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Inauguration Set

The inauguration of President James W. Miller will be held Saturday morning, May 20, in the University Field House. Dr. Stephen S. Nisbet,

Fremont, and president of the State Board of Education, will preside at the ceremonies. A luncheon will follow at the University Student Center.

150,000th Book Recorded

Important to any campus is the growth of its library, and the Dwight B. Waldo Library staff has been proud to mark a milestone this spring, in the acquisition of its 150,000th book.

Dr. Katharine Stokes is quick to point out that while it took Western's library 36 years to acquire its 50,000th, and another 14 years to reach the 100,000 mark, it has been only seven years in climbing to 150,000.

Also noted is that while in the 1959-60 fiscal year accessions reached 10,000, that this mark was attained during the first eight months of the current year. But this additional purchasing has been possible only because of funds, a new ordering system and additional personnel in this area.

"Ninety per cent of our new books are purchased upon faculty requests," says Dr. Stokes. "A priority system has been established and departments indicate which books they need most urgently. Eventually we hope to fill all of their requests."

The 150,000th book is On Thermonuclear War, by Herman Kahn, and bears somewhat happier tidings of man's possible fate than did the 100,000th book, Tomorrow, by Philip Wylie.



Miss Hazel DeMeyer, order librarian; Dr. Katharine Stokes, librarian



Eight Join Faculty for Second Semester

Eight persons, seven of them pictured below, joined the Western Michigan faculty in February. They are:

Dr. Harold W. Boles, associate professor of education. A graduate of Indiana State Teachers, he holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University and for the last six years was an educational consultant for Jos. Baker & Associates, architects, of Newark, O. He is married and has four children.

KATHARINE C. BUTLER, instructor in psychology. Mrs. Butler has a wide experience in speech pathology, since graduating from Western in 1950. She also earned her M.A. degree and is completing her Specialist in Education studies as a school psychological examiner. She is married and has three children.

CLARE ROSETT GOLDFARB, instructor in English. The wife of an English instructor, Mrs. Goldfarb is a graduate of Smith College and New

York University, and is now in the midst of doctoral studies at Indiana Univerity, where she was a teaching assistant for two years.

REX E. HALL, assistant professor of industrial education. Hall comes to Western from Texas, where he earned two degrees at Texas A & M. He has taught at Arlington State College and Kansas State College, Pittsburg. He is married and has three children.

Louis J. Junker, assistant professor of economics. A native of New Jersey, Junker taught for the last













Boles

Goldfarb

Hall

Junker

Lawson

Perez

Sauer

New Land Acquired

Much needed additional land has become a part of the University campus, with the recent negotiations involving the University farm on Milham Road. In a three-way transaction the University has acquired about 100 acres northwest of the University Student Center and lying generally in the valley between West Main Street and West Michigan Avenue. It is shown in the area outlined by the solid line, while the dotted line designates the existing west campus area. This picture, taken in mid-1960, fails to show the three structures now being erected on the campus.

Miss Carole Harrison, a new member of the University art faculty, has received a \$2,000 grant from the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation, New York, to permit her to continue experimental work in architectural sculpturing. Having already developed a medium which is a combination of sheet copper, welding rod, screen, cold solder, and various acids for coloring agents, Miss Harrison wishes to combine with it bronze casting and brass brazing.

three years at Elmira College, and before that at the University of Connecticut. He is a graduate of the University of Denver and University of Connecticut, and is now completing his doctorate at Wisconsin. Junker is married and has three children.

E. Thomas Lawson, instructor in philosophy and religion. Born in South Africa, Lawson has been educated at the Northern Baptist Theological College and the University of Chicago, and is now completing his doctorate at the latter. He is married.

Francisco R. Perez, instructor in language. Perez comes to Western from the University of Arizona, where he has been a graduate assistant. He is a graduate of Texas Western College, where he also earned his master's degree. Perez is a native of Mexico City, and has taught in El Paso, Texas. He is unmarried.

DR. WARREN L. SAUER, assistant professor of sociology. With teaching experience at Michigan State University, Dr. Sauer has joined the sociology faculty. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and MSU. He is unmarried.



State Champion Debaters

These four coeds and their coach found their tactics and abilities in debate equal to the occasion and swept all honors in the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Competition in late February, becoming Michigan's top debating team. Seated are Miss Mary Jo Volpert, Peru, Ind., and Miss Barbara Tallerday, Pontiac, the affirmative team. Standing are Miss Helene Lafkas, Muskegon Heights, and Miss Elaine Vandenbout, Grand Rapids, both freshmen and the negative team, and Mrs. Deldee Herman, the proud coach of the women's debating team.

Secondary Science Institute Granted

A summer science training program will be conducted for secondary school students with the aid of a \$12,580 grant from the National Science Foundation, the third consecutive year that Western Michigan has held such an institute.

Western this summer is also hosting three other NSF institutes and a National Defense Education Act institute.

Forty students who have completed their junior year in high school

Spring Enrollment

Spring semester enrollment is 8,835, as opposed to the fall semester of 9,327. The new total is 13 per cent above the spring of 1960, when 7,786 were studying on campus. Undergraduate enrollment is 7,754 and graduate students number 1,081.

will come to Western for six weeks, and will study advanced chemistry, physics and mathematics.

Dean George G. Mallinson is the institute director, and staff members will include Dr. Maloye Holmes, Dr. Stanley Derby, Dr. Charles H. Butler and Jacob Dewitt.

Howard F. Bigelow, Veteran Economist, Succumbs Feb. 24

One of the kindliest men ever to grace the faculty of Western Michigan University has departed.

Howard F. Bigelow, an expert in family finance, eminent churchman, teacher and author, passed away February 24 after an extended illness that had taken him from the classroom late in the fall semester.

Mr. Bigelow had served Western Michigan as a teacher of economics since 1924 and attained the rank of professor in 1953. He was a native of the city, a graduate of Wesleyan College and Harvard University. In 1919-20 he taught at the College of Agriculture, University of Puerto Rico, and from 1920 to 1923 at Kalamazoo Central high school.

His first text on family finance, published in 1936, had received wide usage, and he had since authored a second text in the field. Mr. Bigelow was also frequently asked to contribute chapters to other books, stressing this particular area of interest.

But his teaching did not consume all of his time, and he gave liberally of his talents to the St. Luke's Episcopal church. His singing was much



Mr. Howard Bigelow

appreciated, and his lay leadership was recognized on a number of occasions when he was asked to represent the church at national meetings.

The Bigelow household, a partnership which he and the former Ruth Cooley had begun in 1924, was known to generations of students as a haven for rest and for inspiration in times of need. Their four children, Barbara, Mary, James and John, grew up there.

Less than a year ago Mr. Bigelow was elected third vice president of the new Michigan Consumers Association.

Sheeler Becomes Security Officer

C. Keith Sheeler, a 1950 graduate, joined the University staff in January as director of security and safety, a new position much needed on the rapidly expanding campus.

Following graduation, Sheeler taught and coached for a year at



Galesburg and then joined the staff of the Kalamazoo Police Department, where he remained for six years. At the conclusion of his service he was training director and direc-

tor of the juvenile division.

The past three years he had been friend of the court for the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court.

He had studied police administration at the University of Louisville and spent 12 weeks at the Delinquency Control Institute of the University of Southern California.

His wife is the former Eleanor Rough '49, and they have three daughters.



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