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WELCOME
EMERITI, FACULTY, FRIENDS

The Administration and the Faculty Senate welcome you to this Recognition Dinner of 1970. You are invited to visit with friends in the Faculty Lounge after the program.

HONORED RETIREES

All honors tonight deservedly go to our ten colleagues who are retiring. They have given a total service of 279 years at Western.

ALBERT B. BECKER

Professor of Speech

Loved by old-timers and young blood alike, Al Becker has made numerous contributions to the Western scene. A 1927 graduate here and with an M.A. degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from Northwestern, he taught in the Campus Training School, where he was in charge of all speech instruction and the "extras" like debates and plays. Since 1950 his courses in the area of speech education, public address, and the physiological processes of speech have enriched the curriculum of the Department of Speech. But Al has given generously of his time outside the classroom, too. He has been president of the W.M.U. Faculty Senate, a long-time member of the Athletic Board of Control, and its able chairman for several years. He is a past president of the Michigan Speech Association and the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League. Civic-minded, Al has served on the city council at Plainwell and has been president of the P.T.A. A lay preacher, he has carried the gospel in his own inimitable way all over Southwest Michigan. Friends marvel, too, at his many other interests—tennis, fishing, horseshoe pitching, gardening (he's generous with everything from rhubarb to squash), landscaping, building a cottage—there's no one on the faculty quite like Al Becker.

GOLDA CRISMAN

Assistant Professor of Teacher Education

A genuine interest in helping people and an unusual sincerity in keeping their confidence are attributes that one always associates with Golda. To students' troubles or triumphs she listened with her heart, and they were grateful. They realized how she practiced her own Christian principles: the worth of the individual, his dignity, his value then and for the years ahead. And they never forget her kindness, returning to visit her long years after their formal schooling is over because they know she is still interested. Hundreds of students, from Battle Creek Lakeview and University High, as well as W.M.U., have benefited from knowing Golda. Academically, she has taught English, algebra, literature, and Human Development and Learning. In addition, as girls' counselor at 'U' High, she served effectively, for she tempered her ever-present sense of fairness with a whimsical humor that helped solve many a difficult problem. And so, wherever Golda may travel when she retires on August 14 after 23 years here, surely her thoughts will be satisfying. She must have many memories of the day-by-day good she has done.

JOHN B. HEALEY

Associate Professor of General Business

There has been very little "generation gap" in the excellent teacher-student relations that John Healey has maintained through the years. To all he has been fair as he has effectively taught and counseled general business and management students. John is a believer in the usage of correct language, and every student who completed the course in law knew not only the "law," but also the correct use of words. With Bachelor of Commercial Science and Bachelor of Philosophy Degrees from DePaul University, John combined business experience and law practice with teaching at Notre Dame. Then in 1947, having received his Juris Doctorate with Honors, he honored Western by becoming its first full-time professor of law. He was instrumental in setting up the law curriculum. Dr. Healey lives a good life and always has deep concern for his colleagues. They, too, respect him and like to tell of his happy marriage to his Southern belle, Dorothy. A trip to South America, at the invitation of one of his students from Argentina, led to their introduction in Mobile, Alabama, on his way home to his Watervliet farm. And as a result, he doesn't do merely traditional gardening: he's been cultivating his "Alabama peach" ever since.

FRANK J. HINDS

Professor of Biology

His own kindly urging to students—"and now do a good job"—characterizes the fine quality work of Frank himself. Since joining the faculty in 1935, Frank has taught with dignity, thoroughness, exacting scholarship, and warm feelings for his subject and his students. People in his courses in anatomy, biology, and zoology have been amazed and have smiled admiringly at his uncanny ability to quote, e.g. lines 7 and 8 on page 224 to prove a point of discussion. They appreciate, too, his meticulous instruction in the use of the microscope and his practical wisdom that has aided many pre-med and pre-dental students. As their advisor and a member of their evaluation board, he has been their friend, academically and even financially. Colleagues in Frank's department will miss all his "extras," too—his being in charge of the Wood Hall museum, his help in preparing biological charts, his sharing of unusual nature slides from his hobby of photography, and yes, his careful watch over that alcohol that he's been ordering for department use. As a naturalist, with a special love for ornithology, he received from the community many specimens which he readily identified and classified scientifically. Conducting field courses at Higgins Lake gave Frank still another opportunity to show his dedication to the creatures on the Lord's good earth.

ELIZABETH G. HOUSEHOLDER

Social Director

Betty Gardiner, instructor in modern dance, came to Western in 1937. Mrs. Frank Householder, social Director of the University Student Center, is leaving. Extremely loyal to W.M.U., where she earned her M.A. degree, and enthusiastic beyond belief, Betty can claim success in many careers. Her physical education instruction has continued into tennis, bowling, and walking as some of her hobbies. Her liking for young people and for directing their activities has endeared her to thousands of Western students with whom she has worked closely at the Center. Their tribute in voting her "Mother of the Year" is witness to that. Recently, the University Student Center Board, for whom she has been advisor, gave her a plaque, a dozen roses and a rocking chair. But Mrs. H., as she is fondly known, hasn't yet had a minute to sit in it. She's been busy, instead, in the Center Crafts room, where she teaches others how to be creatively original. With her usual spirit and pep she says, "I wish I could start all over again in arts and crafts!" But Betty says, too, that she is looking forward to retirement when, at last, she and Frank can travel and really spend time with their three daughters and three grandchildren. They, too, are another of her successes, charming ones.

FRANK C. HOUSEHOLDER

Associate Professor of English

Frank is that delightful blend of poet at heart, of tennis star and coach of champions, of gourmet chef whose French cooking and sea food specialties please his friends, and of master in the art of good nature. With literature as Frank's forte, his skill in the classroom has, since he came to Western to teach in 1934, been inspiring to all who have been privileged to hear him lecture, discuss, and, especially, read. In earlier days Frank was a superb tennis player, with a deceptive kind of pace that kept his opponents running all over the court while he remained mostly in one place. In fact, he kept them running in Europe, too, when he played there during a tour that followed graduation from W.M.U. While Frank came here to teach English and to coach tennis, the record will also show that in the depression days, he was the Watchman of the Night, one of the first jobs in security on the campus, and really, probably little needed in those peaceful days. Through the hurrying, scurrying years since then, Frank has continued to keep his own inner peace. His is the gentle, witty response when he has heard a harsh judgment of one of his fellow human beings and his is the fun with the pun that makes his wry humor irresistible.

JOHN G. KEMPER

Professor of Art

The University seal on this program—and wherever one sees it—will be a lasting reminder of the graphic design skill of John Kemper. Through the years since he arrived at Western in 1942, John has executed over 200 designs for this school. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Ohio State and a Master of Arts from Columbia, he went into designing for publishing and paper companies and then taught at Ohio State. His flair for the unusual, the just-right touch, has long been recognized and has kept him in demand. Many were the hours he spent from 1951-64 on the Festival of Arts Committee, the days of designing stage setting for Western's Players, the years of looking and supervising installation of gallery exhibitions. His own works, often leading to awards, were featured in the Advertising Art Exhibition from 1951-62 and elsewhere—from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts to Ogunquit, Maine, and from W.M.U. Faculty shows to the Ohio Valley Oil and Watercolor Exhibition. John's honors include being listed in "Who's Who in American Art" as well as in "Who's Who in Midwest Art." His talents take still another turn, for with his love for good music, plays, and movies, he's a dependable critic and mentor for his friends. They know him, too, as a connoisseur of good food (the eating of it, i.e.) and as a tireless traveler to many European countries. Wherever John is, his facile mind and eye and pen combine to produce art for the rest of us.

VERN E. MABIE

Director of Placement

One of the most genial, kind, and friendly individuals at Western—this is Vern Mabie. And one of the most widely known and highly respected persons in state professional placement—this, too, is Vern Mabie. With Vern's first appearance on Western's campus as a student in 1923, there began his interest in and training for leadership as an educator. After receiving a life certificate in teaching and finishing his undergraduate and Master's degrees, he gained practical experience as a junior high principal at Sparta and as a member of the W.M.U. History staff. Then came fourteen years of administration, as principal and superintendent at Greenville, Michigan. From the History Department of Central Michigan University, where he had taught for a year, Vern came again to his Alma Mater, this time to stay. It was a fortunate day in the fall of 1948, when Dr. Paul V. Sangren appointed him as Director of Alumni Relations and Placement. Close contact with school officials, administrators and teachers have kept him constantly aware of available positions. And it has been a matter of personal joy to him to advise and assist thousands of graduates in getting their first professional positions. They've been stimulated to meet the challenge he offered for their future; and both Western and the State of Michigan have gained.

HERMANN E. ROTHFUSS

Professor of German

A man who truly appreciates his adopted land, the U.S.A., Hermann Rothfuss has been on the road of success for a long time. His experiences range from bank clerking in a Black Forest town to editing a German language publication in Minnesota to being an outstanding teacher and humanist here. Since 1944, Western has had the good fortune of having him and his gracious wife, Ilse, on campus. Dr. Rothfuss's regard for high academic standards and his interest in students as persons have made him an inspiration to the gifted and a catalyst to the lazy brains in his classes. In 1968 he received the Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence. His sense of justice, pursuit of the right, and assiduous attention to duty, all warmly balanced by a wise knowledge of human nature, have resulted in leadership in departmental, university, Inter-faculty Council, and A.A.U.P. affairs. Hermann has been a natural to relate Western to educational ventures abroad: invitation by the West German government in 1961 to participate in an advisory tour of educational institutions there; close association with W.M.U.'s affiliation program with the Pädagogische Hochschule in West Berlin; being awarded the Cross of Honor, First Class, by the Federal Republic of Germany in 1969 for promoting friendship between the U.S. and West Germany. Yes, Dr. Rothfuss's scholarly wanderlust has taken him far and as he now takes formal leave, it's *Auf Wiedersehen* for him and Mrs. Rothfuss.

ROY J. WIETZ

Associate Professor of Physical Education

With a background that included performance on three successive Big Ten championship football teams at the University of Illinois and All-American acclaim at guard in 1928, Roy Wietz coached at Toledo Waite High School, Miami University, and the University of Vermont before coming to Western in 1942. Here, too, his work has been marked by initiative, perseverance, and success in a variety of sports. Joining the W.M.U. staff as an assistant football coach, Roy also has served as head track, golf, and wrestling mentor. The record of his golf teams (113-47-8) is the winningest in the school's history and two of his golfers were Mid-American Conference medalists. Roy started the Bronco wrestling program and compiled a 54-49-5 record while producing six individual conference champions. With pride and appreciation does Western recognize these achievements. And with affection, too, do Roy's fellow staff members regard him for his culinary skills, his "green thumb" and his generosity to all ages. Married for over 30 years, Roy and Eloise Jamieson Wietz reside in the pastoral setting of their lovely home near Otsego.

MENU

Fresh Fruit Cup	Assorted Crackers		
Baked Virginia Ham	Spiced Crabapple		
Candied Louisiana Yams			
Blue Lake Green Beans Buttered			
Chef's Salad Bowl	Choice of French and Roquefort Dressings		
Parkerhouse Rolls	Butter Square		
Melon Rind Pickles	Black Olives	Kumquats	
Lemon Meringue Pie			
Coffee	Tea	Milk	Sanka

Invocation Dr. Paul Maier

PROGRAM

On the Main Road Dr. David Adams,
President, Faculty Senate

On All Roads Dr. James W. Miller,
President

On New Roads Miss Lydia Siedschlag,
For the Emeriti

At the Crossroads Dr. Albert Becker,
For the Retirees

The Faculty Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate:
Eleanor Douglass, Moyra Ebling, Elizabeth Giedeman,
Robert Harmon, Daniel Hendriksen, Paul Maier, Maisie
Pearson, A. L. Sebaly, W. Terry Stokes.

