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OFF SOON FOR JAPAN AND INDIA

$79,000 State Department Grant To Take 30 Students to Far East

Thirty lucky students from Western Michigan University, both undergraduate and graduate, have been chosen to participate in the Asia Studies summer seminar which will take them to Japan for two weeks and then on to India for eight weeks.

Dr. Samuel I. Clark, director of honors, and Dr. Cornelius Loew, acting dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, are co-directors for the project, and are proud of the academic records compiled by these students, with most of the undergraduates having participated in honors programs.

Twelve of the group are now graduate students, with another six set to receive their degrees in June before leaving on the venture.

Each grant is worth about $2,500, says Dr. Clark, with $65,000 having been provided originally by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to which has now been added another $14,000. The money is made available through American funds held in foreign countries which cannot be returned to the United States.

The group flies from Kalamazoo Sunday, June 9, to Washington, D.C., for briefing, and leaves June 11 for Honolulu and Tokyo, scheduled to arrive in the latter city June 13 and remain in Japan until June 27.

On June 27 they will fly to Hong Kong for a day and then on to Calcutta where they will be headquartered at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture. Final departure from Delhi will be August 26 or 27, with students able to make some choices on their route home. The venture will cost each student about $400 of his own money.

Undergraduates selected are: Beverly Cole, J. David Gernant, Kalamazoo; Michael Adas, Northville; Wayne Elzey, Ionia; Kendall Folkert, Zeeland; Charles Francis, Three Oaks; Louis Helleman, Bay City; Patricia Kool, Holland; Jan Seuss, Edwardsburg; David Wills, Romeo, and Diane Wood, Bay City.

June graduates, now seniors, are: Susan Dick, Battle Creek; Terry Fitch, Grand Rapids; Janice Goebel, South Bend; Joanne Tucek, Three Oaks; James Venema, Grand Rapids; Douglas Voydanoff, Pontiac, and Richard Whitmer, Pontiac.

Graduate students are: Carl F. Cisky, Plainwell, a teacher at Otsego; Allen G. Harris, Kalamazoo, a teacher at Paw Paw; Wilda Large, South Haven, a teacher at Portage; Grace Hauzy, Kalamazoo Central teacher; Barbara Nuchims, Kalamazoo; Agatha Petersen, Kalamazoo teacher; Edwin Petersen, Kalamazoo teacher; Gloria Rhuland, Portage teacher; Peter Schneider, Middletown, Conn., a WMU English teacher; Margie Senkowski, Vicksburg teacher; Del Thusius, Portage teacher; Robert Trelaar, Petoskey, Kalamazoo Central teacher.

Dr. Clark reveals that he has just received an invitation from Ambassador Edwin O. Reischauer in Japan to meet the group on their arrival there.
Marion Anderson Captivates a University and a City

Marion Anderson left a deep impression on the campus and community in her recent two-day visit to Kalamazoo.

Her graciousness and humility swept a small group of dinner visitors literally off their feet, and her consideration for the students invited to meet her brought a warm response from all.

Her triumphant stay was highlighted, of course, by the concert appearance which she made to more than 2,600 people, singing a wide range of music and closing with a fine selection of Negro spirituals.

Marion Anderson is not only one of music’s greats, she is indeed an accomplished artist of whom the entire world can be proud.

The excellent photographic study of Miss Anderson and her accompanist, Franz Rupe, was made by Bob Maxwell of the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Chemistry Grants To Aid Research

Two University chemists have received grants from the National Institute of Health totalling nearly $20,000, it is announced by Dr. Lillian H. Meyer, head of the chemistry department.

Dr. Robert Harmon has received an extension of a grant which he is now using for research, the sum being $4,669.

Dr. Cecil Smith, a new member of the chemistry faculty this year, has $15,000 for the first year of three years of research to study some cyclic fatty acids. The funds will provide for two graduate assistants to help him with research studies.

Dr. Milton Greenberg, associate professor of political science, has written a summary of civil liberties and civil rights actions during 1962 which will appear in the newest edition of Collier’s Encyclopedia Yearbook.
First Graduate of Blind Program, W. Walkowiak, Named to Faculty

Western Michigan University's unique orientation and mobility program in the training of teachers for the blind has added a new member to its staff, one of its first graduates, William R. Walkowiak.

The only Western alumnus in the first group of three students to complete the three-semester program, Walkowiak joined the staff of the Veterans Administration hospital at Hines, Ill., upon graduation, and now as a Western faculty member will continue working there with future groups of WMU students.

Under this program, financed by Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, students work on the campus for two semesters, followed by a third semester of clinical work at the Hines hospital, which is the VA's center for blinded veterans. Here students practice their classroom work in teaching the blind to achieve a new mobility.

Using the "long cane" technique, students must learn to move about the community without audible help from others, using the cane for clearance of objects and for identification. They can be seen at various areas in Kalamazoo learning to maneuver while blindfolded—with an instructor at a discreet distance.

Only four students enter the program each semester, as each must spend a great deal of time working individually with an instructor. If they work in pairs they tend to "lean" on each other, rather than stepping forth to learn how to use the cane and their own senses. Lawrence Blaha works closely with the beginning students, and Stanley Suterko is the orienter for the advanced students here.

Donald Blasch, director of the program, says that the students are placed in jobs long before graduation, with at least six requests being made for every graduate available. The seven who have completed the work have already scattered all over the nation to carry this "long cane" technique to both children and adults.

With four students entering the program each semester, Blasch says that applications for June and September are good, but that there is a problem in finding capable and interested people to begin studies in January.

Kalamazoo and Battle Creek are also benefitting in other ways by the presence of this program at Western, for the staff are working with children and some adults in both communities. The adults, says Blasch, are perhaps easier because most of them have at one time had some sight and better understand directions with a reference to work from. However, the children they are now working with generally have been blind from birth and therefore, do not know what a street or sidewalk looks like, and to tell them to "walk around the block" does not mean much.

They are working with children at the Upjohn school and South junior high school in Kalamazoo and at the Ann J. Kellogg school in Battle Creek.

In the fall a workshop will be held on the Western campus, bringing people from all over the country who are now working with the blind. Techniques being used in the Western program will be presented to them.

Baker Elected Director

Dr. Lee Baker, head of the agriculture department, has been elected a director of the National Association of College Teachers of Agriculture.
Three Chosen for Summer Language Training at UCLA

University officials are pleased that three faculty members have been selected to attend a National Defense Foreign Language program this summer at the University of California, Los Angeles. None of them are language teachers.

Two political scientists and one geographer, they will be students for eight weeks as they learn languages to use in their professional studies. All have been exposed to the languages for extended periods while teaching and studying abroad.

Dr. Claude Phillips, associate professor of political science and director of the Institute of Regional Studies, will work with the most exotic tongue, Hausa, the lingua franca of West Africa. Last year Dr. Phillips was on leave to study at Ibadan, Nigeria, where he had his initial contact with the language.

He also expects to spend some of his time engaged in area studies at UCLA’s African Studies Center.

Two scholars with language interests in the Western Hemisphere are Dr. Oscar Horst, associate professor of geography, and Dr. Roland Ebel, assistant professor of political science.

Both will study Spanish. While they have picked up conversational Spanish in periods of living in Central America and the Caribbean, they find they need a more intensive knowledge of grammar for writing and for speaking to academic audiences.

Raymond Deur, left, a science teacher at University High School since 1943, has been honored by the Faculty Science club as Southwestern Michigan’s “Outstanding Science Teacher of 1963.” Presentation of a scroll denoting his development of good attitudes of scientific inquiry, his influence on young people in choosing careers in science, and his maintenance of high academic standards was made by Frank Hinds, professor of biology.

57,000 Copies Sold

A book selling 57,000 copies is an unqualified success, at least from the marketing viewpoint, and that is the latest and surprising report on Modern Rivals to Christian Faith, a small volume authored by Dr. Cornelius Loew, acting dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.