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Faculty Recognition Dinner

Friday, May 31, 1974
WELCOME

EMERITI, FACULTY, FRIENDS

The Administration and the Faculty Senate welcome you to the Recognition Dinner of 1974. All are invited to visit with friends in the Faculty Lounge after the program.
HONORED RETIREES

Tonight we honor Eight of our esteemed colleagues who are retiring. May they have a full and challenging future.

L. DALE FAUNCE
Professor of Counseling and Personnel

Dale Faunce, from Harbor Springs, Michigan, was graduated from Western in 1935. That year he began his professional career in education in Sturgis, Michigan. Now, upon retirement from the staff of Western Michigan University, Dale and his wife, Billy, have returned to Sturgis.

In the intervening years Dale earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan and a doctoral degree from Michigan State University. He also distinguished himself as a teacher, coach and administrator. After teaching and coaching in Sturgis, Dearborn and East Lansing, Michigan, Dale served as Dean of Men at Michigan State University and Dean of Students at the University of Iowa. In 1956 he joined Western's staff as Vice President for Student Services and Public Relations, a position he held for ten years.

Those were important years of growth and development of the University. Dale contributed greatly by maintaining personal contacts with state legislators and various state agencies, working with alumni, coordinating campus planning and development, supporting the intercollegiate athletic program and supervising an outstanding student services program.

Capping his career as Professor, Counseling and Personnel, Dale provided leadership in the development of a graduate program for young people aspiring to positions of leadership as student personnel administrators in higher education, areas in which he served so well for so many years.
MARGARET FEATHER
Student Aid Adviser

A much-loved member of Western's campus community for nearly fifty years, Margaret Feather has been a valuable link between the university's early youth and its present maturity. She has helped to give continuity to its traditions and permanence to the memory and visions of its founders, maintaining values that give stability to a university in a time of rapid change and uncertain identity.

After graduating from Western, she became secretary to Dean Ray Pellett and later to Dean Towner Smith, in whose offices she was confidant and fount of information to students and faculty alike. Since 1958 she has been Student Aid Adviser in the Student Services Department, where her compassionate interest in students has made her an ideal administrator of the part-time student employment and the short-term loan programs. Active in sorority affairs from her student days, she was adviser to Alpha Chi Omega from 1951-67 and chapter adviser from 1960-1967. And probably no athletic department has ever had a more loyal, ardent supporter than Margaret.

Her years of devotion and service have brought her numerous honors—among them the naming of the Margaret Feather-City Panhellenic Scholarship and the naming of the Margaret Feather-University Service Award, given annually by the W.M.U. Panhellenic Organization. In 1970 the university bestowed on her the coveted Western Michigan University Distinguished Alumni Award, which she shared that year with Gardner Ackley, David Wayne, Homer Stryker, and Merze Tate. But perhaps the most treasured award has been the outpouring of affection and good wishes as Margaret terminates her official association with the campus community.
DELDEE M. HERMAN
Associate Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences

Deldee Herman received a B.A. from Western in 1928 and an M.A. from the University of Michigan in 1952. Before joining the faculty of the Speech Department at Western in 1947, Deldee taught in the Stevensville, St. Joseph, and Battle Creek Public Schools. She was a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Michigan during the Summer of 1962.

Deldee is known throughout the country for Western's Women Debate teams which she coached for the twenty-year period from 1947-67. On the local scene, she is remembered for directing the High School Debate Clinic from 1947-69 as a service for high school debate coaches and debaters throughout the state. At present, she is working on a history of debate and forensics at Western which work we hope will bring her on campus during the years to come.

In 1972, Deldee was awarded the highest honor of the Michigan Speech Association, not only for her service as President of the Association during 1963-64 but also for her efforts as certification consultant and as co-editor and author of curriculum guides during three revisions from 1958 through 1972. Next year Deldee will serve as Local Arrangements Chairperson of the Association's Fiftieth Anniversary Conference to be held at Western. Last year, Deldee received the highest honor of the Michigan Education Association, its Distinguished Service Award. She is sought after as keynote speaker at various conferences of state speech and communication associations in the midwest.

Deldee's distinguished service to Western and to the profession at state, regional, and national levels culminated in her recent co-authorship of the only communication textbook written for use in the middle-junior high school.
DOROTHY McCUSKEY
Professor, Educational Leadership

Dorothy McCuskey came to Western Michigan University in 1957 after teaching in Ohio, Connecticut, Wisconsin and North Carolina and service as a WAVE in the U.S. Navy. Her degrees are from the College of Wooster, Radcliffe College and Yale University with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She began as a teacher of English and later moved to Education where curriculum, supervisory theory and supervision of student teaching became her fields of specialization.

Her commitment to the profession of teaching was expressed in active service in the Michigan Education Association and National Education Association, the Association for Student Teaching and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. She served on yearbook Committees of both ASCD and AST. She, like former President Sangren, was one of the original members of the NEA Commission in Teacher Education and Professional Standards, and she served on both the State and National boards of ASCD.

Recognizing the responsibilities of faculty members to participate in the governance of the University, Dorothy's tangible service in this area is exemplified by work on the Curriculum Committee of the College of Education, the Educational Policies Council, two terms in the Faculty Senate and the presidency of the American Association of University Professors.

Needlepoint, bird watching, her poodle, along with a continuing interest in her profession and travel will occupy Dorothy's retirement years.
CLARICE CARMODY PLATT
Associate Professor of Social Work

Clarice Carmody Platt received her AB from Western Michigan University in 1937. Her undergraduate studies had been interrupted by marriage and employment. In 1937 she started her social work career with the Kalamazoo Emergency Relief Administration where she became Departmental Supervisor for the Aid to Dependent Children Program. Mrs. Platt received her professional social work training at the University of Michigan, receiving her Master of Social Work degree from that University in 1943.

Her interest in work with children continued as she was Executive Secretary of the Kalamazoo Branch of the Michigan Children’s Aid Society and then joined Kalamazoo Child Guidance Clinic as Chief Psychiatric Social Worker, later becoming Administrative Assistant of the Clinic. Concurrently, Mrs. Platt was a field instructor for the University of Michigan and frequently a part-time member of its classroom faculty. In 1967, Mrs. Platt joined the faculty of Western Michigan University as Associate Professor and became Director of Field Education when the Graduate School of Social Work was established in 1969.

Mrs. Platt is a Fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, a member of National Association of Social Workers and a member of the Board of Directors of the Kalamazoo Child Guidance Clinic.

She has been a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1950 and 1960, and is a past president of the Michigan Association of Child Guidance Clinics. In 1972 she was given the Social Worker of the Year Award by the Southwest Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. She is the author of professionally oriented articles and played the role of the social worker in the film “Angry Boy” produced by Michigan Department of Mental Health.
LILIJA PUZE
Assistant Professor, Waldo Library

Born in Latvia with Bachelor and Masters degrees from the University of Latvia in Education and Philology, Lilija served as a teacher and librarian in the State High School and State Art College in Liepaja, Latvia until 1944. Following four years in the Latvian High School in the IRO Refugee Camp in Hanau, Germany, again as a teacher and librarian, she came to the United States via Canada.

In 1953 with her work for a Certificate in Librarianship from Western’s Librarianship Department completed, she began her work in the Acquisition Department of the University Library. Here her expertise in foreign languages was put to good use. Requirements for a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan were completed in 1959. For a period she served as librarian on a part-time basis in Western’s Librarianship Laboratory Library, and one summer was a reference librarian at the Upjohn Company.

Long active in the Latvian Community in Kalamazoo, she has held memberships in the Kalamazoo and American Latvian Associations and the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies as well as her professional organizations. High school and university students interested in Baltic languages, culture and history welcomed her aid and advice.

Literary work has occupied much of her free time during her working years and will continue to do so in her retirement. As assistant to the editor and a regular contributor to LABIETIS, a Latvian semi-annual for ancient religion, folklore and art, she has written several articles on Latvian authors and their works. Lilija recently completed the editorial and bibliographic work on a memorial volume for Janis Veselis, Latvian novelist who had made his home in Kalamazoo.

A leaf, a flower, a plant—something green or colorful was always on her desk in the library. Good weather will find her outside working in her flower or vegetable garden. Disagreeable days she will be poring over her books.
Frank Van Voorhees has the distinction of three successful careers: government, private business, and university teaching. He has served the American public at every level of government; village, township, city, county, state, and federal. After joining Western's Political Science Department in 1962, his performance in the classroom and his dedication to students and to scholarship made him one of the most admired teachers the department has ever had.

Combining the experience of several careers, Van has given freely of his expertise and time at various levels of public enterprise and has successfully related the University to the public and the public to the University. His three published works on taxation have received nationwide distribution and approval. Much material is available which purports to explain tax statutes, but there is comparatively little on tax theory. It is in this area that Van attempts to rationalize the obscure and often irrational tax systems used by all units of government to pay for steadily increasing governmental costs. As a citizen, teacher, author, and political scientist, he is particularly concerned with remedies whereby a fair relationship may be established between costs and taxation and whereby better accountability to the citizenry for public expenditures may be realized. Though technically facing retirement, actually he is at work on a fourth tax study.

With at least twelve other members of his family, Van is a graduate of Western Michigan University, receiving his B.A. in 1931 and his M.A. in 1962. His mature judgment, penetrating analysis, wry wit, unfailing good humor and professional competence have made him a colleague of whom we are justly proud.
MARJORIE VIVIAN
Assistant Professor, Waldo Library

Marjorie Vivian has been a serials cataloger at Waldo Library for the last eight years. She graduated from the University of Michigan and has library degrees from Columbia University and the University of Michigan. She worked as a cataloger at Mount Holyoke, Michigan State University, the University of Illinois, and the United States Army Medical Library in Washington, D.C. Then for seventeen years she was head of the Reference Department in the library at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana.

In April, 1966, Marjorie joined the library staff of Western Michigan University as an Assistant Professor. From that date to October 1, 1973, when she retired, she worked in Waldo Library, most of the time as a serials cataloger.

She is a quiet, dignified, and helpful person who is accurate and careful in her work and kindly and pleasant with those around her. She has traveled widely including visits to Europe, Mexico, South America, Australia and New Zealand, Africa, Greece and the Mediterranean, and all parts of the United States and Canada. Her keen interest in music, opera, ballet, drama, stamps and further traveling will occupy her retirement years.
MENU

5:30-6:15
Punch Bowl

7:00
Dinner
V-8 Juice and Assorted Crackers
Baked Swiss Steak
Buttered Winter Mixed Vegetables
Relishes
Tossed Salad
Parfait or Lemon Chiffon Pie
Beverages
PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Russell H. Seibert

President, Faculty Senate  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Laurel A. Grotzinger

President  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Myron L. Coulter

For the Emeriti  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Elmer R. Beloof

For the Retirees  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Deldee Herman

"A Roast or A Toast"

Master of Ceremonies  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Phil Adams
REJOICE

and be exceeding glad!
On ce more we have a group graduating from among us to emeriti status.

This special occasion sponsored by the Administration and the Faculty Senate, is in recognition of them. They have served our University long and well.

It is also an occasion to welcome back our beloved emeriti,

...and gives us an opportunity to greet old friends, meet new acquaintances, and give thanks for the privilege of working at Western Michigan University.

REJOICE

then . . . we say, Rejoice!
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