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STUDY AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

Western Michigan, City to Host Japanese Visitors

Western Michigan University and the City of Kalamazoo have the rare opportunity of spending six weeks this summer as hosts to 65 or 70 Japanese college students who are studying on the local campus.

The summer seminar on "American Civilization" began to take shape more than a year ago when Dr. Samuel I. Clark spent a semester lecturing in Japan. The time was set for 1962, and arrangements began to be made through Dr. Clark's office and the Division of Field Services with Keio University officials to bring a group to Kalamazoo for study.

Keio University has some 20,000 students on four campuses in Tokyo, and since World War II has been co-educational. Its students are divided between literature, economics, political science, medicine, engineering, and commerce and business. Three members of the Keio faculty will accompany the group to Kalamazoo.

The WMU Division of Field Services "regards this as a significant experiment in international education, and commends Dr. Clark for the inception of the idea as well as his industry in perfecting the final plans for the course. We hope the local community will respond to Dr. Clark and requests for help in entertaining these students during their free time."

Arriving June 25, the group has outlined for it a strenuous academic schedule, with conversational English to be featured each morning for an hour and a half. This will be led by Dr. John McNally and Robert Palmatier.

A six-week lecture outline has been arranged for an hour and a half each afternoon, four afternoons each week, covering an introductory phase, social life in America, thought and conviction in America, cultural life, and economy and political life in America.

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Trips throughout the area and opportunities to visit many institutions and to spend weekends in typical American homes are also a part of the program to let these young people learn more about America.

The students will live in the University residence halls, and while they will have Japanese roommates, their room assignments will be mixed throughout the halls, so that the opportunity to talk informally with American students will be enhanced.

President James W. Miller is most enthusiastic over this opportunity to work with these Japanese students, and has committed himself to participate in the lecture program, and as a political scientist will give the concluding lecture on political life in America.

Davis Moves from Education Classroom To Counseling Post

Appointment as director of counseling has come to Dr. Donald A. Davis, presently an assistant professor in the School of Education.

Dr. Davis will take over his new duties with the counseling bureau on Sept. 1, releasing Dr. Paul L. Griffeth to devote his full attention to serving as dean of students. This action has become necessary because of the continued growth of the student body and the need for greater coordination of the student activities on the campus.

Dr. Davis came to Western in 1959, with 10 years of experience as a teacher, counselor, guidance director and director of work experience programs. He was educated at the University of California, Los Angeles, University of Southern California, and Michigan State University.

For nine years he was a teacher and counselor at Trona, Calif., then moved to Michigan as a psychological examiner with the School for the Blind, Flint, and as an education and research consultant with the Department of Public Instruction, Lansing, before coming to Kalamazoo.

He is a member of the state guidance committee, state divisional chairman for the National Association of Guidance Supervisors and Counselor Trainers, and is a director of the Michigan Counselors Association. He recently completed a study of potential dropouts at the Harper Creek Community schools, with a grant from the National Defense Education Act.

New Math Workbook

Arcadia, Press, Inc., has just published a new workbook series in arithmetic authored by Dr. Herbert Hannon, professor of mathematics, and Grover Bartoo, a retired member of the faculty. The workbooks for grades three and four are now ready, and are labeled as a new three-track program in elementary arithmetic.



Dr. Donald Davis

Marion Anderson Heads Next Year's University Assemblies

A portion of the assembly program for the 1962-63 academic year is announced by Dr. James H. Powell, chairman of the student-faculty University Programs committee.

One of the finest attractions in several years will be the April 3 concert appearance of Marian Anderson, great American contralto. Born in Philadelphia, Miss Anderson has captured headlines as a performer and a personality for a number of years and draws tremendous crowds wherever she appears around the world.

Dr. Bruno Kreisky, foreign minister of Austria since 1959, will speak in October. Expelled from Austria as a Socialist in 1938, he lived for six years in Stockholm, Sweden, joining the Austrian foreign service in 1946. He moved back to Vienna in 1951 and became deputy minister for foreign affairs in 1953.

In November the community will be visited by the Foo Hsing Theatre from the Republic of Free China. The cast will include 50 children and will come November 29.

Greek Newest in Language Offerings; Trend Reversed

Whereas a few years ago there was serious discussion of dropping some foreign language instruction, the pendulum has taken a vigorous swing in the other direction at Western Michigan University.

In the last several years Russian has been offered, first on an evening basis, and now as a regular part of the University program; and Dr. Wayne Wonderley, head of the foreign language department, announces that for the first time in Western's history a regular, elementary course in Classical Greek will be offered next fall.

Dr. Otto Grundler, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, will be the instructor, and the class offering four hours of credit, will be taught Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thus, Western now offers the traditional French, German, Spanish, and Latin and now Russian and Greek. Dr. Wonderley states that introducing Greek reaffirms and strengthens the committment of the foreign language department to the classical heritage. Together with the rather extensive program in Latin, provides additional opportunities for classical studies.

The addition of Classical Greek may also be of help to those students involved in Western's new and unique graduate and undergraduate programs in Medieval Studies.

Lost Book Prices Increase

An additional service charge of \$2.50 for a lost book will be added to the list cost of the book at the Dwight B. Waldo library. Dr. Katherine M. Stokes, librarian, states that many institutions charge \$5 or more, and that librarians estimate that on an average it costs as much to order, catalog and shelve a new book as the new book costs.

Radiation Biology Gets \$7,150 Grant

A \$7,150 grant from the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission to Western Michigan University will permit the establishment of work in radiation biology, as an expansion of the nuclear science program already underway in physical sciences.

The grant was made to the department of biology and the School of Graduate Studies, and will be used for such equipment as lead shields, beta and gamma ray measuring devices, fume hoods, an x-ray machine and a considerable amount of glassware.

Radiation biology instruction and experimentation will be in such areas as plant physiology, cellular physiology, advanced genetics.

Members of the staff with experience in radiation biology are Dr. Imy

Anatomy and Physiology Guide Authored by Steen

A new "Laboratory Manual and Study Guide for Anatomy and Physiology," authored by Dr. Edwin B. Steen, professor of biology at Western Michigan University has just been published by the William C. Brown Co.

Each of the organ systems is explained in detail and with illustrations, and unlike many workbooks in this field does not give great attention to the skeletal and muscular systems to the detriment of others.

Dr. Steen has also authored volumes in the College Outline Series and a dictionary of medical abbreviations. The latter book is soon to be published in a British edition.

Holt, Dr. Jean Lawrence and Dr. Leo VanderBeek.

Following June commencement ceremonies, special rites were held in the ROTC headquarters, as Col. Albert H. Jackman, left, retiring commandant of the ROTC detachment, received the Army Commendation Medal from Col. Aaron M. Lazar, deputy commanding officer of the Sixth U. S. Army Corps. Col. Jackman was cited for his outstanding work in developing the WMU unit.

Name Leaders of Student Publications

Robert Visschers and Lloyd Peterson will head the two major student publications at Western Michigan University for 1962-63.

Visschers, a junior from Holland, will become editor of the *Herald*, biweekly newspaper.

The new editor of the *Brown and Gold*, student yearbook, will be Lloyd M. Peterson, a junior from Chicago. Peterson is assistant editor of the book this year.

Gary Bowersox, Kalamazoo, a senior business administration student and business manager of the *Herald* this year, has been reappointed as business manager for the next year also, as he will be a graduate student on the campus.

Top business officer for the *Brown* and Gold will be David C. Morse, Jr., Bellingham, Wash., a junior student in business.

Miss Yvonne Lajiness, Kalamazoo, stood out sharply in commissioning ceremonies for June ROTC graduates, as she took her oath of office as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, flanked by 15 Army cadets on either side.



Appoint Becker As Chairman of Athletic Board

Dr. Albert B. Becker, professor of speech, is the new chairman of the Athletic Board at Western Michigan University, serving at the pleasure of the president.

Dr. Becker will succeed on July 1 C. B. MacDonald, retiring comptroller who has served as chairman of the board for the last seven years. The new chairman will also take MacDonald's place as the University's representative to the Mid-American Conference.

Others appointed to the board are Dr. L. Dale Faunce, vice president for student services and public relations; Mitchell J. Gary, athletic director; John Gill, associate athletic director; Clayton J. Maus, registrar, and Robert Wetnight, the new comptroller.

Keith R. LaGore, president of the Student Council, represents that body during the next year, and the new president of the "W" club, letterman's organization, will serve upon his election.

Three faculty members are also appointed on a rotating basis, with



Dr. Willis F. Dunbar, head of the history department, has been elected president of the Michigan Historical Commission for a one year term. He has been a member of the commission since 1951 and served as president also in 1956. Dr. Dunbar has also headed the Michigan Historical Society.

terms of appointment being: Dr. Robert B. Trader, head of the marketing department, three years; Dr. W. V. Weber, head of the political science department, two years, and Dr. Leo C. VanderBeek, associate professor of biology, one year.

Grant to Provide Physics Equipment

A \$12,490 grant by the National Science Foundation, and to be matched by a like sum from Western Michigan University, will provide considerable new instructional equipment in physics over the next two years.

Western Michigan was one of 263 colleges and universities in the nation and seven in the state of Michigan to share some \$5,009,180. The money is given to assist educational institutions meet the national need for competent scientists and engineers by keeping abreast of the rapidly changing needs in undergraduate instruction.

Walter B. Marburger, professor of physics, prepared the Western Michigan request, and states that the money will be used for instructional equipment in the areas of spectroscopy, nuclear physics and electronics.

In choosing proposals for support, the Foundation placed priority on those which showed the relationship of the equipment being sought to a new or improved instructional program.



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