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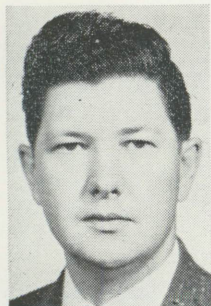
# LETTER

## LARGEST SINGLE EDUCATIONAL GRANT

# Non-Western Study Backed By Carnegie Gift

The largest single educational grant ever given to this University has come in a \$144,000 package from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and will back a new program of studies of the non-Western world.

Dr. Claude L. Phillips, Jr., assistant professor of political science, last fall was named to direct the new Institute of Regional Studies on the campus, and this represents the first concrete work of the group.



The aims of the Institute, with use of the new funds, is to provide students with a more com-

prehensive knowledge of the non-Western world.

Dr. Phillips points out "An educated person today must be aware of the non-Western world which contains two-thirds of the human race and 40 per cent of the world's states, if he is to understand the consequences of its total involvement in the modern world."

Under the terms of the grant, efforts will not be centered in the acquisition of new faculty, but are rather designed at the retraining and enriching of faculty who are already on the campus. In this light, two faculty members will be selected to spend next year abroad studying in a non-Western area. Another two faculty members will be selected to spend a year in studying at another

campus in the United States. This study will be at the post-doctoral level, aimed at increasing their competence in dealing with the non-Western world.

Selection of faculty for these experiences will be limited to those who have not recently spent time in a non-Western area.

Those faculty remaining on the campus will have an opportunity to broaden their cultural understandings through exposure to at least eight visitors for each of the three years that the grant is in force. Experts representing various areas will be invited to spend a couple of days on the campus in conferences and discussions.

Some additions to library collections in fields may also be made.

# Honors Program Off to Good Start, Says Limpus; 3.45 Grade Average

Only 14 of the original 59 freshmen participating in the new freshman-sophomore honors program were dropped at the end of the first semester, and part of those left at their own request.

Dr. Robert M. Limpus, director of the basic studies division, has been impressed with the 45 persons continuing, as they compiled a grade point average of 3.45, out of a possible 4.0. Three persons had straight A grades, and of five additions to the group, one was an all-A student.

In addition to their regular stud-

ies, enrolling in honors' sections, the selected students meet two hours each week to work on special projects, including the reading of 13 works of major importance.

In general, the students find the heavy reading schedule invigorating, along with special lectures and other intellectual pursuits. At least one-third of the group is enrolled in foreign language work, and a number already indicate that they aspire to continue their formal education beyond the undergraduate level in various graduate fields.

## Seager Appointed Brown Lecturer

Allen Seager, novelist, short story writer and teacher, will deliver the annual William R. Brown Lecture on Literature Thursday, May 5.

This annual event pays tribute to Dr. William R. Brown, who was for many years head of the English department.

Seager, a member of the University of Michigan English faculty, will talk on the way novels get written, with special reference to such writers as Dostoevsky, Stendhal, Proust, Joyce, Conrad, and himself (with his latest work now being in revision).

The committee in charge of arrangements includes Miss Mathilde Steckelberg, Mrs. Georgiann Burge, Robert Palmatier, Joseph McKee and Miss Thelma Anton. Contributions to the lecture fund will be received by the committee.

## Instructors Earn Degrees

John R. Sommerfeldt, instructor in history, and Clyde Hankey, instructor in English, were January recipients of doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. Both joined the faculty last fall.

## \$1,000 for Cancer Research

The Kalamazoo chapter of the American Cancer Society has provided \$1,000 for use in the promotion of interest in cancer research. During this semester \$750 is being used for a graduate fellowship for Robert Lahti, Berea, O., who is working with Dr. Elizabeth Tuller on the fractionation of blood serum protein. The remaining \$250 is being used for equipment.

## Two Seniors Earn Wilson Grants

Two University seniors will commence graduate studies next fall with Woodrow Wilson National Fellowships, planning eventually to enter the field of college teaching.

Lynn R. Clapham, Lansing, will study theology next year at Harvard University, and expects to eventually earn a doctorate in this field.

Robert G. Kotecki, Ludington, will study Latin at the University of Michigan. Kotecki was actually selected a year ago, while still a junior student.

For the first time this year 1,203 candidates for the fellowships were given honorable mention, including two from Western: Earl W. Morris, Kalamazoo, and Charles E. Ventura, Gary, Ind.

## Educational TV Aided by Grant; Dye New Director

Assisting in "the exchange of televised college courses among eleven colleges and universities," the Ford Foundation has granted the University \$18,000.

This will enable the University to begin its initial steps in the development of television facilities and opportunities, both on a closed circuit basis, and the eventual extension of broadcasting for schools and individuals in the Southwestern Michigan area.

Coinciding with this announcement was the appointment of Robert P. Dye, instructor of speech, as coordinator of educational television. He has been relieved of his teaching duties for one year, but will continue as director of WMCR-FM.

As an initial step in his work, Dye has conducted a recent engineering survey of the Kalamazoo area with the assistance of an engineer from the Joint Commission on Educational Television.

## Changing Tribal Cultures Viewed

Dr. Robert F. Maher, assistant professor of sociology, has received a Fulbright grant under the International Educational Exchange program that will permit him to conduct anthropological field work on changing tribal cultures among pagans of the Philippine Islands next year.

Before coming to Western Dr. Maher had conducted similar work in New Guinea, and this year he has been studying the American Indian with a \$2,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

## Baseball

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April 8, 9	—Bowling Green (MAC)
April 15, 16	—Toledo (MAC)
April 26	—Michigan
May 3	—Michigan State
May 7	—Notre Dame
May 20, 21	—Marshall (MAC)
May 27, 28	—Ball State

## Sixth Year Study In Education Latest Graduate Advancement

"Specialist in Education" will be a new degree offered beginning in the summer session, marking another major advancement in graduate work on this campus.

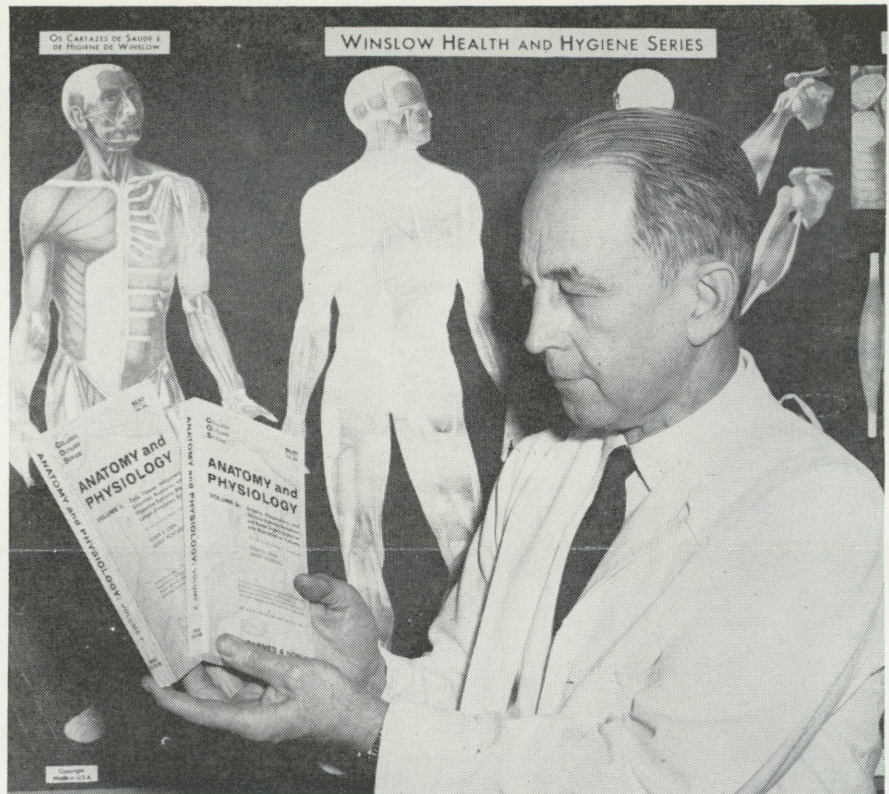
Persons working in this area will take an additional year of study beyond the master's degree, with two initial areas offered: Educational Administration and Supervision, and School Psychological Examiner. The former offers major study in general administration, secondary administration, elementary administration, and curriculum development and coordination.

President Paul V. Sangren states that the purpose of the new program is "To produce educational leaders who are competent persons, broadly and deeply educated, and well versed in the professional qualifications required of their respective educational tasks."

The School Psychological Examiner program is planned to prepare persons for certification in the state of Michigan.

Western Michigan first began offering graduate work in 1938, in conjunction with the University of Michigan and with the degree granted by the U-M. The first master of arts program, with specialization in teacher education, was offered by Western alone in 1953. Since that time its graduate program has increased steadily, with new offerings in the field of education and the inclusion of ten other subject areas for specialization. Included are: biology, chemistry, economics, English, history, librarianship, sociology, occupational therapy, political science and psychology.

Western Michigan University will again co-sponsor the Midwest Institute in Alcohol Studies, to convene in mid-June on the campus of the University of Wisconsin.



Dr. Edwin B. Steen, professor of biology, is the proud co-author of two recent additions to the College Outline Series. The books are "Anatomy and Physiology," with the work being offered in two volumes. Dr. Ashley Montagu, internationally known anthropologist, collaborated with Dr. Steen. It is reported that the books have been well received throughout the nation.

## Guidance Group Names Officers

At the conclusion of its 24th annual conference on the campus, the Southwestern Michigan Guidance Association in March named Joe Serra, Allegan, as its president for the coming year.

John LaDuke, Coopersville, is the new secretary, New directors, to serve three-year terms, are: Mrs. Helen Jennings, Gobles, and Wright Sim, Hastings.

Other directors are: Beatrice Denton and Donald Ihrman, Benton Harbor; Richard Newton, Portage; William Fitzgerald, Marshall; Kenneth Otis, Vicksburg, immediate past president, and Dr. Paul L. Griffith, WMU dean of students.

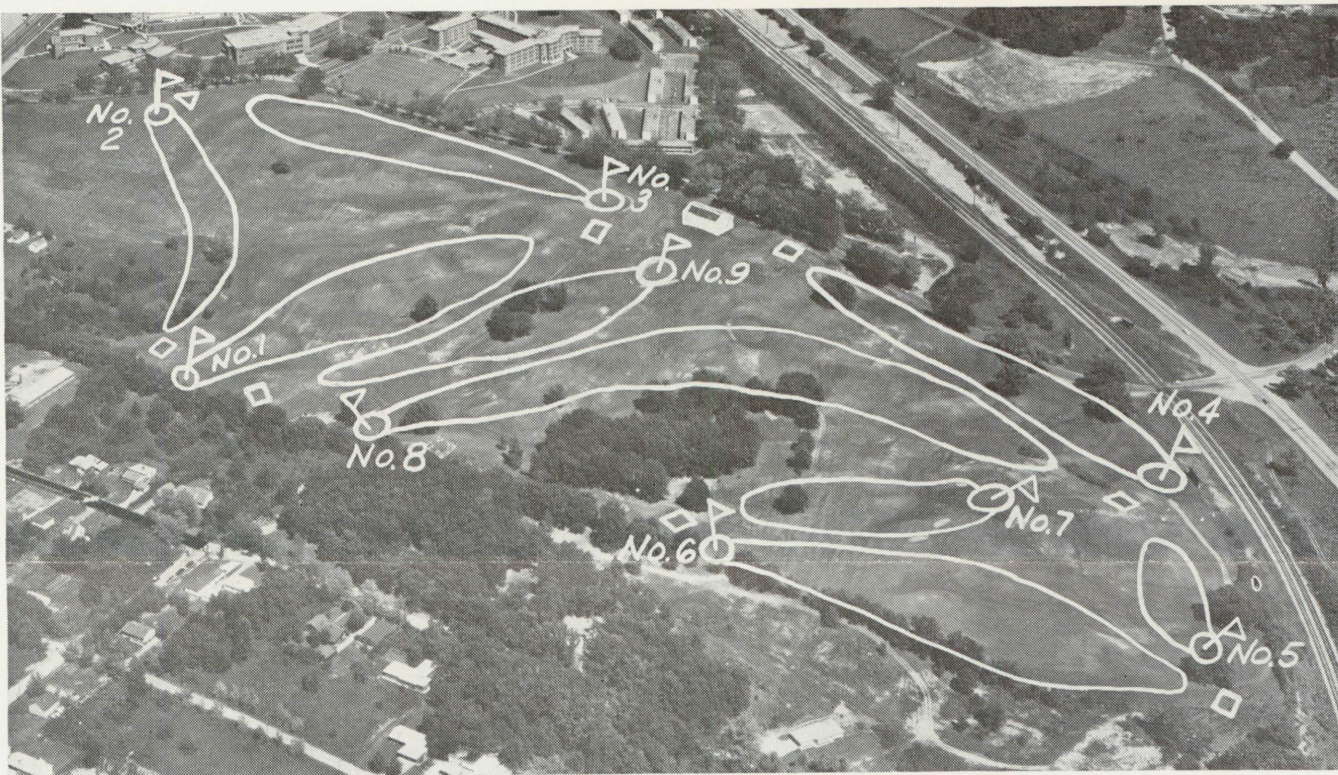
Rudy Cooper, guidance director for the Reeths-Puffer school, Muskegon, was named as the second recipient of the George H. Hilliard award as an outstanding young person in the field of guidance.

## Leonardelli Elected To MEA Board

D. B. Leonardelli, assistant director of field services, has been elected to the board of directors of the Michigan Education Association, representing region 5. He is the first higher education person so chosen, and will represent some 5,000 teachers in five Southwestern Michigan counties.

Andrew C. Nahm, a new member of the history faculty, has recently had published a new book, *Japanese Penetration of Korea, 1894-1910*, a checklist of the Japanese archives in the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

A new book of readings for college students, *Marriage and Family in the Modern World*, includes a chapter by Howard F. Bigelow, professor of economics, on "The Ebb and Flow of Finances in the Family Life Cycle."



### *A New Challenge to Golfers*

Opening its 36th season in May, the Gateway golf course of the University is Kalamazoo's oldest course. But it will be a new experience this year, for the old first and ninth holes have been abandoned to provide space for the new Natural Science building, fronting on West Michigan avenue. The new layout is shown above. While some of the greens and tees have been preserved, many have been changed. Some hills have been cut down a bit and the new layout is about 30 yards longer than the old. Ed Reuss is the pro, with the pro shop moved to top center of the picture, between the third and ninth greens.

A \$1,000 scholarship in food distribution has been presented to the University by the Central Retailer-Owned Grocers, Inc., Chicago. The grant will provide for a student's tuition, fees and books during two and one-half years of study in the super market distribution program.

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