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Defense Department Selects WMU Theater To Take Fall Play on Overseas Junket

An overseas tour for the Western Michigan University theater, including the Defense Department's Northeast command, has been announced in New York, and by WMU President James W. Miller.

Eight students and a director will take the play, "The Tender Trap," on a four-week tour of service bases in the command, which reaches north up the Atlantic coast and towards Europe, leaving the United States Oct. 16.

Faber DeChaine has been selected to direct the play and a cast will be announced at a later date.

In commenting on this opportunity, Dr. Zack York, head of the WMU speech department, proudly said that Western's theater was one of only nine in the United States elected for this unusual opportunity. Nomination to the Department of Defense and the United Service Organization was made by Dr. Campton Bell, chairman of the American Educational Theatre Association Overseas Touring Committee.

Dr. Bell, in writing to President Miller, said: "In addition to providing entertainment for our service men, the tour offers a real opportunity for your students to be unofficial ambassadors for the United States in the foreign countries visited."

Prior to formal selection Western gave indication of the plays it would be willing to consider and "The Tender Trap" was chosen.

Dr. York states that between now and October the staff will be busy in working out student programs so that they will be able to complete their semester of study without too much interruption, and in the difficult job of preparing scenery and costumes that can be transported in a very limited amount of space.

"Of course," says Dr. York, "we are thrilled at this opportunity to display the kind of theatrical work being done at Western. It presents a real challenge to us."

WMCR Now WMUK

Quietly WMCR, FM voice of Western Michigan University, passed out of existence in May, becoming WMUK. Robert P. Dye, station director, states that program notes are continuing to be published and will be mailed to any interested persons.
President Miller Given Tech Honorary Degree

President James W. Miller was invited to the Michigan College of Mining and Technology in May to speak to its honor students. During the services he was also honored with the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws. Dr. J. R. VanPelt, Tech president, is shown at the left, as the hood is placed on Dr. Miller's shoulders by Dr. Burton Fryxell and Dr. James Neilson of the Tech faculty. An Amherst graduate, Dr. Miller holds advanced degrees from the University of Minnesota, and this is his first honorary recognition.

ROTC Unit Boasts New University Flag

ROTC cadets at the University will now march behind a proper unit flag, as the new banner arrived in late May from the heraldic branch of the Quartermaster Corps. Col. Albert H. Jackman, commanding officer, is justly proud of the red and gray flag, which includes a brown and gold University seal.

Academic Acccorded Outstanding Group of June Graduates

June honor graduates appeared in their gowns in May for the annual Honors. At the left the top group, including to right: Summa cum laude, Neil F. S G. Stagg, Ruth J. Smith, Doris A. B Wuersching. Front row, magna cum i C. Duram, David L. Baxter, Edward Patmos, Judy Fewell and Jack Pierce graduates are pictured at the right; f to right: Dorothy Giovannini, Carol Alice Becker, Joanne Oberliesen, Ju Barbara Parish and Marie Moores. Laura Reed, Ruth Kwapil, Linda B Hough, Janet Williams, Marlene La Spoelstra and Mary Heasley. Back Dentler, Leslie Cochran, James Johnson James Beardsley and Janet Cornell.
Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Top Students

Each year a few outstanding junior and senior men are selected for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, senior honorary leadership fraternity. Selected this spring were: front row, left to right: Allan Mumbrue, Paw Paw; David Baxter, Nashville; John Speicher, Birmingham; James Johnson, Holland; and Gerald Tomory, Bangor. Back row: Melvin Bricker, Howe, Ind.; Karl Wurssching, Kalamazoo; Gale Leither, Goshen, Ind.; Paul Minter, South Haven; and Wayne Boylan, Monroe.

Faculty Senate Picks Officers for 1961-62

Leadership of the Faculty Senate shifted in June from Dr. Frederick J. Rogers, left, head of the English department, to Dr. Philip Denenfeld, accepting the gavel, an associate professor of English. Elected by the Senate as its other officers were, continuing to the right: Dr. Leo VanderBeek, biology, vice president; Wendall Fidler, distributive education, treasurer; George Cooper, business education, recording secretary, and Miss Bernyce Cleveland, Campus School, corresponding secretary.
Promotions Awarded
33 on Faculty for Next Academic Year

Thirty-three University faculty members have received promotions in rank for the next academic year, according to President James W. Miller.

By schools, they are:

School of Applied Arts and Sciences—Dr. John Fanselow, professor of paper technology; James L. Ulmer, assistant professor of industrial education; Mrs. Jane Thomas, assistant professor of occupational therapy, and Dean Tyndall, associate professor of occupational therapy.

School of Business—Dr. William Burdick and Dr. Fred Hartenstein, professors of business.

School of Education—Dr. Donald Davis and Dr. Harvey Overton, associate professors of education; Mrs. June France and William Fox, assistant professors of education (Campus School).

School of Graduate Studies—Dr. Jean Lowrie, professor of librarianship.

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences—Dr. I. Beth Schultz, associate professor of biology; Dr. Robert Anderson and Dr. Robert Nagler, associate professors of chemistry; Dr. George Klein, assistant professor of economics; Dr. Edward Callan, Dr. Irving Lo and John Woods, associate professors of English; Dr. Robert Shafer and Dr. Russell Goldfarb, assistant professors of English; Dr. Eugene Kirchherr, associate professor of geography; Dr. Howard Mowen, professor of history; Dr. Ernst Breitsach, associate professor of history; Sherwood Cordier, assistant professor of history; Sam B. Adams and Daniel Kyser, associate professors of music; Dr. Nathan Nichols, professor of physics; Jacob DeWitt, associate professor of physics; Dr. Roy Olton, associate professor of political science; Dr. Roland Ebel, assistant professor of political science; Dr.

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1961 FOOTBALL

Sept. 16 at Central Michigan
Sept. 22 at Detroit (night)
Sept. 30 Miami (Rotary & Band Day)
Oct. 7 at Bowling Green
Oct. 14 Open
Oct. 21 at Toledo
Oct. 28 Marshall (Homecoming)
Nov. 4 Kent State (Dad’s Day)
Nov. 11 Utah State
Nov. 18 at Ohio
Home kickoff, 1:30 P.M.

Superior Rating
Given ROTC Unit

An overall rating of superior has been given the ROTC unit by Federal inspecting officers.

Col. William J. Mullen, University of Notre Dame, and Lt. Col. Milton Grogg, Indiana University, headed the team visiting the campus for two days.

"Training facilities furnished the ROTC are considered outstanding in comparison with those furnished at other institutions," read the report in part. For a number of years Western's unit was housed in a temporary structure, and only in this past year has all remodeling been completed on a portion of the Oakland gymnasium for use by the ROTC, providing them with a drill hall, classrooms, rifle range, supply rooms and offices.

Believed to be the highest report ever earned by this unit, special note was taken of the superior organization and the high morale in the unit.

Richard Schmidt, professor of psychology; William Dopheide and Robert P. Dye, assistant professors of speech.