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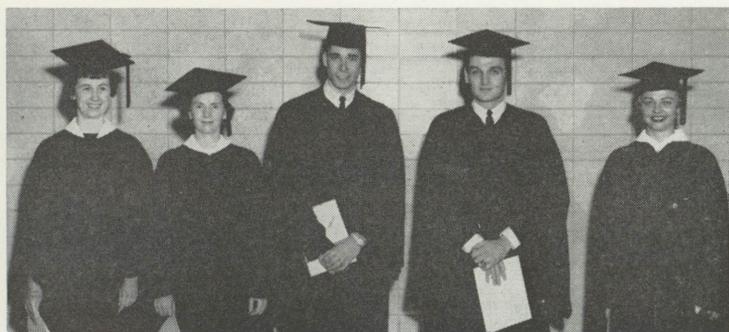
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WMU mid-year honor graduates included, left to right, Carole Lou Edmonds, summa cum laude; Mrs. Shirley K. Averill, Robert H. Bruininks, Dennis L. Isaacs and Audrey L. Sullivan, all cum laude.



More than 2,000 witnessed commencement

## DR. LLOYD J. AVERILL ADDRESSES JAN. GRADUATES

# Commencement Speaker Urges "Creative Discomfort"

With an estimated 2,200 persons watching, 513 Western Michigan University students received diplomas during mid-year commencement exercises on the campus, Jan. 18. The commencement speaker, Dr. Lloyd J. Averill, vice president of Kalamazoo College, urged the graduates to help overcome current American superstitions, listing four which ought to generate a "profound embarrassment" in the graduates when con-

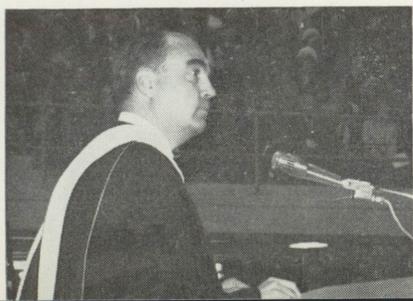
sidered in the light of their education. His address was titled "The Imperatives of Intelligence."

While dwelling at length on each of the four superstitions, Dr. Averill said, "Graduation from this university ought to make it impossible for you to sign a petition to prevent a family from moving into a neighborhood simply because members belong to a particular cultural or racial group."

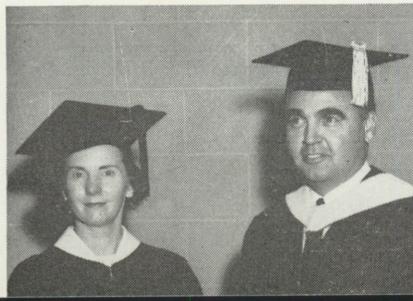
Dr. Averill described an intelligent man as one who exercises his gifts of mind and imagination in "creative discomfort." This creative discomfort with things as they are, said Dr. Averill, should be the kind of intelligence a college education provides.

Dr. Averill concluded his address with the admonition, "It is, I believe, a quality of intelligence that it can mark its identity with all sorts and  
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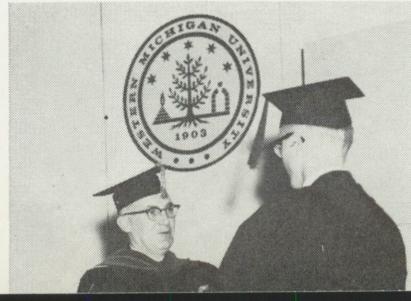
Dr. Averill Speaks



Dr. and Mrs. Averill



Pres. Miller awards degree to graduate.



## ROTC Cadet Corps Salutes Late Pres. Kennedy

Three hundred ROTC cadets from Western Michigan University and several dozen hardy spectators took part in a final ceremony near the end of the 30 day official mourning period for the late President John F. Kennedy Dec. 19 at Waldo Stadium.

The ceremony was abbreviated because of bitter cold and knee deep snow that covered the Waldo Stadium turf.

Col. James T. Gilbert, Western's ROTC commander, spoke briefly at the start of the Retreat ceremony, in explanation of the meaning of the rite. Although the official mourning period did not end until the after-



ROTC cadets stand in knee deep snow for Retreat ceremony, as flag flies at halfmast at Waldo Stadium for last time for the late President Kennedy.

noon of Sunday, Dec. 22, Thursday was the last day Western's ROTC unit could be assembled for the Retreat.

During the ceremony, the U.S. flag, which had been flying at half mast since shortly after the president's death on Nov. 22, was raised to the top of the staff and then lowered, after an honor guard fired a 21 gun volley from their rifles.

The ROTC band had been scheduled to take part but the deep snow precluded this portion of the original scheduled ceremony.

## WMU Receives Science Grant for Institute

Western Michigan University will conduct its 6th annual Summer Institute in Physical Science and Related Mathematics for Secondary School Teachers of Science under a grant of \$51,500 made to WMU by the National Science Foundation. The institute will run from June 15 to August 7.

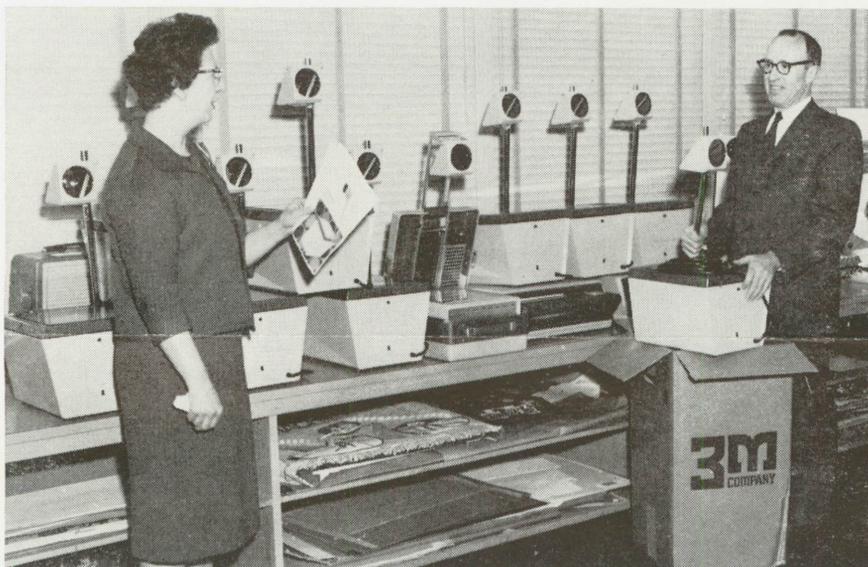
A total of 40 teachers will take part in the institute under the direction of Dr. George G. Mallinson, dean of the WMU School of Graduate Studies. Applicants are expected from all parts of the United States.

Courses included in the eight week summer institute are chemistry, physics, mathematics and a science seminar.

## New Book on Libraries Honors Alice LeFevre

A newly-published book describing the history of library services in several midwestern communities has been dedicated to the late Miss Alice L. LeFevre, founder and former director of the WMU Department of Librarianship. The author of the book, Dr. Thelma Eaton, a University of Illinois faculty member, has been a visiting instructor on the WMU campus for several summers and compiled the material for the 180 page book during her stay here last summer.

The book is titled *Contributions to Mid-west Library History*.



Marie E. McMahan, assistant professor and Carl B. Snow, Director of the Western Michigan University Audio-Visual Center and also an associate professor of education, checked out visual communications products recently shortly after the \$3,000 worth of equipment arrived at WMU. The equipment was awarded to Western by the 3-M Company of St. Paul, Minnesota after competition with more than 100 schools in a six county area in southwestern Michigan. Battle Creek Central High School also won a like amount of audio-visual equipment. The award includes 10 classroom overhead projectors, a portable overhead projector, two copying machines plus an ample supply of transparency film and copy paper. The winners were selected on the basis of a written proposal describing how the visual communications products could best be used by classroom teachers. Snow says the new overhead projectors nearly doubles the number his department has.



Dr. Leslie A. Kenoyer

## Death Claims Dr. Kenoyer, Former Biology Dept. Head

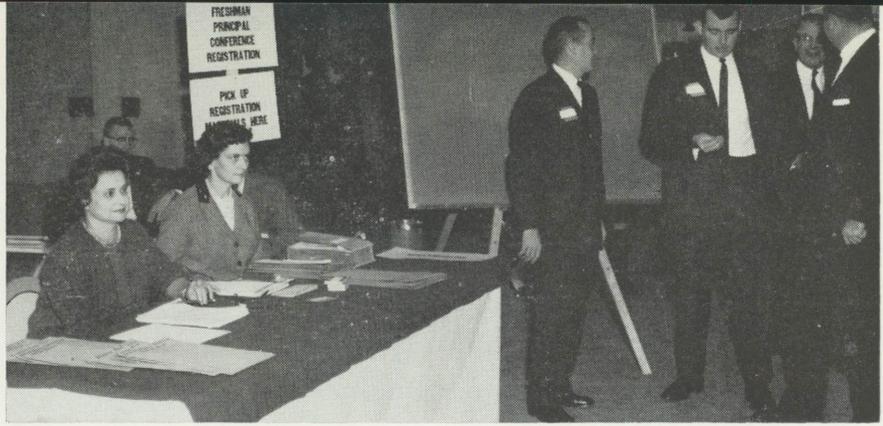
Dr. Leslie A. Kenoyer, retired head of the Western Michigan biology department, died at his San Antonio, Texas home shortly after the start of the new year. Dr. Kenoyer retired from the Western Michigan University faculty July 1, 1953 after 30 years of teaching in Kalamazoo.

He was born in 1883, was graduated from Campbell College and received his advanced degrees from the University of Kansas, the University of Chicago and Iowa State University.

Dr. Kenoyer taught at Salina, Kansas High School, Leander Clark College in Iowa, Allahabad Christian College in India and at Michigan State University prior to joining the WMU faculty.

Dr. Kenoyer and his wife, Aletha, who survives him, moved to San Antonio following his WMU retirement and while there he served as director of the general biology laboratory at Trinity University and also taught night classes in biology. In the summer of 1954 the Kenoyers took part in a seminar in Mexico conducted by Western Michigan University.

Meanwhile, illness in early January claimed the life of Mrs. Lillian Pringle Baldauf, former Kalamazoo Symphony orchestra cellist who taught music for a while at Western Michigan University.



The registration desk in University Student Center was a busy place during the freshman-principal conference.

## WMU Freshman-Principal Conference Attracts Nearly 350 Educators

More than 340 high school principals or their representatives took part in the annual WMU Freshman-Principal Conference at the University Center in December. And the principals were given some thought provoking statistics by several WMU administrative officials.

The annual conferences are designed to allow WMU freshmen to meet with and perhaps give advice to their former high school principals on how they might have been better prepared for college work and life.

WMU registrar Clayton Maus told the group that only about 23 out of every 52 high school graduates who apply for entrance to Western will be accepted. The greatest single weight factor in determining if a high school graduate will be accepted at WMU is the graduate's high school English grades, said Maus.

Dr. Donald Davis, Director of the Western Michigan University Coun-

seling Bureau, told the conference that half of Western's freshmen never graduate, and half of that half drop out during the freshman year. The reason? Feelings of insecurity, fear, anxiety, loneliness and the problem of communicating with other persons, said Dr. Davis.

More than 1,000 Western Michigan University students are currently attending classes with scholarship assistance of some sort, according to Dr. Clayton Holaday, Director of Scholarships and Loans at WMU. Dr. Holaday also told the conference that \$175,000 in scholarship funds are now being used by WMU students.

The freshmen and high school representatives were from more than 200 schools in Michigan. In all, nearly 2,500 WMU freshmen took part in the individual conferences, the 24th annual event at WMU.



A pair of WMU freshmen coeds from Redford Union High School discuss their short careers at WMU with representatives from Redford Union High.

# Manny Newsome Breaks Records

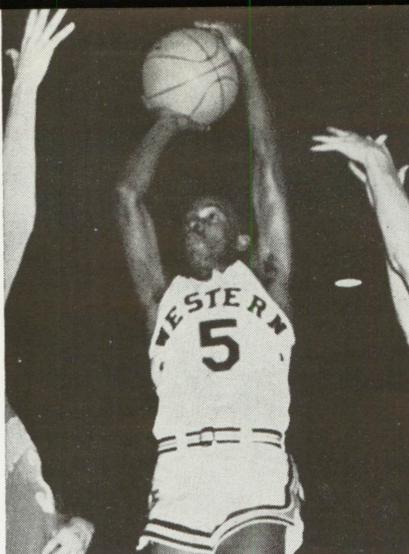
Every time Western Michigan University basketball star Manny Newsome puts even a single free throw through the hoop the rest of this season, he continues to add to his WMU career total-point record. It took Manny only two seasons plus a little less than five games to shatter the old Bronco career mark of 1,283 points set by Red Blair a few years ago over a full three season span.

If Manny keeps scoring at the same pace he has been so far this season, the little guy could reach the astronomical career total of 1,900 points, breaking Blair's career total by more than 600 points!

Manny's career total record-breaking performance came against one of the best teams in the nation, too—Michigan, when Manny scored 20 points, some 12 points below his season's average.

And Manny's record breaking performances so far this season do not end there. His 45 points against Michigan State at East Lansing in a 101 to 100 loss to the Spartans set a new Bronco team mark, breaking the old mark of 37 set by a WMU sophomore against Bradley in 1961, a sophomore named Manny Newsome.

That's not all. Manny's 44 points against Loyola of Chicago a bit more



"Two points for Newsome..."

than a week later in a 105-102 loss at home set a new home scoring mark and certainly helped to dedicate Herbert W. Read Field House in fine fashion the same night.

## Buck Read's Top Dozen Players

How many of the following can you remember having seen cavort on the Western Michigan University basketball floor during the last four decades?

Harold Gensichen, Louie Lang, Marv Bylsma, John Miller, Harold Leiphan, John Cawood, Devon Smith, Bill Perigo, Dave Arnold, Don Boven, Oscar Johnson and Rudy Miller.

They constitute the best 12 players who performed for Buck Read while he was WMU coach, as picked by Buck, of course.

(Commencement continued)

conditions of men . . . It is the only basis for hope that we can create, in however fragile a fashion, the true human community."

Dr. Averill beamed as his wife, Mrs. Shirley Karr Averill, was named as one of the five cum laude graduates and received her bachelor of science degree from WMU during the commencement. The highest ranking graduate, Carole Lou Edmonds of Battle Creek, was graduated summa cum laude. Other cum laude graduates were Robert H. Bruininks of Byron Center, Dennis L. Isaacs of South Bend, Ind., Sally S. Olson of Coldwater and Audrey Sullivan of Grandville.

In all, 92 graduates received master's degrees while 421 bachelor's degrees were awarded and 213 students received teaching certificates.

## Bill Doolittle, New Grid Coach, Visits WMU

Western Michigan University's newly named head football coach, Bill Doolittle, held his first news conference in Kalamazoo on Jan. 28 as TV movie cameras whirred, press cameras flashed and reporters fired questions.

Doolittle succeeds Merle Schlosser as Bronco head football coach. Doolittle comes to Western from West Point where he has been backfield coach for the U. S. Military Academy.

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