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WELCOME
Emeriti, Faculty, Friends

The Administration and the Faculty Senate welcome you to this Recognition Dinner of 1969. You are invited to visit with friends in the Faculty Lounge after the program.
THE HONOR ROLL, 1969

Tonight we mark the retirement of nine of our esteemed colleagues who have amassed a total of 296 years of service at Western, an unusually high average of 33 years apiece.

JOHN W. GILL
Associate Director of Athletics

John's fifty year association with Western has been filled with athletic records and superior performances. Starting in 1919 as a student, John won thirteen varsity letters (only Rudel Miller won more) and excelled in three varsity sports. While coaching at high schools in Alma and Detroit, John also recruited for Western. He returned to the campus full-time in 1928 as freshman coach of football, basketball, and baseball. Since then his unusual versatility and encyclopedic knowledge of sports have enabled him to fill almost any need in his department. For eleven years he was head football coach, and in addition, he filled in, when occasion required, as head basketball and head baseball coach. Officially John's career ends this year, but Western's athletics and his interests are inseparable in life and in the record books.

EMELINE J. MCCOWEN
Associate Professor, Campus School

Emeline is one of the reasons for the enthusiastic student and parental support of the Campus School. After receiving her original teaching certificate from Western, her A.B. at National College of Education, and her M.A. at Columbia, Emeline had an illustrious career in both public and private schools of New York, Illinois, Colorado, and Michigan. In two fine private schools she served as headmistress. During the war she served her country in the Women's Army Corps, as an educational specialist in the United States and as a cryptographer in New Guinea and elsewhere overseas. Since 1946,
Emeline has stimulated, led, and taught the lively third graders in Western's Campus School. She is the author of an excellent children's book, *The Potawatomi Indians in Kalamazoo*, as well as several articles. Emeline's career is a credit to herself, to this University, and to the teaching profession.

MARGARET BURNHAM MACMILLAN  
Professor of History

Margaret became a member of the History Department in 1922, left us 14 years later, but fortunately for all concerned returned to Western in 1944. She is distinguished as a scholar, her research interests ranging from the American Revolution to the Methodist Church in Michigan. She is held in high esteem by thousands of students, many of whom helped choose her recently for the distinguished teaching award of the Alumni Association. She is loved by all for her inimitable friendly ways and for those delightful traits of character recognized as her heritage from her father, Smith, and from her uncle, Ernest. Generous and kind, frank and honest, she has let her light shine in the classroom, bright and steady, during a time in history that has sometimes been dark indeed, and many times confusing. Margaret has always seemed to know the way, perhaps because she has come to know so well the ways of the past.

CHARLES H. MAHER  
Professor of Physical Education

After establishing an outstanding record as a catcher for some of Juddy Hyames' superior Western baseball teams, Charles graduated in 1925 and stayed on campus as Jud's assistant and as director in intramural athletics. His association with the University lasted a lifetime and encompassed a baseball coaching record that is unlikely to be surpassed here or anywhere else. While Charlie was head coach from 1937 until 1967, his teams ranked with the best in the nation. His career percentage was .701 as he recorded 439 victories. During the final
twenty years of Charlie's tenure, Western belonged to the Mid-American Conference, and in thirteen of those years, his ball teams brought home the championship. Charlie's record against the Big Ten, Notre Dame, and other athletic powers was equally outstanding. It speaks for itself and for Charlie in Western's annals.

LOIS B. MONROE
Assistant Professor of Spanish

Tonight marks Lois's exodus from a long, enthusiastic, and successful teaching career, in the genesis of which Western also had a part. Lois taught in Mattawan before receiving her bachelor's degree at Western. She earned her A.M. at the University of Michigan and taught ancient and modern languages at Lakeview in Battle Creek for many years. In 1950 she returned to Western and taught Spanish and French in University High for sixteen years. She has closed a forty-four year teaching career as a teacher of Spanish in the University. Many of the faculty whose children studied under Lois can testify to the superiority of her instruction. She also excelled as a critic and trainer of young teachers, many of whom extend her influence throughout the state and nation. Lois and her husband, Basil, have combined personal and professional concerns in frequent trips to Spain and Mexico. Lois gladly learned and gladly taught.

GERALD OSBORN
Professor of Chemistry

In 1939 Gerald Osborn came to Western to begin a career that included teaching chemistry, directing the affairs of the Chemistry Department, being Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, acting as President between the Sangren and Miller administrations, and then a return to his first love—teaching. Gerry's time at Western has been distinguished by assiduous attention to duty, hard work, and notable contributions in the non-University
community through his endeavors in his church and in the Kiwanis Clubs of Michigan. He has aided young people in many ways, ranging from the Key Clubs (of Kiwanis) to making opportunities available for foreign students to come to Western. A distinguished man of science, Gerry has always taken the extra step to be good and kind to his neighbors, of whatever creed or race. He will long be remembered—as will his wife Dorothy—for loyalty to the institution and for devotion to worthwhile endeavors.

DONALD N. SCOTT
Director, University Student Center and Residence Halls

Although Don is a graduate of the University of Illinois, he is a native of Kalamazoo who came home to ally himself with Western through long professional service, through marital connection, and through undeviating personal loyalty. After conspicuous success in coaching baseball at Kalamazoo Central, Don joined Western’s staff in 1943 as athletic trainer and freshman baseball coach. Since 1948, during a period of unprecedented expansion, he has held his present title in a position that has, of course, grown at least proportionally to, if not more than, Western’s physical facilities. Through all the changes, Don has built an admirable administrative reputation, attested by the national honors he has received in his field and by the acclaim of his associates. Incidentally, that administration’s gain was coaching’s loss may be suggested by the fact that Don, in a brief career, coached Western’s only MAC golf champions.

CHARLES R. STARRING
Professor of History

In 1928 Charles joined the faculty. He was not exactly a newcomer to the Western scene, having seen the fledgling institution develop near his home when he was still a youngster. It has been alleged that when workmen were building the Campus School they detained the curious Charles one day to use him as a fairly good
sample of an elementary school enrollee so they might determine the height of the blackboards in the classrooms. Charles has trained innumerable teachers of history. His scholarly work in the University’s History Department has gained him the recognition and respect of his colleagues here and elsewhere. His contributions, especially in the field of Michigan history, have been numerous and outstanding. He early envisioned the value of a W.M.U. regional history collection and has been one of its enthusiastic supporters. A delightful sense of humor has characterized him at all times. The quality of his contributions to Western his students will always remember, his colleagues never forget.

OTTO YNTEMA
Director, Division of Continuing Education

Otto became a member of the faculty in 1936. An excellent teacher, he taught American history and disciplined State High boys until World War II brought the Navy to our shores. Then he gained distinction by organizing and teaching Naval History for the V-12 men. The Battle of the Coral Sea may well have been won because of this course, but more likely in spite of it. Soon thereafter he accepted appointment as first full-time Director of Extension and Adult Education. Here Otto came into full flower, using his talents to cast his bread upon the waters, and much of it came back to the institution. His development of the off-campus education program paralleled his many contributions in adult education and community endeavors. He promoted the improvement of education in the public schools, the status of children of migrants, the education of teenagers, bettering the lot of senior citizens, and lifting the cultural activities of all adults. He has been a man for all ages. His civic contributions are well known, leading to the position of Vice Mayor. No matter what the problem, Otto always seems to have an ace up his sleeve. His kind spirit will influence us for some time to come.
MENU

Chilled Cranberry Juice

Roast Sirloin of Beef

Oven Brown Potatoes

Peas and Diced Celery in Butter Sauce

Cottage Cheese and Fruit Slices

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Relishes

Parfait

Cookies

Coffee or Tea
Invocation  .  .  .  Dr. Gerald Osborn

PROGRAM

Presiding  .  .  .  Dr. Milton Greenberg
President, Faculty Senate

For the University  .  .  .  Dr. James W. Miller
President

For the Emeriti  .  .  .  Eunice Kraft

For the Retirees  .  .  .  Charles Starring
The Faculty Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate: Irene Bibza, Len Gernant, Beth Giedeman, Frank Householder, Paul Maier, Robert B. Miller, Emil Sokolowski, Lois Van-DenBerg.