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Faculty Recognition Dinner



Cupola of Original Administration Building

Saturday
May 13, 1972





The administration and the Faculty Senate

WELCOME

EMERTI, FACULTY, FRIENDS

to the Recognition Dinner of 1972. All are invited to visit with friends
in the Faculty Lounge after the program.

HONORED RETIREES

Tonight we wish to honor eleven of our esteemed colleagues who are retiring. Together they have given 268 years of service to the university.

HUGH G. ARCHER

Associate Professor of Teacher Education

Hugh Archer has the quiet perceptiveness of the scholar, but he also has the incisiveness and competence of the good administrator, which he was for years. Hugh earned his Bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University, where he also played varsity basketball and tennis. Following graduation from Central Michigan in 1930, he taught mathematics and coached football and basketball at Lakeview High School. In 1938 he received his Master's degree from the University of Michigan, and in 1939 came to Western as superintendent of the Training School at Portage. During World War II he served in the United States Air Force. Upon his return to civilian life he was appointed principal of the Paw Paw High School and then, in 1946, became superintendent of schools at Paw Paw. In 1959 he came to the campus scene in connection with the Directed Teaching program. Hugh has two sons and a daughter-in-law who are teachers, and his wife Janice is a former school librarian. When asked about their plans for retirement, Jan wrote this: "He is very concerned about his lawn at home and at the cottage, and works very diligently weeding and feeding, etc. He cares nothing about my flowers. Retirement will give him more time for his lawn, and he may learn to appreciate flowers." The lake cottage mentioned is at Pine Lake Number One, where he had a ski boat which he sold in favor of looking for a suitable pontoon boat, which as of this evening he hasn't located. At present his active sports are golf and pool. The Archers plan to travel, and Hugh would like to enter into some kind of volunteer work, where his experience and aptitudes would contribute something of value. When asked what she thought most characterized Hugh's feelings about his long connection with Western, Jan said, "Happiness. Hugh has been happy at Western." Western has been happy with Hugh.

HARRIETTE V. BARTOO

Professor of Biology

During her career, Harriette Bartoo has been deeply involved in her chosen field of botany on the campuses as well as in the communities where she lived. Her teaching was first known at Hiram College, where she received an A.B. degree. Then after a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Harriette taught at East Kentucky State Teachers

College, Williamsport-Dickinson Junior College, and Oberlin before coming to Kalamazoo in 1948. Harriette's interests in economic botany was readily seen in her courses which also showed that she is a well-travelled person. The trips to the South Pacific, Caribbean areas and Europe combined pleasure with professional activities. The Nature Center, here in Kalamazoo, has also seen her activity, not only on the Board of Directors but in the development of the sun-rain room. Still more involvement shows in the numerous professional society memberships: Michigan Botanical Club (Southwest Michigan Chapter organizer and officer), Michigan Academy of Science, advisor to Beta Beta Beta, and Society for Economic Botany among others.

JACOB P. DEWITT

Associate Professor of Physics

Jacob P. Dewitt enjoyed (and I mean "enjoyed") a long and varied career as a physics educator. After receiving a bachelor's degree at Hope College and a master's degree at the University of Iowa, he taught at Northwestern College of Orange City, Iowa; Fort Scott Junior College (at Fort Scott, Kansas); here at Western during World War II; at Sturgis High School; and then again here, since 1957. He contributed to his profession not only through his membership in the American Association of Physics Teachers and the Michigan Education Association, but also through his contact with students of all kinds. His concern for students, coupled with real teaching ability, rarely if ever failed to make a good impression. A list of his hobbies would include bowling, ribbing his colleagues, and—judging from the amount he did—work must have been a hobby, too. Jake Dewitt, in short, is an Uncommon Man.

GEORGE O. EGLAND

Associate Professor of Speech Pathology

George Egland started on the road to this evening in Glenville, Minnesota. In 1935 he took his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa, and in 1938 his Master of Arts. From 1935 to 1938 he was an instructor at the University of Minnesota and head therapist in the Speech Clinic. From Minnesota he moved to Eugene, Oregon, where he was a speech therapist for the public schools and for the Children's Hospital. He came to Western in 1954 and was named Assistant Director of Western's internationally famous Speech Clinic. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. Through his years of teaching and clinical work he has also been a productive scholar, contributing many articles on speech therapy to the professional journals in his field. In 1970 his book *Speech and Language Problems: A*

Guide to the Classroom Teacher appeared and has enjoyed a very large success. George and Martha have three children, all of whom will have finished college by June of this year, and three grandchildren. His hobby is camping and fishing, and his truck camper is his second home. As a fisherman he leans toward coho and steelhead, although he's eclectic and does not shun a spot of ice fishing now and then. His future plans include more fishing and camping, travel in addition to the fishing and camping and volunteer work of some kind with young children.

LEONARD C. KERCHER

Professor and Head, Department of Sociology

Of all personnel presently at Western Leonard Kercher has the longest record of service—having come to the University as a member of the faculty in 1928. He is a graduate of Western and took three degrees, including his doctorate, at the University of Michigan. Early in his academic career he became especially interested in the co-operative movement and is the author of an outstanding book on the subject. He has also published frequently in journals devoted to sociological studies. For several summers he was co-director of Western Michigan University seminars in Europe. After the 1960 seminar he and his wife Dorothea remained in Europe and for a year conducted a cross-cultural study in delinquency that ranged from Scandinavia to the Middle East and throughout Africa. He has distinguished himself throughout his long career in community service. Even a bare list of his contributions impresses one with his dedication to the welfare of others: president of the Kalamazoo Council of Social Agencies, president of the Kalamazoo Chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Health, member of the research commission of the American Council on Social Work Education, member (30 years) of the Salvation Army Board, Life Member of the Family Service Center Board, member of a community committee for work among the aged, two-term president of the Board of the Kalamazoo Chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Health, co-moderator for four years of a public forum on current issues broadcast by WKZO-WJEF. He has served as national president of Torch International and president of the Kalamazoo Chapter. He has done studies, in company with other scholars on racial discrimination in eating establishments, on the incidence of mental illness in Kalamazoo County, and on public attitudes toward municipal services. He is especially interested in his work in establishing the large and growing Ann Kercher Memorial Collection on Africa at Western's Waldo Library, a collection which he worked to establish. In retirement Leonard plans to continue research and writing. He will relax in his favorite pastime, fishing, which he does both in the United States and Canada. And he and Dorothea plan to do some more travelling. For many years Leonard Kercher has been one of Western's most prominent and highly respected faculty members. It is impossible to think of Western without him. It is to be hoped that he will make it unnecessary by coming to campus often as he enjoys retirement.

MYRTLE B. POWERS

Assistant Professor of Biology

As a native and life-long resident of Scotts, Myrtle Powers can certainly be called an authority on the development of our area of southwestern Michigan. This will be only one of the things for which she will be remembered. Myrtle's association with WMU can be considered to have started early in her life in that she received her B.S. from what was then Western State Teachers College. Her teaching career here started somewhat later, in 1939, after some high school teaching and an M.A. degree from Michigan State College (now MSU). All teachers have as a goal to help young people, and so too Myrtle Powers, but in this respect she was unusual and outstanding. The interest in young people has not been confined to those of college age, but all ages as seen in her activities and interests in the 4-H Club. Also unusual is the animal farm at her home in Scotts. Many people have seen her pets and those who haven't seen them should do so. This is not difficult since Myrtle brings them to the county fair and the Nature Center. Among the champion sheep and ponies are wild turkeys, varieties of pigeons and even a llama.

MAURICE F. SEAY

Professor of Educational Leadership, and Associate Dean, College of Education

It is impossible in the brief space allotted here even to list the professional accomplishments and honors of Maurice Seay. Only a few of the highlights can be touched upon. He was born in Kentucky and took his Bachelor's and his Master's degrees at Transylvania College, his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He holds three honorary doctorates, one of them from Western. He has been Dean of the College of Education at Union College in Kentucky and Dean of the University at the University of Kentucky. He has been departmental chairman at the University of Kentucky, the University of Chicago, and Michigan State University. He has been Chief of the Training Division of the Tennessee Valley Authority and Assistant Director of the National Housing Agency. He has been Director of the Education Division of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. At the time of his coming to Western in 1967, he was Assistant Dean and Director of the School for Advanced Studies in the College of Education at Michigan State University. In 1970 he was named Acting Dean of the College of Education at Western. Like his other accomplishments his scholarly publications are too numerous to list here. Like the Scot whose heart's in the Highlands, Maurice's heart is in his farm near Battle Creek, and here will be his headquarters for retirement. He is a member of the Polled Hereford Association of America, and on his farm he has fifteen Polled Herefords, two donkies, and a dog. At the back of the farm is a lake where, Maurice reports, the fishing is excellent, and, to make

assurance doubly sure, he has a pond on the farm which he, like a true Kentuckian, has stocked with catfish. His retirement plans also embrace continued work on a writing project, working with doctoral degree students who have begun projects under him, and continuing as an examiner for the North Central Association. In addition to the weekly trips which the examinership requires, Maurice and Ruth plan to do some travelling on their own. All who have experienced the wit and warmth and wisdom of Maurice Seay are sorry he came to us so late and happy that in retirement he will continue to be close by.

M. ELIZABETH SMUTZ

Professor of Art

Elizabeth Smutz is a native of Pennsylvania and, like so many of us, still maintains an interest in the region of her birth. This is probably best exemplified by her collection of the hex signs found especially in the rural areas of Pennsylvania. Anyone acquainted with Elizabeth will certainly attest to this, as well as to her generosity. Before coming to Kalamazoo, Elizabeth was the Art Supervisor in the schools in Johnstown, Pa., and received an A.B. from Oberlin and an M.A. from Columbia University. While here, She has been an active member of the Faculty Women's Club, holding the offices of president and secretary. Included among her memberships in organizations are the National Art Education Association, Michigan Art Education Association, Western Art Association and the honor society Delta Kappa Gamma of which she is a past president. Also on our campus, Elizabeth, had a lithograph display in McCracken Hall, back when the Art Department was housed there. There is little doubt that she will continue all her interests in art during retirement and be able to pursue them at a leisurely pace.

CARL B. SNOW

Associate Professor of Teacher Education and Director of the Audiovisual Center

Carl Snow is one of the most talented people on our faculty and one of the most generous with his talents. He is "one of our own," having graduated from Western in 1929. Out of college, he went into the Caledonia school system and from there into the United States Navy for his World War II hitch. He took his Master's degree from Columbia University. Joining Western's faculty in 1946 (mathematics and counselling), he was named Director of the Audiovisual Center in 1951. It is unnecessary to point out to anybody at Western Carl's worth and importance in this position. It is pervasive. He has created a facility for distributing audiovisual equipment and material throughout Western and even throughout Michigan which is unequalled. In

1963-4 he was president of the Michigan Audiovisual Association, and in 1963 he was guest speaker before the British Isles Audiovisual Association. He is presently a member of the International Division Board of the National Education Association. Not only an active and creative administrator, Carl has contributed many articles on audio-visual instruction to professional journals and is also the author of a series of articles which grew out of his visits in 1971 to schools in Japan, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Romania. His hobby is photography. After a showing of one of his slide series (based upon the world to be found in his own backyard) before a Kalamazoo service club, one businessman, not known for fanciful extravagances, was heard to call the series "poetry in form and color." He plans to use his retirement in going further into micro-photography. Having been around the world twice and to Europe twice, he and Ethel put travel prominently in their plans. In particular they have started the preliminaries necessary to enter Red China and hope they will get the requisite permit. When they return Carl's travel pictures will be a real treat to the lucky ones he shares them with.

EDWIN B. STEEN

Professor of Biology

There is little doubt that Ed Steen is one of those who is well-rounded in the field of biology. This is readily seen in his authorship and editorship of several books and laboratory manuals and his involvement as a member of the Michigan Board of Examiners in Basic Science. He is author or co-author of a Dictionary of Biology, Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, Anatomy and Physiology (College Outline Series) among others. His career at WMU has spanned more than 30 years including a period as Head of the Biology Department. Prior to coming to Kalamazoo, Ed was on the staff of Wabash College, after receiving an A.B. degree there, the University of Cincinnati, Purdue University and City College in New York. The early teaching career was interrupted to pursue studies for advanced degrees: an M.A. from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. His membership in professional societies include Sigma Xi, American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Institute of Biological Sciences.

ADRIAN TRIMPE

Associate Professor and Head, Department of Distributive Education

One of Adrian Trimpe's colleagues in the Department of Distributive Education describes Adrian as "a real pioneer in the field of Distributive Education—one of the first to recognize the need for

training teachers of distributive education, he stumped the state to get support for the foundation of the program we have going today." Among other accomplishments he raised funds from industry, both food and petroleum, and other sources to build the building which houses the Distributive Education Department at Western today. He graduated from Western and took his Master's degree at the University of Michigan, where he specialized in vocational education. After serving as personnel director for Allied Stores in Pontiac and as teacher coordinator for the Pontiac Public Schools, he came to Western's faculty in 1947. In 1954, he was a survey analyst for the State Advisory Committee for Business Education. In 1956, he was on special assignment for the United States Office of Education. He was chairman of a committee which made a study of the occupational needs for a vocational education curriculum in connection with the founding of Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He has been a two-term member and secretary of the Comstock Board of Education. He has designed and composed a flip chart for a sales manual put out by The Food Services Equipment Industry, Inc., a Chicago manufacturers' association. He has contributed articles to the professional journals in the vocational education field, one of his best known being "Making Lessons Dramatic in the Distributive Education Class," which appeared in *The National Business Education Quarterly*. Adrian's headquarters for retirement will be his home on Lake Macatawa at Holland which fellow members of the Lions Club whom he entertained there recently describe enthusiastically as ideal for the purpose. He has a boat there, which he uses on both Macatawa and Lake Michigan and a snowmobile. He is a stamp collector, a golfer, and an avid reader. Much of his time will be taken up by his large farm near Holland, where, among other crops, he has two acres of "the most beautiful blueberries you ever saw" (quoted from a friend). And he and Anne will travel from coast to coast. They are assured of that, because they have a son in Pennsylvania and a daughter in California.

MENU

Chilled California Tomato Juice

Assorted Crackers in Baskets

Chicken Breast Fillet

Sweet and Sour Sauce

Toasted Slivered Almonds

Blended White and Wild Rice

Tomato Wedges

Green Pepper Strips

Buttered Blue Lake Green Beans

Molded Cranberry-Nut Salad

Radish Roses

Celery Fans

Carrot Curls

Stuffed Green and Mammoth Black Olives

Warm Cloverleaf Rolls

Butter Squares

Cherry Cheese Cake

Coffee

Tea

Milk

Sanka

Invocation Rev. John L. Cottrell

PROGRAM

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Dr. James W. Miller President

Mr. Frank C. Householder For the Emeriti

Dr. Leonard C. Kercher For the Retirees

The Faculty Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate: Daniel P. Hendriksen, Deldee M. Herman, Necia A. Musser, Helen G. Sellers, Charles A. Smith, and Joseph M. Kanamueller, chairman.



