 10 at Purdue
April 11 at Indiana
April 21 at Notre Dame
April 25 at Wayne State
April 30 at Toledo*
May 2 Kent State* (2:00)
May 4 at Iowa
May 6 Michigan (2:00)
May 8 Miami* (2:15)
May 9 Bowling Green* (2:00)
May 13 at Michigan State
May 16 Alumni (1:30)
May 22-23 MAC (Oxford O.)

TRACK
April 17 at Kent State*
April 18 at Ohio Relays (Columbus)
April 22 at Bowling Green*
April 25 at Drake Relays (Des Moines, la.) and at Michigan AAU (Ann Arbor)
May 2 Michigan and Marquette
May 8 at Indiana
May 11 Miami*
May 15 Central Michigan
May 22-23 at MAC Relays (Oxford, O.)*
June 6 at CCC (Milwaukee)

*Denotes Mid-American Conference opponent