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One of the most controversial figures in current American politics, Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi, appeared on the Western Michigan University campus on Sept. 24 to address some 1,500 students and faculty members in the Men's Gymnasium. Invited here by senior Tom Rushcamp, president of the Glass of '64, the segregationist governor's talk was entitled "Constitutional Government and the Rights of the States."

Barnett's appearance attracted an additional 2,000 to 2,500 students and interested townspeople who could not be accommodated in the gymnasium, because of fire regulations which limited the crowd capacity. Most of those who were unable to get inside listened to the Mississippian's speech over the campus radio stations WMUK and WIDR.

After being introduced by Otto Yntema, director of Field Services at WMU, Barnett assailed the Kennedy administration by pointing out that "... efforts are underway, right now, to force the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation that gives the executive branch of the government even greater power. If this legislation is enacted, it will result in the death of the Constitutional government as we have known it since the birth of this nation."

Barnett's address covered five areas of activity related to "... the preservation of Constitutional government—mass demonstrations, civil rights and legal wrongs, divide and conquer, the free, unpledged presidential elector plan and the outlook for a free America."

"You can see that the real issue at stake in America today is the centralization of power in Washington and not the race issue," Barnett stated in his hour-long speech. He closed by pointing out, "The selfish power-seekers view the Constitution of the United States and the principles of local self-government as annoying barriers to their ability to run America like one huge, impersonal departmentalized corporation."

Following his talk, Barnett took part in a question-and-answer period. Written questions from members of the audience were voiced by four members of a panel—Dr. Milton Greenberg, associate professor of political science; Dr. Chester Hunt, professor of sociology, and two students, J. David Gernant, Student Council president, and Mel Chatman. Yntema served as moderator.

Prior to the address, Barnett held a news conference in the University Student Center for representatives from approximately 35 news media, including Associated Press, United Press International, NBC News, Chicago; and most of the major newspapers and radio stations in southern Michigan.
New Faculty for 1963-64

School of Applied Arts and Sciences

Department Head—Raymond L. Janes, paper technology.
Associate Professor—Margery L. Bessom, home economics.
Assistant Professor—Phillip L. Bruce, industrial education; Cassius A. Hesselberth, engineering and technology.
Instructor—Arvon D. Byle, industrial education; Barbara Chapman and Mrs. Julieann Dugger, home economics; James E. Kline, paper technology; Capt. Rocco Ventrella and Sgt. Kenneth Ball, military science.

School of Business

Assistant Professor—Peter D. Couch and Alan H. Leader, management; James E. Daniels, accounting; Conrad R. Hill, marketing.
Instructor—James A. Hendricks and Hubert Zelechowski, accounting.

School of Education

Professor—Dr. William P. Viall, education.
Associate Professor—Dr. Elizabeth Hetherington, women's physical education; Daniel Moore, education.
Assistant Professor—Robert L. Betz, Vern L. Farrow, Francis E. Heger, Edward J. Heining, Ruth Kaarlela, Alice Kavanaugh and William W. Sinclair, education; Charles Donnelly, campus school and boys' counselor; Francis H. Ebert, women's physical education; Mildred Winslow, campus school library.
Instructor—Frances M. Crawford, education; Ruth Cundiff and Mrs. Harriet Schultz, campus school; Robert A. Lusk, John T. Miller and Douglas E. Paul, men's physical education; Robert A. Lusk, campus school; Robert A. Lusk, men's physical education; Mildred Winslow, campus school library.
Education Coordinator—Lamont Dirkse.

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Visiting Professor—Subhash Sonnad, sociology.
Associate Professor—Robert L. Erickson, speech.
Assistant Professor—Norman E. Carlson, English; J. Ross Eshelman and Robert J. Smith, sociology and anthropology; Dr. John E. Frey and Jochanan Stenesh, chemistry; Gustav A. Hoyer and Larry Opplinger, physics; John J. Jochem and David O. Lyon, psychology; Richard McGehee, geography and geology; Dale P. Pattison, history; Richard W. Pippen and Jack S. Wood, biology; Jaroslav Rozumný and James A. Turner, language; Erik A. Schreiner and Walter W. Turner, mathematics; Dr. R. Franklin Smith, speech; Herbert L. Smith, sociology.
Instructor—Carol A. Adamson, John T. Houdek and Clinton D. Tompkins, history; Clifford A. Barraclough, Elva Calmette and Maryann TerBurgh, language; Lynwood Bartley and Frank Marvin, English; Donald P. Bullock, music; John McClure, economics; Maynard Kaufman, philosophy and religion; Frances Kerber and Suzanne L. Pullon, speech; Dorothy E. Smith, psycho-educational clinic; Herbert D. Warren, chemistry.
Lecturer—Edilberto K. Tiempo, English; Edith L. Tiempo, creative writing.

Other Areas

Assistant Dean of Women—Margaret Romey.
Supervisor—Dwight Shier, personnel and payrolls.
Officer in Charge of Financial Development—Wendell R. Lyons.
Specialist—William Walkowiak, orientation and mobility.
Director—Robert G. Rubom, news and information services.
Assistant Director—Robert D. Hellenga, placement.
Assistant Professor—Robert K. T. Bourne, testing and coordinator.
At a recent luncheon in Kalamazoo, Western Michigan was the recipient of a check from the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee to cover the expenses of an advanced course in Driver & Safety Education which was presented during the Summer Session. Shown at the luncheon are: (from left) Dr. John Prais, administrative assistant to the president; Walter Eaton, representing the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee, and Dr. James Griggs, dean of Western’s School of Education.

Waldo Library to Receive Arab-Indian Publications

Western Michigan University’s Waldo Library will be the recipient of a set of English language publications from India, Pakistan and the United Arab Republic, according to a recent letter from the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The letter, which was sent to Dr. Katharine M. Stokes, director of Waldo Library, noted that Western will receive some 20 books each year, plus regular subscriptions to major periodicals and the most important of the English language newspapers issued in each country.

Dr. Stokes indicated that the first shipment of foreign publications is expected to reach the Western Michigan campus sometime near the first of the new year.

Chemistry Research Grant

Dr. Robert E. Harmon, assistant professor of chemistry at Western Michigan University, has been awarded a $9,025 research grant by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The grant was made to assist Dr. Harmon’s research in metal complexes of amino and hydrosulfinic acids.

1963-64 Basketball

Nov. 30 at Northwestern
Dec. 4 at Michigan State
7 at Marquette
12 LOYOLA
14 at Michigan
17 NOTRE DAME
21 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
27-28 at Motor City Tourney, Detroit against Detroit, Holy Cross, and Penn State

Jan. 4 at Miami
7 OHIO UNIVERSITY
11 BOWLING GREEN
14 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
18 KENT STATE
25 at Ohio University
29 at Loyola

Feb. 1 at Marshall
5 MIAMI
8 at Kent State
12 TOLEDO
15 vs. Creighton in Chicago
22 at Bowling Green
26 at Toledo
March 2 MARSHALL

Huge cranes, skeletons of buildings and hundreds of workmen are commonplace on the Western Michigan campus these days as work continues on the new North Valley Residence Hall complex (shown above). Also under construction on the campus are the new Sangren Hall Education Building and an addition to the Field House.

No names have yet been selected for the second unit to be built in the North Valley area. The Field House has been named Read Field House in honor of Herbert W. “Buck” Read, a member of Western’s coaching staff for 28 years. Several Read-coached basketball teams won national honors for Western, including invitations to play in Madison Square Garden.
Faculty Member Dies

Dr. Kester Directed Children's Plays

Dr. Dorothy G. Kester, assistant professor of speech and director of the Children's Theatre at Western Michigan University, died suddenly on August 20 in Kalamazoo's Bronson Hospital.

She joined the university faculty in May, 1961, to teach Creative Dramatics, Interpretation, general speech and to act as director of the children's productions. "Huckleberry Finn" which was presented last December was under Dr. Kester's direction.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Kester received her B.A. degree from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., her M.A. from Columbia University and her Ph.D. from Northwestern University. During the summers of 1942-45, she directed the Children's School and Theatre at Cain Park, Cleveland, Ohio. She later served as director of the Children's School and Theatre for the Weathervane Playhouse, Akron, Ohio, and was executive director of the Junior Jesters, operated by the Akron Public Schools.

Dr. Kester had also taught at Milligan College, Tennessee and Evanston, Illinois. Prior to joining the Western Michigan faculty, she had made an extended tour of Europe. She is survived by a brother, W. Bruce Kester of Cranford, New Jersey.

4,761 Served During 1963 Summer Session

A record 4,761 students were enrolled in summer session work at the University this year, including on-campus and field service classes.

The final on-campus figure included 4,027 on campus for the six-week and eight-week sessions, with 403 students also earning on-campus credit at the Muskegon center.

A comprehensive survey was conducted among students this year to provide guidance for the 1964 summer session, and Leonard Gernant, summer session director, reports that much information of real value was obtained in this study.

Sports

Alumni Diamond Stars Top Varsity Squad 2-0

A star-studded line-up of former Western Michigan University baseball players coached by Frank “Stubby” Overmire squeezed out a 2-0 victory over Coach Charlie Maher's Broncos in the annual Varsity-Alumni baseball game on October 12.

Some 1,500 fans at Hyames Field watched as the combined efforts of former WMU players Phil Regan, now with the Detroit Tigers; Jim Bouton, New York Yankee's prize pitcher; Charlie Maxwell of the Chicago White Sox; Len Johnston with Indianapolis; Bill Tomb and Bob Hamet of the Minneapolis Twins took advantage of four hits to score the winning runs.

Sports writers and fans who watched the game noted with interest that Coach Maher’s varsity club should produce another nationally-rated ball club next spring. Pitchers Bruce Buys, Mike Boedy, Curt Cleaver, Greg Bollo and Bill Vroegop indicated that the Broncos will again have a strong pitching staff.