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SENIOR WINS ADVANCE STUDY GRANT

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Selects WMU’s Speckman

Planning a career as a college teacher, William Speckman, senior student from Mishawaka, Indiana, is the recipient of a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship for a year of advanced study.

One of the nation’s most coveted grants, it pays $1,500 plus tuition and fees for a year of advanced study. There were 1,058 awards made this year from 9,975 candidates.

Two years ago Lynn Clapham was a winner and last year Susan Ashley won.

Speckman is now completing majors in English and history, and last year won a $100 essay competition from the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters for a study of the Alexandria quartet by Laurence Durrell.

His all around campus ability has been recognized by his nomination last year to Omicron Delta Kappa, senior men’s honor society. He is a member of the Men’s Disciplinary Review Board; on the staff of Caliope, student literary magazine; a member of Pi Gamma Mu, social science honorary fraternity, and is a staff assistant at Ellsworth hall, where he resides.

He has not yet decided the place or field of his graduate study, but has narrowed his choice to Brandeis University, history of ideas; University of Chicago, religion and art; or the University of Notre Dame, English.

Speckman’s immediate goal is to spend four years in graduate school, completing his doctorate before entering teaching.
851 Out-of-State Students Enrolled, 8% of Total

As of the beginning of this academic year, Western Michigan University enrolled 851 out-of-state and foreign students; 768 of this number were out-of-state students and 83 were foreign students. This means that the foreign students represent nine-tenths of one per cent of our student population, whereas the out-of-state students represent eight per cent.

In view of the interest of the general public and legislators in the matter of out-of-state and foreign students at publicly-supported institutions of higher education in Michigan, a special survey has been made of our out-of-state and foreign student enrollment. These rather significant facts have been ascertained.

1. 574, or 74.7 per cent, of our out-of-state students come from three states and in this order: Indiana (285), Illinois (216), Ohio (73).
2. Almost 50 per cent of Western's out-of-state students are presently enrolled in the School of Education, occupational therapy, paper technology, food distribution, or petroleum distribution.
3. For the period from 1957 to 1961, 55 per cent of our out-of-state students graduating from the School of Education have accepted teaching positions in Michigan.
4. 38 per cent of the non-teaching out-of-state students graduating from this institution, for the period 1957 to 1961 and using the facilities of our Placement Bureau, took positions in Michigan.
5. A rather startling fact is that 21 per cent of our total out-of-state students are enrolled on a part-time basis. Investigation indicates that the vast majority of these students are full-time employees in our local industries or educational institutions and have not yet acquired Michigan citizenship.
6. The 83 foreign students enrolled in the fall represent 32 foreign countries throughout the world.

New York Theatre Train Set in April

For the fifth consecutive year, a theatre train to New York will originate at Western Michigan University, and is open to any interested area person, announces Dr. Zack York, head of the speech department.

With a six-day stay in Gotham planned, the train will leave Kalamazoo Saturday afternoon, April 21, and return the next Friday. In New York accommodations will be at the Manhattan hotel.

The cost of $169.50 will include round trip coach fare, transportation and tip from station to hotel, double room and bath, the best possible tickets to four Broadway plays, tickets to the Easter show at Radio City Music Hall, a United Nations trip, a live TV show, and a special feature. Information may be obtained by calling FI 4-2615.

Grant Support
Van Riper Study Of Speech Defects

A grant of $29,360 has been made to Dr. Charles Van Riper and associates by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for study of children with speech defects.

Working with the noted Western Michigan University educator will be Dr. Charles Mange, director of special education for Kalamazoo County; Dr. Rolland Van Hattum, director of special education for Kent County, and John Mader, director of special education for Washtenaw County.

Dr. Van Riper, head of the WMU speech clinic and world famed teacher and writer in speech correction, states that the project title is "A Predictive Screening Test for Children with Articulatory Speech Defects."

Expected to take five years, the development aims towards a test which can be swiftly and easily administered by the public school speech therapist to a large number of children.

A pilot study has already been conducted to assemble test items for speech problems, and next its new battery of tests will be administered to thirty first grade children with articulatory errors who have received no speech therapy. Through retesting of this group and extension to other groups, it is hoped to achieve a reliable screening test for young children that can quickly spot these who need the attention of a speech therapist.

Accorded Two Honors

President James W. Miller has recently been selected by two organizations for responsible positions. He will serve from 1962 to 1965 as a director of the Detroit Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. In late 1961 he was also selected as the president of the Michigan Center for Education in Politics, formerly the Michigan Citizenship Clearing House. Dr. Miller has had long association with this organization, both in the state and nationally.
NSF Grants Help Many University Science Programs

High School Students

A unique opportunity to develop teaching materials for ninth grade students in atomic and nuclear science has come to Western Michigan University through a $7,300 grant from the National Science Foundation, according to President James W. Miller.

The only program of its kind in the United States, it will take 10 outstanding junior high school science teachers and the best student of each for a year-long program to develop materials and experiments in a field in which such things are now almost non-existent.

Beginning next September, the teachers and their students will come to the campus for 15 Saturday mornings each semester; one week the teachers and students will work apart, and the following week they will work together.

Dean George G. Mallinson will direct the institute.

Dean Mallinson says there is a lack of "challenge to junior high school students in present science programs," and it is hoped through this year-long program to remedy much of this.

There are only 34 such programs granted in the entire country and no others in the Great Lakes area.

Undergraduate Research

Additional funds totalling $11,970 have been granted to the University by the National Science Foundation to support undergraduate science education programs on the local campus in the fields of chemistry and physics.

Dr. Lillian H. Meyer, head of the chemistry department, will administer $8,300 which comes under the undergraduate instructional equipment program of the special projects ino science education section of the National Science Foundation.

This sum will be matched by the University for the purchase of new equipment to permit "Research work for all gifted seniors, continued improvement of the course work for the large and ever increasing numbers of students now electing advanced courses in chemistry, and modification of the basic courses to take advantage of improved student proficiencies."

The remaining $3,670 goes to the physics department, headed by Dr. Paul Rood.

This is a renewal of previous grants providing undergraduate research grants, one for nine weeks next summer, and four during the 1962-63 academic year.

In-Service Institute

Two grants totalling $26,320 have come from the National Science Foundation to Western Michigan University in support of special science programs.

A $12,800 grant will support an in-service institute for teachers of high school science during the 1962-63 academic year; while $13,520 to support a six-week summer program for high-ability secondary school students has been allocated.

In granting the in-service institute, the National Science Foundation has also indicated that support for two additional years will be forthcoming if funds are available and the program is adequate.

It will serve 40 secondary school science teachers, beginning with a basic program in chemistry, physics and physical geography.

For the third year a unique summer experience for 40 high school students who have completed their junior year of study and have indicated a strong interest in science will be provided. They will come to the campus June 25 and will continue their work through Aug. 3.

Departments of Management and Marketing Named

Two new departments within the School of Business at Western Michigan University will go into operation next September, according to President James W. Miller, following approval by the State Board of Education.

These are departments of Management and Marketing, completing the scheme of five departments within this school as planned several years ago. Other departments are accounting, general business, and business education.

President Miller also announces the appointment of Dr. Fred Hartenstein as head of the department of management, and Dr. Robert B. Trader as head of the department of marketing.

A native of Austria, Dr. Hartenstein earned his degree at the University of Pittsburgh and came to Western in 1959. He now holds the rank of professor. Before coming to Western Dr. Hartenstein had taught at Washington and Jefferson College and the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Trader came to Western in 1951, holds degrees from Indiana University, University of Pittsburgh and Michigan State University. In his doctoral dissertation completed last fall, Dr. Trader wrote on "Current Trends in Marketing and Their Implications for a College Training Program."
Two Additional Faculty Appointments Made for Spring

Dr. T. H. Hildebrandt and Lawrence E. Blaha are two additional new persons added to the faculty this spring.

Dr. Hildebrandt will serve only during the spring semester as a visiting professor of mathematics, teaching at the graduate level. He is retired as chairman of the department of mathematics at the University of Michigan, where he taught from 1909 to 1958, and is a former president of the American Mathematical Society.

Blaha has joined the special education faculty, School of Education, as a lecturer in the orientation and mobility program teaching instructors for the blind.

As was previously planned, an additional person would be required under the terms of the grant from the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to handle the four additional students who began their graduate work in this area this semester.

Part of the need is explained in that the students must spend at least an hour a day apiece in walking on Kalamazoo streets while blindfolded and that they must be accompanied by an instructor at all times, thus requiring a considerable portion of each day out-of-doors with the students.

Blaha is a graduate of Roosevelt University in Chicago, and was an assistant supervisor in the orientation and mobility program at the Vetererans Administration hospital, Hines, Ill., from 1948 until coming here.

He is married and has two children, and resides at 127 Barberry Avenue.

William J. Emblom, a member of the University faculty since 1959, has completed his doctor of philosophy degree work at the University of Illinois.

Medieval Studies Minor Approved

An interdepartmental minor in Medieval Studies has been approved for Western Michigan University by the State Board of Education, reports President James W. Miller.

As in other such programs, no new courses are required, but the establishment of the minor permits students to elect certain sequences of courses from several academic departments to fill the needs for such study.

Departments which will contribute to this Medieval Studies program through course offerings already in existence are art, English, history, language, philosophy and religion, and political science.

Dr. John Sommerfeldt of the history faculty who has headed developments in this area, including a unique master's degree program in medieval studies, reports that there is no undergraduate program in medieval studies available on the North American continent at the present times.

"Such a program," he says, "will provide an excellent interdepartmental background for prospective high school teachers."