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Ecumenical Institute Draws Theologians' Praise

Distinguished American theological leaders have endorsed the six week Ecumenical Institute in Medieval Studies held this summer at Western Michigan University as well as an International Ecumenical Conference held July 27-31 at Western.

The courses and the institute attracted students in medieval studies to Western Michigan University from all over the United States. Arrangements for the programs were under the direction of a committee headed by Dr. John Sommerfeldt, chairman of Western's Medieval Studies Program.

The Institute was programmed for undergraduates and graduate students and was designed especially for students in theology, for professional educators and those persons interested in studying Christian unity. The six week institute ended July 24.

The Ecumenical Conference was presented in cooperation with the WMU Division of Field Services.

Included among outstanding speakers who appeared on the Western campus for the program were Dr. George W. Forell, State University of Iowa; Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum, American Jewish Committee; Dr. John S. Romanides, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School; and Dr. John A. Hardon, associate professor of religion at WMU.

Dr. Eshelman Receives Federal Research Grant

A $7,500 research grant from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare will be used by Dr. J. Ross Eshelman, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at Western Michigan University, to study social class factors in the college adjustment of married students at WMU. Dr. Eshelman's research is scheduled to be completed by next May.

He'll be assisted in the research by Dr. Chester L. Hunt, professor of sociology at WMU.

They have completed interviews with 281 married students at Western in which students answered questions about study habits, campus activities, attitudes toward school, occupational goals and employment patterns. Among the objectives of the study is an attempt to determine the effect of social background on married students' aspirations and also to provide future guidance for college administrators.

Record Enrollment In Summer Session

Enrollment for WMU's summer session is expected to reach a record 5,500, including 4,480 regular session on campus, when final figures are in.

Western Michigan University Summer Session Director Leonard Gernant expanded the number of workshops open to enrollment in the two week period from July 27-August 7 through cooperative arrangements with the Division of Field Services at WMU. A total of 16 such courses were offered on the Western campus by the Summer Session office and the Division of Field Services.

In addition, the annual Music camp ran from July 5-18, for high school students.

Other outstanding features of the 1964 Summer Session included an Ecumenical Institute in Medieval Studies, programs for the Shakespearean Festival in honor of the Bard of Avon's 400th anniversary, the institute for teachers of secondary school mathematics, the institute in physical science and related mathematics for teachers of junior high school science, cooperative field experiences offered by the School of Graduate Studies and a biology and geography field trip including attendance at professional meetings in London and Edinburgh.
Education Students Get Look At Instructional Technology

An estimated 600 or more student-teachers from WMU attended the annual School of Education Day program in the Student Center and saw demonstrations of instructional technology, closed circuit television classroom instruction and the EDEX Programmed Instructional System and heard the reactions of a panel of Western students.

Taking part in the program were Dr. Daniel Moore, associate professor of education; Carl Snow, director of the Audio-Visual Center; Miss Marie McMahan, assistant director of the Audio-Visual Center; and Dr. Vern Farrow, assistant professor of education.

Dr. Robert Betz, assistant professor of education, moderated the panel discussion. Other speakers were Dr. James H. Griggs, Dean of the School of Education; Dr. Roland S. Strolle, head of the Department of Education; and Dr. A. L. Sebaly, director of student teaching at WMU.

Chairman of the event was Dr. Francis Heger, assistant professor of education, who was assisted by Miss Elizabeth Johnson, assistant professor of education, and Miss Esther Schroeder, associate professor of education.

Junior High Science Teachers

Forty one junior high school science teachers from four corners of the United States this summer are attending the 6th annual Summer Institute for Junior High School Teachers at Western Michigan University. The summer institute in physical science and related mathematics is designed for those teachers of junior high school sciences who have had little or no training in the physical sciences. It runs for eight weeks.

A grant of $51,500 from the National Science Foundation is supporting the institute, under the direction of Dr. George G. Mallinson, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

Eight hours of graduate credit will be awarded to participants who satisfactorily complete the institute program of four courses. In addition each teacher who completes the program will receive $600 and up to $120 for each dependent not to exceed four, plus a travel allowance.

Some teachers have come to Western from as far away as Oregon, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Mississippi.

Speech Chain Symposium at WMU

More than 200 teachers from southwestern Michigan attended a telephone company symposium on the "Speech Chain" in mid-April on the campus. The symposium was co-sponsored by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and the General Telephone Co.

The symposium, using telephone equipment, was designed to disseminate the latest information on the human speech chain to the teachers. It demonstrated, through the use of telephone company electronic audio equipment, just what happens when one person hears another speaking.

Eleven Western faculty members took part by presenting the scientific background and theory involved in the technical aspects of speech and its components. It was the third such symposium presented by the two telephone companies in the past several years at Western.


Dr. George G. Mallinson, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, coordinated the symposium.

Dr. Hamner in Formosa

Dr. H. Nicholas Hamner, associate professor of history at Western Michigan University, this summer is studying for eight weeks at Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan (Formosa) under a Fulbright grant.

Dr. Hamner is one of only 20 college teachers from the United States taking part in the 1964 Institute in Chinese Civilization. Faculty members for the institute are Chinese scholars in Taiwan as well as American experts on the far east.

The grant contains provisions for visits to Tokyo and Hong Kong.

The main purpose of the eight week course is to provide the participants with a brief but intensive survey of Chinese history, institutions and culture.
Six Students Receive M.A.E.D.C. Scholarships

Scholarships totaling $1,050 were presented to six Western Michigan University students by the Kalamazoo area chapter of the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children during a spring meeting of the chapter.

The recipients of the scholarships were: Mary Telfer, Kalamazoo senior; Patricia Sutherlin, Grand Rapids sophomore; Robert Munro and Joanne Boertman, Muskegon seniors; Mary Anne Martin, Crystal Falls junior and Tina Tolin, Oak Park, Michigan sophomore.

The scholarship program was started by the Kalamazoo area chapter of the MAEDC two years ago with a goal of increasing the number of teachers qualified to teach emotionally disturbed and brain-injured children.

Of the 13 students who have received scholarships from the Kalamazoo area chapter since the program was started, nine of them have been students in Western Michigan University's Special Education Curriculum, as are the six new scholarship winners.

Gilmore Scholarships To Two WMU Students

Two Western Michigan University students in the School of Business have received 1963-64 Gilmore Brothers Cooperative Retailing Scholarships worth $250 each last semester, to cover tuition and fees. The students are Janet Seiler, an Albion sophomore and Richard Morrison, a Plymouth senior.

Both Miss Seiler and Morrison were retailing majors in the WMU business administration curriculum.

Each semester two Western Michigan students receive the cooperative retailing scholarships from Gilmore Brothers, a downtown Kalamazoo department store, on the basis of need, scholastic ability, good character, a pleasing personality and a real interest in retailing as a career. Gilmore Brothers have been presenting the awards to WMU retailing majors for more than 10 years.

Under the cooperative program students assume summer and part-time school year jobs similar to internships with many retail stores in Michigan.

Dean Schneider Keynoter

Dr. Arnold Schneider, Dean of the School of Business, was the keynote speaker at the meeting of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security held in Jacksonville, Florida in May. The three-day session was sponsored by the U.S. Employment Service Agencies and the Florida State Industrial Commission.

Dr. Schneider spoke on "New Horizons in Human Resources Development."

Dr. Jen in Chicago Seminar

Dr. Frank C. Jen, assistant professor of business, during late June and all of July was participating in the Summer Seminar on Mathematical Models and Digital Computers in Business at the University of Chicago. The seminar, being held on the Chicago campus, is under the auspices of the Ford Foundation.

The study and research session is aimed at assisting faculty members to make significant contributions to the work on mathematical models and in the use of computers in schools of business.

Miss Schroeder on Wash. Panel

Miss Esther Schroeder, professor of education, took part in two panel discussions during a spring meeting of the International Teacher Development Program held in Washington D.C. She was co-chairman of the I.T.D.P. at Western last fall when 20 teachers from countries around the world studied at Western for three months.
Wayne Elzey Wins Friedmann Award

A senior from Ionia, Wayne D. Elzey, this spring won the Robert Friedmann essay award in philosophy. Elzey, who majored in philosophy, was graduated magna cum laude this June.

All undergraduates were eligible to enter the competition which required a 5,000 word essay on any philosophical topic.

The contest was sponsored by the WMU department of philosophy and religion and it was started three years ago in honor of Dr. Robert Friedmann, professor emeritus of history.

Dr. Sebaly Heads Michigan Student Teaching Association

Dr. A. L. Sebaly, director of student teaching at WMU, this May assumed the presidency of the Michigan Association of Student Teaching for the 1964-65 academic year. Last year Dr. Sebaly was vice president of the organization.

In addition, Miss Lois Robinson, assistant professor of education, was elected to the four member board of directors of the state organization for the school year, at a meeting held in Flint.

Spring Football Practice Success

Spring football practice at WMU ended with the May 2 intra-squad game which saw the Browns (first-fourth teams) beat the Whites (second-third teams) by 35-7. Said head coach Bill Doolittle of the game, “We saw good examples of things we’ve been trying to teach.”

This year’s spring grid practice was highlighted by a high school coaches clinic in mid-April. Morning lectures by WMU football coaches were augmented by an afternoon practice session demonstration as coaches took to a microphone to tell what the players were doing, and why. A short scrimmage ended the day and sent the 206 high school coaches home happy.

The September 19th football open-

Student Writes Play

Three years of writing, rewriting, blue penciling and anxiety finally came to an end for Mrs. Jo Graham, a graduate student from Kalamazoo, when a play written by her, “The Revolt of Bugsy Brand,” was presented three nights this spring in WMU’s theatre. The play was a bonus for season ticket holders to the Western Michigan University Theater group.

The fantasy, written by Mrs. Graham, is the story of five gangsters who operate a bag factory. The hoodlums watch their way of life fall apart when Bugsy, their leader, begins reading stories about medieval knights.

er at Louisville didn’t seem quite so far off.