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ACTION FOLLOWS LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION

Michigan Resident Tuition Boosted $35 per Year

In action by the State Board of Education, Western Michigan University joins other publicly-supported institutions in Michigan in raising its tuition and fees for the forthcoming academic year.

This move was made following legislative appropriations to bring sufficient operating funds to assure faculty and staff pay increments that will keep the University from slipping too far from the present national competitive picture in securing and retaining qualified faculty.

The increase totals $35 per year for residents of Michigan, bringing tuition and fees for two semesters to $250.

Non-resident students will pay $55 more than last year, with the two-semester total being $500.

In realigning the total tuition and fees schedule, undergraduate and graduate rates were coordinated, thus the accompanying table applies to both groups.

Residence hall charges remain at $355 per semester, except at Vandercook hall for which the charge for room only is $117 per semester.

WMUK to Extend Service

WMUK, FM radio station at Western Michigan University, announces that it will extend its coverage of University events during the next year. Martin Cohen, station manager, states that it will record major lectures, concerts and recitals for rebroadcast during the same week. Its new quarterly program notes, now available from the station to any interested listeners, list eight new programs to be offered to area listeners at 102.1 megacycles.
Civil War Lives Again in WMU Book

Were he alive today, one of the more than 90,000 Civil War soldiers to go from Michigan would find his work republished in an interesting 122-page edition by the School of Graduate Studies.

Originally appearing in the magazine, Veteran, the story of Michigan’s Sixth infantry regiment is told by Benjamin C. Johnson and has been edited by Dr. Alan Brown, Michigan historian and University archivist.

As a 21-year-old in 1861, Johnson joined the Saline Sharpshooters, which became Company F of the Sixth Michigan Infantry Regiment, rendezvousing at Kalamazoo August 20, 1861.

Dr. Brown says of the story, “On the whole it is a surprisingly accurate reconstruction of the part played by the Sixth Infantry,” and adds, “The novelty of Johnson’s account is that it represents the enlisted man’s viewpoint.” It first appeared during 1883-84 in the Veteran, a semi-monthly magazine.

Johnson came to Kalamazoo after Civil War service, remaining until 1885. He died in Lansing in 1888.

The Sixth Michigan served almost the entire war in the Department of the Gulf, engaging in few decisive or spectacular battles. “In this area the enemy was not only Confederate troops, but broiling hot sun, miasmal marshes and reptile infested swamps. There were battle casualties in plenty, but disease was the real killer . . . the Sixth infantry lost more men through disease than any other Michigan unit.”

Perhaps the most spirited part of Johnson’s story is the conclusion, as any ex-soldier will recognize the enthusiasm he puts into those final days of active service and the trip home.

Upon receiving orders to be mustered out while still in Louisiana, Johnson writes: “I’ll never forget that afternoon, evening, midnight and early morning. Boys threw up their hats and shouted and cheered until their throats were sore. In the evening campfires were lighted and joy prevailed throughout the night. We are going home at last, the war is ended, and the nation saved!”

By train and boat the Sixth Michigan started home, arriving at Jackson August 30th, and being paid off and discharged September 5, 1865.

The book has been titled, A Soldier’s Life, The Civil War Experience of Ben C. Johnson. It originally appeared under the title, “Sketches of the Sixth Regiment Michigan Infantry.”

Colony Club Added To Expanding Campus

The former Colony Club structure on West Michigan avenue has formally become a part of the campus.

While not all possible uses of the building have yet been explored, President James W. Miller says that initially the building will house studios of the department of art, and will

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Foreign School Administrators to Spend Fall at WMU

An international development seminar in elementary school administration will bring 25 participants from around the world to the University campus between September 17 and December 14.

Dr. Dorothy McCuskey, professor of education, is serving as coordinator for the program, and is most enthusiastic as to the opportunity offered the University and the community to serve these visitors.

Among the countries from which participants will come are: Finland, India, Malaya, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Zanzibar, Australia, Cyprus, Ghana, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Laos, Montserrat, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Trinidad.

The venture is being sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

"A significant aspect of their visit will be living in American homes," says Dr. McCuskey, who is seeking interested persons in the community who would like to have these visitors spend their three months in Kalamazoo in their homes. She points out, it would be preferable if the homes were within walking distance of the campus.

Colony Club

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The frame building is a block west of Wood Hall, and for several years has been operated as a private club. Eventual plans call for the University to raze the structure, as the department of art is to be moved from its McCracken hall quarters across West Michigan avenue to the $3,500,000 Education and General Classroom building recently approved by the Michigan legislature.

Old books now come in small packages, and in her hands on three-by-five cards Miss Marie Sivak, left, holds a part of the 207 volumes made possible through a chain of gifts which she started. Her gift of $50 to the Dwight B. Waldo Library was matched by her father, and both gifts were in turn matched by the Whirlpool Corporation, Benton Harbor, his employer. At the suggestion of Dr. David Sedler, center, the $200 was used to purchase micro-cards of Old English materials, most of which are totally unavailable in book form today. The scope in the center magnifies each page to readable size. Twenty to 30 pages can be placed on each card. Dr. Katharine B. Stokes, librarian, is enthusiastic about micro-cards because of the vast amounts of shelf space thus saved.

Col. J. T. Gilbert To Take Command of University ROTC Unit

A new commanding officer for the ROTC unit, Col. James T. Gilbert, arrived on the campus in July to relieve Col. Albert H. Jackman, and in turn Dr. Albert H. Jackman will become an assistant professor of geography and geology.

Col. Gilbert has now completed a three-year tour of duty as an instructor at the Army's famed Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona, a veteran of World War II combat service with staff service in Washington, D.C., and service in France from 1956 to 1959. The new commander is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Brigham Young Band Plans Nov. 10 Visit

Some people go for the football, but there are always a large number of people attending collegiate grid-iron encounters each fall who attend as much for the bands as anything.

This fall will be a real treat for football-band lovers, for in addition to the annual band day show October 6, there will be visitations by two other bands.

Director Leonard V. Meretta is all smiles at the announcement by Brigham Young University officials that their band will come here from Provo, Utah, for the November 10 Dad's Day game, the first grid meeting between the two institutions.

The opening day of the season, September 15, will find the Central Michigan University band visiting Waldo Stadium also.
Donald Weaver
New Director of Campus Schools

In September Dr. Donald C. Weaver assumes new duties as director of the University Elementary and High School, succeeding Dr. Roy C. Bryan, who will move to teaching and research duties in the department of education.

Dr. Weaver joined the faculty last year after having gained wide experience in public school administration.

He is a native of Hastings, and a graduate of Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan. He first taught in Doster, and then, successively, was an elementary principal at Mt. Pleasant, a visiting teacher at Waterford, a secondary principal at Berkley, a consultant for the Bureau of School Services and a lecturer for the School of Education at the University of Michigan, and in his last three years before coming to WMU was director of instruction for the Aurora, Illinois, public schools.

Professionally Dr. Weaver has been chairman of the membership committee for the Michigan Secondary School Association for four years, and has also served its teacher education, and testing and guidance committees.

He is married and has three children.

HOME FOOTBALL

Sept. 15 Central Michigan University
Oct. 6 Bowling Green University
20 University of Toledo
Nov. 10 Brigham Young University
17 Ohio University