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**LETTER****FUNDS FOR 1960-61 APPROVED****\$5,862,456 Voted for Operation; Capital Outlay Includes New Science Building**

An administration and operation budget of \$5,862,456 has been approved for the University for 1960-61 by the Michigan Legislature, including student fees and self-liquidating charges of \$982,952.

This will permit some additional staff for instruction, administration, clerical and maintenance. There will also be about a 10 per cent increase in supplies and materials.

The long awaited Natural Science building has been approved in its entirety, with \$780,000 being voted for first year construction costs on a total outlay of \$3,578,750. The much needed classroom facility will be located along West Michigan avenue at the north end of the Gateway Golf Course, of which six acres was vacated last fall. Initially this structure will probably house the

biology, mathematics and psychology departments.

Plans for the structure were materially altered and enlarged after the mathematics and drafting building was destroyed by fire in December, 1958. Both areas are temporarily housed in the Walwood Union.

Capital outlay funds also include \$20,000 for the remodeling of the Arcadia Brook building, enabling occupational therapy to be moved from its McCracken hall quarters. This space will be remodeled at a cost of \$23,000 for the expansion of the chemistry department. Another \$15,000 will permit the resurfacing of west campus streets.

Special maintenance allotments are yet to be determined, with the original request in this category totalling \$37,760.

Osborn Named Acting President

Dr. Gerald Osborn, chemist and dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was appointed interim president of the University as this NEWS LETTER goes to press.

Dr. Osborn came to Western in 1939 as head of the chemistry department and was named dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1956. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan.

He will take the reins of the University July 1, following the retirement of President Paul V. Sangren, who for 24 years has guided Western.

"I am pleased to accept this interim appointment and certainly shall endeavor to conduct the affairs of the University in the fine tradition established by President Sangren, until such time as the State Board of Education makes a permanent selection for this position," said Dr. Osborn.

New Opportunities For Graduate Study In Field Surveyed

An unusual and growing program of off campus graduate study from Western Michigan University is being developed through the efforts of the psychology department and the School of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Richard Schmidt, associate professor of psychology, is serving as the coordinator for the work this year, using several established centers and with opportunities also extended into other areas.

The program first began in 1954 with students working as counselors inside the Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson. This plan was warmly received and is still in operation, as graduate students perform a number of significant functions in assisting the regular prison staff in teaching, counseling, administrative work and other activities.

Newer programs are also established at the State Home and Training School at Coldwater and the Veterans Administration hospital at Hines, Ill. The Coldwater work is principally with mentally deficient children, while the VA hospital internship is primarily for occupational therapists interested in administrative phases of their work, and for research psychologists.

Only last year a new opportunity for counseling and leadership of younger children was initiated at the Pretty Lake Vacation camp near Kalamazoo.

While all these programs are continuing, placements this year will also include business and industry.

Students receive up to six hours of graduate credit for their efforts during the six weeks of the summer session, often providing valuable services for their work supervisors, and finding that the experience gives them a rewarding experience and an increased perspective which makes their academic courses more meaningful.

It is still possible to make some additional placements for the coming



Dr. Albert Becker, left, presents the president's gavel for the University Faculty Senate to Dr. Frederick J. Rogers, who was elected by the faculty at large for a one-year term. Dr. Becker is a professor of speech and Dr. Rogers is head of the English department.

Physicists Show Work To Area High Schools

Members of the University physics faculty have been participating this spring in the Visiting Scientists Program in Physics, a nationwide project sponsored by the American Institute of Physics.

Seven members of the department have visited 20 area high schools, aimed at arousing an increased interest in physics and cooperating with high school officials to improve the teaching of physics.

Evidences of the 1960 senior class gift may eventually show in this publication, as some \$500 has been given to the University publicity office for the purchase of photographic darkroom equipment.

summer, says Dr. Schmidt. Graduate students interested in these four openings available for professional field experiences may communicate with Dr. Schmidt.

Further information about the professional field experience program will be readily available to students, institutions, businesses and industrial organizations requesting.

Reading Influence Extends to Norway

Reading techniques developed in the Psycho-Educational Clinic are not just for Americans.

Jakob Rorvik of the Risoy Folk High School in Norway has just completed a two-month visit on the campus where he has worked with Homer L. J. Carter, and hopes to adapt techniques used here for work with his merchant marine students.

In an unusual opportunity for first hand collaboration, Rorvik devoted a part of his time to the translation of "Effective Reading for College Students," a book co-authored by Carter and Miss Dorothy McGinnis, assistant director of the clinic.

Thus, the influence of Western continues to spread around the world in bringing better opportunities to many peoples.

As the first collegiate institution in the nation to introduce a cooperative distributive education program in petroleum distribution, the University is the focal point for an extension of such activities in Michigan high schools.



Robert E. Snow, left, a Sturgis mathematics teacher for 21 years, accepts a certificate from Dr. Charles H. Butler, head of the mathematics department, honoring Snow as the "outstanding science and mathematics teacher in Southwestern Michigan this year." The award is in the name of the Faculty Science club.

Eastman, U-M, Special Summer English Lecturer

Dr. Arthur M. Eastman, associate professor of English at the University of Michigan, will join the WMU faculty for the summer session as a special guest lecturer in English.

An undergraduate course in Shakespeare and a graduate course in satire will be his offerings.



Dr. Eastman

In 1956 Dr. Eastman received an award for excellence in teaching and in 1957-58 was a Guggenheim fellow. He has also

been the narrator for a recent U-M television series.

This summer the English department is also offering 15 other courses for graduate and undergraduate students.

In graduate study in English at Western a person may study either the Teaching of Language and Lit-



Maj. Gen. Don R. Ostrander, a student in 1932 and 1933, will return to the campus Thursday, June 23, to deliver an address to summer session students. Gen. Ostrander went from Western to West Point and is now director of launch vehicles project for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He will speak at 2 p.m. in the University Student Center.

erature, or English. The former combines courses in English and those in professional education, while in the latter and stress is on criticism.

Special Features in '60 Summer Session, Opening June 20

Two special groups on campus this summer will be here attending institutes sponsored in cooperation with the National Science Foundation.

Forty teachers will spend eight weeks at an institute for junior high school teachers of science, working on the up dating of their knowledge in biology, earth and physical sciences, and the integration of various subjects in the general science program.

Kalamazoo teachers enrolled are Schuyler T. Barnum, Daniel P. French, Gerald L. Hollowell and Donald J. Wittrig.

Thirty-eight high school juniors will be on the campus for six weeks, with their institute concerning itself with advanced chemistry, advanced physics, and related mathematics.

Local high school participants are Michael Greiner, 2617 Taliesin; Linda J. Klosterman, 328 Glenguile; Kenneth M. VanderVelde, 2203 Sheffield, and Michael D. Coombs, 1319 Texel.

Also coming to the campus are two groups of 25 to attend the three-week programs in the "Principles and Practice of Coated Paper Manufacture" conducted by the department of paper technology. Participants hail from all over the nation and Canada.

The official summer session begins Monday, June 20, and concludes Friday, July 29. Dr. John J. Pruis is again the director of the summer session.

New members of the Paper Technology Advisory committee include Leonard R. Growden, vice president, Mead Corporation, Chillicothe, O.; E. J. Gilman, vice president and mill manager, Allied Paper Corporation, Kalamazoo; Robert D. Caine, vice president, KVP Sutherland Paper Company, and E. E. Stephenson, director of quality, KVP Sutherland Paper Company. Stephenson is the first member named by the Paper Technology Alumni Association.

19 Seniors Receive Grants for Advanced Study Next Year

Nineteen students who will graduate this month have been offered opportunities for advanced study through various financial aids at universities across the nation.

Lynn Clapham, president of the senior class from Lansing, leads the group with a Woodrow Wilson fellowship to study theology at Harvard University this next year, after which he will have a Danforth Foundation fellowship to continue his work towards a doctorate. He plans to become a university professor.

Others listed are:

Alan G. Atherly, assistantship in chemistry, University of North Carolina; Carl Bajema, fellowship in biology, WMU; Cheryl Belding, fellowship in home economics, WMU; Thomas Downs, traineeship in biostatistics, University of Michigan; David Gillette, fellowship in political science, WMU; Kay Ann Higbee, internship in journalism, State University of Iowa.

Richard Jeric, scholarship in speech and hearing, University of Wisconsin; Robert G. Kotecki, Woodrow Wilson fellowship in Latin,



Proud owners of a new, white Dodge Dart sedan are President and Mrs. Paul V. Sangren, shown here as they formally accepted the new car. Robert Cooper of H. J. Cooper, Inc., delivered the car to the house, and on hand was Otto Yntema, right, chairman of the campus committee which helped prepare the Tribute dinner for the Sangrens April 6. At that time Dr. Sangren was given a large certificate entitling him to "the car of his choice."

University of Michigan; Robert Lahti, fellowship in chemistry, WMU; Karen Meisel, state college fellowship in romance languages, University of Michigan; Richard Mitchell, research assistantship in geography, State University of Iowa; Earl Morris, fellowship in sociology, WMU.

Edwin R. Page, fellowship in speech and hearing, Ohio University;

Kenneth R. Rodarmer, fellowship in chemistry, WMU; Jack Seilheimer, fellowship in ecology, University of Louisville; David Simpson, Alfred Sloan fellowship in mathematics, University of Michigan; Marcia Wagar, fellowship in chemistry, Iowa State University, and John Zettella, research fellowship in radiation biology, Michigan State University.

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