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As a record mid-year graduation audience of 3,800 persons watched on January 23, Michigan's governor, George Romney, delivered the commencement address and was presented with an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by WMU President James W. Miller.

Freezing rain made driving a nightmare and prevented the audience from being much larger.

Bachelor's degrees were presented to 572 students, another 111 received master's degrees and one student was awarded a specialist in education (sixth year) degree.

Governor Romney's honorary doctorate preamble cited his life of service to the community, state, nation, church and industry as an exemplification of the dedication on which the greatness of the United States was built and continues to grow.

The citation goes on, "You have given generously and effectively of your time and talents in furthering education, notably as chairman of the Detroit Citizens Advisory Committee on School Needs, and, as Governor, through your appointment of the Citizens Committee on Higher Education and your designation of highly qualified persons to serve education.

"You have demonstrated your interest in the over-all progress of our state through your service as vice president of the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1963, an historic development which will long influence Michigan government and public affairs.

"By your recognition of spiritual values, you have placed in proper perspective things material. By your
vigor, enthusiasm and zest for life, you have evidenced mental and physical discipline."

The governor's commencement address was entitled, "The Pursuit of the Difficult."

He told the graduates that "one of the great things about our country is that the American revolution has never stopped. No aspect of our national life is yet what it should be. As Americans, it is you, and not the communists, who are the world's real revolutionaries, and we must recapture the spirit and dedication of the American revolution."

He told the graduates to establish their life's goals now, if they have not yet done so. And he urged them to make those goals hard to achieve, because joy comes only through struggle.

"Never run out of unattained goals," Governor Romney urged.

During the traditional Alumni Association reception in the Student Center after graduation, President Miller, left, and vice president Faunce congratulated new alumna Carita Loving of Detroit as proud father, William C. Loving '47 beamed.

The Spring issue of the Western Michigan University Magazine will contain a text of Governor Romney's address.

Ten students were graduated with honors. Those who received their baccalaureate degrees summa cum laude were Mary K. Liggett of Kalamazoo and Nancy M. Walker of Chicago.

Cum laude graduates were Alice J. Westcott of Kendall; Hannah Friedman Cohen of Eau Claire; Alice L. Leonard of Elkhart, Ind.; Charles M. Redenius of Muskegon; Paul F. Hodapp of Kalamazoo; Brian S. McKee of Detroit; Barry LaFave of Marquette; and Jon M. Seuss of Edwardsburg.

In addition to receiving their diplomas, 321 students were awarded secondary, elementary or vocational teaching certificates and eight students were acknowledged as receiving U.S. Army Reserve commissions as second lieutenants. Jack E. Nelson of Dearborn was a Distinguished Military Graduate and received a regular army appointment as second lieutenant.

The reserve commissions went to Paul G. Cross, N. John Hotop and Larry L. Vanderbeek, all of Kalamazoo; John B. Holiday of Detroit; John E. Barrington of Ludington; James J. Chapman of Allen Park; Dale B. Vanderlinden of Ypsilanti; and Patrick J. Copps of Milwaukee, Wis.

ROTC cadets who received U.S. Army commissions as second lieutenants were, left to right: Jack E. Nelson, John E. Barrington, James J. Chapman, Dale B. Vanderlinden, Patrick J. Copps, Paul G. Cross, John B. Holiday, John Hotop and Larry L. Vanderbeek.

New Chemistry Research Grants

Western's Department of Chemistry has recently been the recipient of several valuable research grants from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

One grant, for three years, totals $64,885 and is for research in biochemistry on bacterial ribosomes. Ribosomes are intracellular particles which play an important role in the process of protein synthesis which occurs in the living cell. The grant will provide funds for personnel, supplies and equipment.

Included in the equipment to be acquired by the chemistry department was an analytical ultracentrifuge which can attain speeds up to 60,000 revolutions a minute. This intense centrifugal force is equal to more than 10,000 times the force of gravity and causes molecules to sediment, according to Dr. Jochanan Stenesh, assistant professor of chemistry, who is directing the grant project.

Another grant, for $17,026, is being used under Dr. Stenesh's direction in proposed research on ribosomes from mesophilic and thermophilic bacteria.
The 1965 WMU Snow Queen, Pamela Asher, Dearborn Heights sophomore, center, is flanked by her court happy moments after their selection Feb. 10. Her court, from left, is Barbara Bowes, Homewood, Ill.; April Love, Allen Park; Darlaie Ruczynski, Grand Rapids; and Brenda Halstead of Adrian, all sophomores. This was the second consecutive year in which there has been no snow for Snow Carnival week and consequently, neither the queen nor her court has ever seen a snow sculpture at WMU while a student here. Warm weather and the lack of snow forced cancellation of all outdoor events (men's and women's Snow Bowl touch football games, ice skating and sled races, and the colorful snow sculptures), for only the second time in the Snow Carnival's eight years. Maybe the Men's Union Board, sponsors, will require a snow-making machine in the future.

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**WMU's First African Study-Travel Seminar Begins in June**

Tribal villages, mission schools and the campus of the Royal College in Nairobi, Kenya will serve as classrooms for 25 Western Michigan University students during the 1965 Summer Session. The East African Studies Seminar will be under the direction of Dr. Leonard C. Kercher, head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Dr. Kercher, who has traveled and studied in East Africa in recent years, says the nine week seminar calls for brief stopovers in Europe and in the Middle East, in addition to six weeks of field studies in Kenya and Uganda.

Initial introduction to the East African scene will be presented to the seminar students during a series of 30 lectures over a three week period at the Royal College. These lectures will concentrate on historical, political, economic, sociological and anthropological subjects.

The WMU seminar students will also make local study trips in the Nairobi area with leaders in African affairs as well as recognized scholars from the faculty of the Royal College. Whenever possible, the students will stay in mission schools during their field trips into the hinterlands of western and central Kenya.

The seminar participants will also visit youth centers, community development projects, native markets, courts of law, white settlers' estates and governmental offices.

The concluding weeks of the seminar program will be spent in Uganda, where the students will visit tribal areas, meet with that nation's leaders and take part in a safari into big game country.

At present, says Dr. Kercher, the seminar will offer graduate or undergraduate credit in the Social Science area.

Social studies groups from Western have visited Europe every three years since 1951. A similar group toured Japan and India in the summer of 1963.

Those enrolled in Western's first African study-travel program are scheduled to leave Kalamazoo by plane June 18. The nine-week seminar also includes three weeks devoted to world travel with stopover visits scheduled for Zurich, Athens, Cairo, Bombay, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

The cost of the seminar is $1,829, plus summer tuition and personal expenses.

Dr. Kercher has been co-director of five previous Social Studies Seminars to England and the European continent since 1951, and he has studied recently in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

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**Two Faculty Members Travel to Nigeria**

Two faculty members traveled to Ibadan, Nigeria in early January to take part in a series of conferences which were designed to develop long range plans and curricular materials for the Technical College at Ibadan. Dr. George E. Kohrman, Dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Frank S. Scott, professor of engineering and technology, met with government and college officials from Western Nigeria and the Technical College at Ibadan, which Western is helping to develop under a contract with the U.S. Department of State. Included among the conferees were H.M.B. Somade, Minister of Education for the Western Regional government of Nigeria, and A. Williams, a civil engineer and chairman of the Nigerian advisory committee to the Technical College, both of whom visited WMU last summer.

It was Dr. Kohrman's fifth visit to the Nigerian school in as many years. Dr. Scott headed WMU's first team of advisors to the Technical College and spent two years in Ibadan from 1960-62. The third group of six WMU representatives recently completed their first six months of a two year tour at Ibadan.

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**Former Faculty Member Dies**

A former Western faculty member, Dr. Walter A. Terpenning, died Jan. 17 in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. at the age of 78. The same day his wife, Marion, also passed away. She was 81.

At Western, Dr. Terpenning was a member of the Sociology Department faculty from 1923-36 and later was on the Albion College faculty.

Dr. Terpenning received his bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a Ph.D. from Michigan. One of his books, *Village and Open Country Neighborhoods*, published in 1931 while he was at Western, was well known to rural sociologists.
Western’s baseball squad reported for practice Feb. 10 in WMU’s brand new dirt-floor physical education and intramural building addition under the direction of coach Charlie Maher and assistant Bill Chambers.

Baseball Season Around Corner

Baseball coach Charlie Maher’s squad is faced with the task of opening its MAC schedule April 9-10 at home to Ohio U. without benefit of any pre-season games to test new men and sharpen returning veterans. Western’s spring vacation dates do not coincide with those of other schools this year, as in other seasons and no southern trip was carded.

The 1965 schedule features a full slate of Mid-American Conference games plus contests with four Big Ten teams and two with Notre Dame.

Maher has arranged home non-conference games with Ohio State on April 20 (doubleheader), Wisconsin on April 21-22, Michigan on May 4, Notre Dame on May 22 and Michigan State on May 25.

MAC home games are with Ohio on April 9-10, Miami on May 7-8, and Kent State on May 14-15. MAC road games are April 16-17 at Marshall, April 23-24 at Bowling Green and April 30 and May 1 at Toledo.

Non-conference road games are April 13 at Michigan, May 10-11 at Wisconsin, May 18 at Michigan State (night), May 21 at Notre Dame (night), and May 28-29 at Ball State.

Pitching may be Maher’s biggest concern as only two hurlers with experience are available: Hal Widener, South Bend, Ind. senior and Bruce Buys, Coldwater senior.

Most Ambitious Tennis Card Ever

“The most ambitious schedule ever booked by a WMU tennis team.” That’s the way tennis coach Raymond “Hap” Sorensen and Athletic Director Mitchell “Mike” Gary describe the Bronco 1965 net schedule.

Four Big Ten opponents and Notre Dame will be met in addition to the regular Mid-American Conference slate.

Home matches are with Ohio University on April 10; Washington (St. Louis) on May 1; Northwestern on May 14; Michigan State on May 5; and Kent State on May 15.

The road schedule finds Western at Illinois on April 12; April 13 at Northwestern; April 19 at Duke; April 20 at Wake Forest; April 21 at North Carolina State; April 22 at North Carolina; April 24 at Cincinnati; April 28 at Michigan; May 7-8 quadrangular with Toledo, Bowling Green and Marshall at Toledo; May 12 at Notre Dame; and May 21-22 MAC matches at Ohio U.

Western’s top two returnees, seniors Bob Gill and Mike Goodrich, both of Kalamazoo, have been named co-captains for this season.

Expert on Disturbed Children Visits WMU

A nationally known expert on emotionally disturbed children spent two days on the WMU campus in early December, under sponsorship of the Department of Special Education. Dr. Mathew Trippe, program specialist in the area of emotionally disturbed children, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. visited WMU in connection with his responsibility in allocating traineeships, fellowships and summer stipends to institutions which prepare teachers of emotionally disturbed children.