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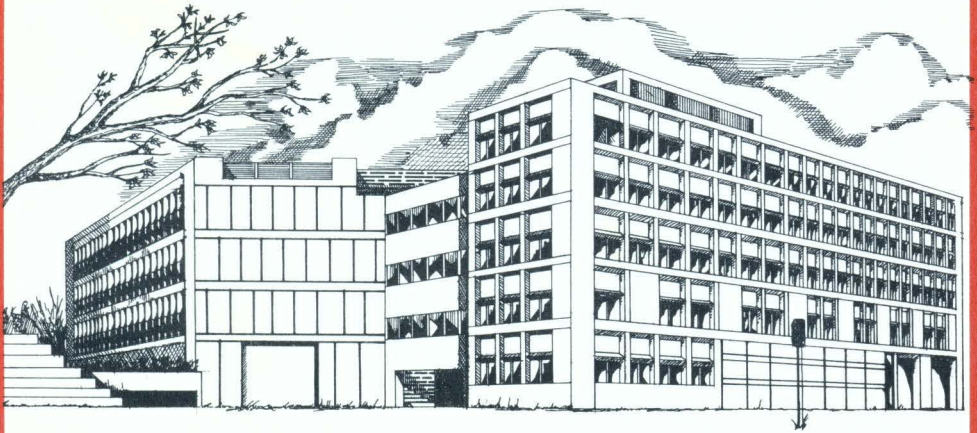
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## WELCOME

### EMERITI, FACULTY, FRIENDS

The Administration and the Faculty Senate welcome you to this Recognition Dinner of 1971. You are invited to visit with friends in the Faculty Lounge after the program.



## HONORED RETIREES

Tonight we wish to honor twelve of our esteemed colleagues who are retiring. Together they have given 229 years of service to the university.

### ELMER BELOOF

#### Professor of Music Education

Whole-heartedly dedicated to music education and to the development of the humane man, Elmer Beloor has devoted himself tirelessly and dynamically to promoting those ends. A holder of two bachelor degrees from the University of Illinois and master's and doctor's degrees from Teacher's College, Columbia, Dr. Beloor has taught high school music, serving both as director of instrumental music and department chairman; has been vice president of the Illinois State Orchestra Directors' Association; and several times has been district chairman of state music festivals in Illinois. In 1946 he came to Western as assistant professor of music in the Campus School and in 1957 moved to the Music Department of the university, becoming professor of music in 1965. Here he has continued his unstinting and effective promotion of music education, setting high standards of achievement for his students, actively participating in M.E.N.C., conducting a workshop in music education at Memorial University, St. Johns, Newfoundland, and serving as state president of the Michigan Education Association's Department of Classroom Teachers. Vacations have revealed another side of this humane man—the nature lover who with his wife, Margaret, spends summers tenting in the wilds or, more recently, traveling by trailer throughout the country. This fall will find him back in his study finishing his soon-to-be-published book on music education.

### MARGARET BELOOF

#### Professor of Music

“Just a beautiful character!” is the capsule description of Margaret Beloor given by one of her colleagues and enthusiastically supported by many others. A gracious, kindly, thoughtful woman and a skilled artist, Mrs. Beloor joined the faculty of the Music Department of Western in 1946 as a teacher of piano and organ. Since then her work has included both group and private instruction and meeting almost limitless demands on her as a talented and accommodating accompanist. An active member of M.E.N.C., she attends all its conventions, always alert for new ideas. Her background in music includes a Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin College; several years of teaching in Illinois schools; graduate work in music at Friends University, University of Illinois, Julliard School of Music, and Columbia



University; and twenty-five years of loyal devotion to excellence in teaching here at Western. Retirement will bring an immediate vacation in Europe with her husband, Dr. Elmer Beloof, and later the resumption of well-loved tenting and trailer-travel experiences in the United States.

## DONALD J. BLACK

### Assistant Professor of Engineering & Technology

When Donald Black, a native of Kalamazoo, came to Western in 1952 to teach electrical engineering, he was one of a mere handful of instructors and students in what is now Engineering-Transportation Technology. The program which he joined and helped nurture has grown so vigorously that today the Electrical Engineering part of it alone is larger—in staff and students—than the entire Engineering-Transportation division was then. Over the years he has been instrumental and indispensable in developing communications course work and the laboratories aspects of the program. His interest in students and their appreciation of his fine work were evidenced when the Student Society of IEEE spontaneously sponsored a recognition for him last December. Don received his B.A. from Kalamazoo College in 1930, his B.S. from Valparaiso in 1949, and his M.S. from Western in 1955. During World War II he was an instructor in the radio and radar section of the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. Now with freedom to choose a permanent residence, he and Mrs. Black are taking an exploratory trip to Florida this spring and are also considering California as a possible future home. Still this native Kalamazooan is finding it difficult to pull up roots that are so deeply imbedded.

## HAZEL M. DE MEYER

### Associate Professor, Waldo Library

Behind the gay, informal manner of Hazel De Meyer resides a capable and efficient professional librarian and civic leader whose distinguished career embraces many offices of great responsibility. With a B.A. from Western and B.S. and M.L.S. degrees from Columbia University and with experience as high school librarian in Holland and Lansing, she joined Western's faculty in 1946 as order librarian. Since then, as education librarian and, presently, reference librarian, she has earned wide recognition as consultant to libraries and contributor to professional journals but especially as a capable officer in innumerable organizations: the Michigan Association for Higher Education, the M.L.A., the A.A.U.P., the A.A.U.W., Business and Professional Women, Western's Faculty Women's Club, the Governor's Council on Employment Problems, and many others. Now, listed in *Who's Who in America* and in *Who's Who in Data Processing*, and with a two-year presidency of A.A.U.W. before her (1971 and 1972),

this human dynamo is pausing only briefly before taking on still another office—that of wife and homemaker—one that this charming hostess will no doubt fill with equal distinction after May 29.

## WENDALL FIDLER

### Associate Professor of Distributive Education

A man of wide experience in business and professional work and a world traveler, Wendell Fidler still prides himself on retaining a bit of the parochial: His Scots heritage is very dear to him. A roster of the states in which his varied experience has been gathered is lengthy: in Ohio, at Ohio State University he obtained two B.S. degrees and a position as Secretary-Treasurer of The Metal Electric Processing Company of Marion; in Pennsylvania, at the University of Pittsburgh he obtained his master's; in Florida, he was Assistant Manager of the General American Credits Company and Assistant to the Manager of Sears, Roebuck & Company of Miami; in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire, he taught distributive education in high schools, and in New Hampshire's Keene Teachers College he was a teacher trainer in distributive education; in Michigan, at Western, to which he came in 1951, he taught distributive education until 1956 and then helped to develop and became head of the widely-recognized Petroleum Distribution Program and also served as a member and officer of the Faculty Senate. In 1966, when his son Richard was studying in Tokyo, he visited Japan and returned later for a second trip. Now he expects to spend the month of June in Turkey, attracted to that country in part by an invitation from a former student who has set up a successful oil company there. Later in the summer he plans to visit a new grandchild in Oregon. Dear though his Scots heritage is, Scotland is not on his itinerary. Is he then, like James Boswell, only "*from Scotland*"?

## EUNICE HERALD

### Professor and Head of Home Economics

When vivacious Eunice Herald came to Western in 1955 as head of the Home Economics Department, she already had a history of dynamic and innovative leadership in academic and civic affairs. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, she began implementing her consistently-held belief that "family-life education is the basic business for everyone and should be promoted in schools. It might help solve many difficulties the American family is having." In Highland Park Elementary School she arranged for the integration of home economics with social science and industrial arts classes, making the inter-disciplinary program co-educational. Later, with a master's degree from Michigan, she set up an innovative curriculum in home economics for the University of Michigan Laboratory School, helped to organize "Hero" (Home Economics Related



Occupations) to enable high school students to gain marketable skills, and developed a course in homemaking for cardiac patients. Since earning her Ph.D. and joining Western's faculty, she has promoted her vision of what home economics should be—a combination of consumer education, family-life preparation, and occupational orientation. As a charter member of the National Council of Home Economics Administrators, editor of *Practical Home Economics Magazine*, board member of the American Home Economics Association, member of the Women's Civil Defense Council of the United States, and leader in many other activities, she has amply earned the distinction of being listed in *Who's Who of American Women* and in *Leaders in Science*.

## DOROTHY LANDER

Associate Professor, Waldo Library

Coming late to library work after raising a family, Dorothy Lander has advanced rapidly in her profession. She received her B.A. in 1959 and her M.A. in 1963, both from Western. In 1959 she was appointed clerk in the Order Department of Waldo Library, in 1963 assistant librarian, in 1965 librarian and head of the Reserved Reading Room, and in 1968 reference librarian. During these years, she has been a member of the American Library Association and of the Michigan Library Association and has served as both secretary and arts chairman of A.A.U.P., being particularly interested and active in the work of the antiques group. She shares also the lively interest in photography of her husband, Roy, whose prize photographs have frequently appeared in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Since Dorothy retired from the faculty in January, she and her husband were able to spend a month in Florida this winter and to attend a number of photographers' meetings. An enviable future of travel and creativity lies before them.

## NORBERT NOECKER

Assistant Professor of Agriculture

Dr. Noecker's experience has been varied and fruitful, sometimes even in surprising ways. Little did he know in his undergraduate days at State College of Iowa that his experience in the track team would in later years prove useful to him in running down stray dogs that were despoiling his Christmas trees, to his chagrin as a member of the board of directors of Michigan Marketeers Christmas Tree Corporation—or that the same undergraduate experience would serve him well in chasing a thief who had stolen money from the department's coffee room. Less surprising and even more fruitful has been the utilization of his professional experience from Iowa State University (M.S.) and from the University of Wisconsin (Ph.D.) in the

development of an outstanding career in biology and agriculture on the faculties of the University of Notre Dame and Western Michigan University. His fine classroom work has been supplemented by numerous contributions to professional journals and by active membership in honorary fraternities, the A.A.U.P., and Western's Faculty Senate. Now his retirement from teaching will give him time for utilization of other aspects of his experience—especially in music, in travel, and in work in the Kalamazoo Farmers' Club, of which he has recently been president.

## FREDERICK ROGERS

### Professor and Former Head of English Department

This gentle, quietly-incisive, witty professor of English, department head, and Faculty Senate president has been a tremendous influence both in his department and in the university at large. From kindergarten days in the Campus School through undergraduate years at Western, from appointment to the faculty in 1946 through election to the presidency of the Faculty Senate at a crucial time in the school's history, his presence has made itself constructively felt. With the exception of a few years spent in teaching in South Haven and at Kalamazoo Central, in earning degrees at Columbia and Michigan, and in serving in the Air Force, he has worked tirelessly and selflessly in Western's interest. Following Dr. William Brown's long tenure as English Department head, Dr. Rogers was appointed in 1956 to take on what had become a staggering job of administering and teaching in a department which was to swell during his administration from 30 to 79 members. With no associate chairmen and not even a secretary, he worked out department policy, hired faculty, arranged instructors' schedules, kept books, counseled students and instructors, and taught Shakespeare and Eighteenth-Century Literature. The classical education and temperament that enabled him to balance the visionary and the practical in the development of his ebullient department also enabled him to encourage judiciousness in the selection of the university's new president during Dr. Rogers' leadership of the Faculty Senate. His strenuous years as administrator were relieved in the fall of 1966 by a sabbatical leave to do Shakespeare research in England. Since then, he has continued to exert his quiet, constructive influence, now as professor and elder statesman to the department and the university.

## WILLIAM SCHREIBER

### Assistant Professor of Engineering and Technology

William Schreiber, a professional engineer whose specialty is heat transfer and air conditioning, has had wide experience in his field. A native of New York City and a graduate of Cooper Union School of Engineering and of Western, he served for eight years in the U.S.



Army Corps of Engineers, for three years as a refrigeration engineer with Electric Servant Company of Yonkers, for two years as instructor of military personnel for Bendix Aviation Company, and for six years as an instructor in the air conditioning laboratory of New York State Veteran's Vocational School. Since coming to Western in 1953, Bill Schreiber has been instrumental in setting up the air-conditioning program at W.M.U. and superintending its development from its infancy in limited quarters across the tracks to its maturity in the well-equipped laboratory in the new Industrial and Engineering Technology Building on the West Campus. Bill has become "Mr. Air-Conditioning" and the program so highly regarded that outside parties now petition the department for help in solving their air-conditioning problems. The university owes a debt of gratitude to Bill Schreiber for the effort he has put into gathering and assembling the equipment in the present air-conditioning laboratory. And professional organizations in the state and nation also owe him much for his active participation and contributions.

## JANE THOMAS

### Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy

Jane Thomas, whose mother was a practicing physician until her death, has had a life-long interest in therapy and a long association with the local Occupational Therapy organization. While this department was still a part of the Kalamazoo State Hospital, she studied in it and received her undergraduate degree from Western, later getting her master's from University of Michigan. In 1944 she helped Miss Marian Spear move Occupational Therapy from the State Hospital to Western and has taught in this nationally known department almost constantly ever since. Here her areas of special competence have been Kinesiology and Arts and Crafts, her forte being weaving. A creative weaver herself who designs unusual patterns and develops new techniques, she stimulates creativity in her students, who appreciate both her originality and her insistence on high standards of craftsmanship. She is active in Kalamazoo weavers' organizations and in the State Weavers' Guild and finds time to talk to innumerable groups on the subject of weaving. In the several homes she and her builder-husband Don have built or bought, a studio for her many looms has always been essential. Now retiring at an enviable age, she will have time to indulge even more fully the artist and therapist in her and to augment her already-great participation in the activities of the West Main Methodist Church.

## ETHEL WEST

### Assistant Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences

A champion golfer, a talented actress, a successful debate coach,

a meticulous secretary for departmental meetings, and a dedicated, effective classroom teacher—an unusual combination indeed! Here, one might be tempted to say, is the ideal Renaissance man, were Ethel West not so clearly a delightful woman struggling helplessly at times with the temperamental plumbing and the flying shingles of her home. From youth, her varied interests and abilities, her vigor, dedication, will to excel have been remarkable. With a bachelor's degree and a major in speech from Wittenberg, graduate work at Northwestern, and a master's degree from Michigan, she became an outstanding debate coach and director of theater for young people in Michigan high schools. In 1960, she joined Western's faculty, teaching speech and General Studies courses, and here too her great dedication and conscientiousness asserted themselves to good effect. At the same time she was a popular actress in Kalamazoo Civic Theater productions, one of her memorable roles being in *The Warrior's Husband*, opposite Frank Householder. As one colleague remarked recently, "Ethel West is a person of depth, of unusual dimensions."

## MENU

Spring Fruit Cup

Assorted Cracker Baskets

Oven Fried Half Chicken

Candied Kumquat

Snoflake Potatoes

Chicken Gravy

Fresh Green Peas and Pearl Onions—Butter Sauce

Tossed Greens Salad Bowl

Choice of French and Bleu Cheese Dressings

Assorted Relish Tray

Cloverleaf Rolls

Hard Crusty Roll

French Vanilla Ice Cream

Party Cookies

Coffee

Tea

Milk

Sanka



Invocation . . . . . Father James Sullivan

## PROGRAM

Dr. David Adams . . . . . President, Faculty Senate

Dr. James W. Miller . . . . . President

Mr. Otto Yntema . . . . . For the Emeriti

Dr. Fred Rogers . . . . . For the Retirees

The Faculty Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate: Moyra Ebling, Herbert Ellinger, Frances Hardin, Daniel Hendriksen, Joseph Kanamueller, Paul Maier, Maisie Pearson, A. L. Sebaly, Helen G. Sellers.



