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EIGHT ACADEMIC DIVISIONS INCLUDED

Twelve New Department Heads to Greet '65-'66 School Year

A dozen new department heads, some for newly created offices, are assuming their duties this summer in time for the opening of WMU's first year-around schedule on August 31.

Two newly created divisions in the School of Education are the Department of Teacher Education, to be headed by Dr. Orval Ulry, and the Department of School Services, under the headship of Dr. Harold Boles.

Dr. Ulry has been on the faculty of the University of Maryland since 1956. Previously he had been a high school teacher, was assistant coordinator of student field experience at Ohio State University, and director of student teaching at Miami University. Dr. Ulry also has served as a teacher education adviser in New Delhi, India, under a USAID program.

Dr. Boles joined Western's faculty in 1961 as specialist in school administration and school plant operation. A graduate of Indiana State Teachers College, he received master's and doctor's degrees from Ohio State University. He has served as a high school principal and school superintendent in Ohio.

Dr. Milton Greenberg, a WMU faculty member for 10 years, becomes chairman of the Department of Political Science. He succeeds Dr. William V. Weber, who resigned the department headship to devote full time to teaching. Since coming to Western, Dr. Greenberg has been very active in Michigan civic and governmental circles. He holds a B.A. from Brooklyn College and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Greenberg taught at the University of Tennessee before beginning his tenure at Western.

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Dr. Roger E. Ulrich assumes the headship of the Department of Psychology, succeeding Dr. Stanley Kuffel, who stepped down as department head so that he may devote full time to teaching in the areas of assessment and abnormal behavior. Under Dr. Kuffel's direction the last 14 years, the department has grown from a faculty of two with 16 major students and 64 minors to its present faculty of 11 with nearly 200 majors, 700 minors and more than 200 graduate students.

Dr. Ulrich has been chairman of the Illinois Wesleyan Psychology Department the last four years. A graduate of North Central College, he did graduate work at Bradley University, the University of Illinois and received his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Lloyd J. Schmaltz becomes head of the newly created Department of Geology, which heretofore had been combined with the Department of Geography.

Dr. Schmaltz joined the WMU faculty in 1959. He holds an A.B. degree from Augustana College and received an M.A. and Ph.D. from Missouri. Prior to joining Western's faculty he taught at Augustana and Missouri.

Dr. Randy H. Hamilton was named director of the WMU Muskegon Center, was named director of the WMU Muskegon Center and assistant professor of Teacher Education, A graduate of Holland High School, Dr. Bocks received his bachelor's degree from Hope College, a master's from Western and his Doctor of Education from Michigan State University.

Dr. Raymond Lokers, who has been superintendent of North Muskegon Schools, was named director of the WMU Muskegon Center and assistant professor of Teacher Education. Dr. Lokers assumed his new post July 1.

Previously, Dr. Lokers had been a part-time instructor for Western and for the University of Michigan. He is a former principal of Zeeland High School.

Another important university staff change this summer saw the Physical Plant Department reorganized into two segments—physical plant and plant extension, effective with the retirement of John Goldsworth, longtime director of the physical plant.

To implement this reorganization, Robert H. Williams became director of the physical plant and William F. Hamill, Jr. became director of plant extension. Both Williams and Hamill had been assistants under Goldsworth.

And a new position, coordinator of financial aids, was created by the Board of Trustees, to provide for the development and coordination of all forms of financial aids to WMU students. Named to the position was Peter Ellis, formerly of Lansing.

WMU to Expand Specialist Sixth Year Program

Plans for an expansion of Western's program of granting specialist in education sixth-year degrees will soon be implemented. The specialist degree falls half-way between a master's degree and a doctorate. It is pointed toward the preparation of teachers for community college faculties and secondary schools.

The expansion of the sixth year program will permit Western to grant specialist degrees in subject matters, such as history or mathematics. Presently, Western offers the specialist degree only in the fields of education administration and in special education.

The specialist degree program emphasizes the teaching of subject matter rather than research, as is done in doctoral programs.

The specialist degree program requires 60 credit hours beyond the requirements for a bachelor's degree.

Several community colleges have requested that Western offer such an expanded specialist degree program.

Ten Negro Educators In WMU Chemistry Fellowship Courses

Ten fellowships in chemistry for Negro educators were inaugurated this summer by Western. The fellowships covered the period June 21 through August 13.

The participants were chosen from chemistry teachers in predominantly Negro colleges by a commit-
Western Expands Work-Study Program

Western's work-study program to provide financial assistance to students, has been significantly expanded as the consequence of a $112,724 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

This summer some 70 campus jobs were available to students with the program to be stepped up to provide campus jobs for 150 students in the fall and winter semesters. Plans call for 125 campus jobs to be made available next spring through the federal grant.

WMU Seeks Closer Ties With Argonne Laboratory

WMU President James W. Miller this March invited the presidents of 13 mid-western universities to attend a meeting aimed at seeking a closer liaison with and greater use of Argonne National Laboratory facilities near Chicago. Schools which were represented at the meeting, in addition to WMU, were: Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio; DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana; John Carroll University, Cleveland; Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois; Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan; Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; State College of Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa; University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio; and the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee branch.

The group of universities is seeking a wider use of Argonne facilities and personnel in the graduate and research programs at the several universities. Preliminary planning for the meeting at Argonne was accomplished by a steering committee under the chairmanship of Dr. George G. Mallinson, Dean of the WMU School of Graduate Studies.

Death Claims Harold Blair, Former Math Head

Death claimed Harold Blair, retired head of Western's Department of Mathematics, in early June in a Kalamazoo nursing home. Mr. Blair retired from the faculty in 1951, ending a record of 36 years of service to Western, which included the principalship of the campus high school during his earliest years on the faculty.

Born in Big Rapids, Mich., Mr. Blair received a BS degree in 1911 and an MA in physics and mathematics in 1925 from the University of Michigan. Between 1901 and 1915 he was a teacher in rural schools in Kalamazoo county, at Monroe, Mich., Mt. Clemens, Mich. and at an Indianapolis, Ind., high school.

He became chairman of Western's Mathematics Department in 1944.

Mr. Blair was well known for his extensive knowledge of railroading and he had a large collection of railroad photos, documents and historical information. In 1952 he was elected president of the Kalamazoo County Historical Society.

WMU assistant professors of physics Gustav Hoyer, shown here with a spark chamber, and Larry Oppliger, who researched on high energy, each spent a semester last year in study, research at Argonne.
Dr. Ray Pellett Suffers Fatal Attack at Adrian

Dr. Ray C. Pellett, who was Western's first Dean of Men and who held that position for 28 years until his retirement in 1953, suffered a fatal heart attack on June 14 at his home in Adrian, Michigan.

Dr. Pellett joined Western's faculty in 1923 and two years later was named Dean of Men.

Born in Hannibal, New York, he received A.B. and M.A. degrees from Huntington, Ind., College and the University of Michigan. In 1950 Huntington College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Dr. Pellett taught at Huntington College from 1913 to 1917 and then became superintendent of schools at Garrett, Ind. and Aledo, Ill. He next spent a year on the University of Michigan's faculty before coming to Western.

Following his retirement from Western, Dr. Pellett taught education courses at neighboring Kalamazoo College before joining the Adrian College faculty on a part-time basis in 1955. In 1962 he retired at Adrian.

Active in the Exchange Club, Dr. Pellett had been a state and district governor.

Rainouts Hurt WMU Chances In M.A.C. Baseball

Coach Charlie Maher's Bronco baseballers closed their season on a high note with a 3-1 win over Michigan State to gain some solace from being rained out of a chance to tie Ohio University for the MAC title. Only a pair of mid-season rainouts with Bowling Green denied Western a chance to match Ohio's MAC record of 11-1 for the season and left WMU with a 9-1 mark in MAC play and 16-6 overall.

Good hitting and unexpected top-notch sophomore pitching marked this season, as the Broncos wound up with a team average of .290 in all games and over .300 in MAC competition.

The most outstanding hitter on Maher's squad was Bill Guerrant, Otsego junior, who set a MAC record with his .615 conference average, and led the nation's collegiate hitters most of the season, ending up with .467 after a late season slump, but still stops in the U.S.

Other good hitters included John Huizenga at .397; Dave Anderson, who traded in his basketball shoes for baseball spikes and hit .322 as regular third baseman; John Sluka, also at .322; John Klein .317, as regular shortstop after Bruce Roberts broke his collarbone during the early season; and Dave Reeves .310.

Bronco pitchers, led by sophomore Jim Johnson, who finished with a 6-0 record, compiled an earned run average of 1.89. Sophomores Eric Hall (2-1 and .81 ERA), Charles Kline, and Bill Booth all performed remarkably well and should make Western tough next season. Senior Dave Gartha pitched better than his 4-3 mark as he compiled an ERA of .81.

The Broncos had a 6-4 record against four Big Ten teams, including 1-1 against Ohio State, Big Ten champs.

Charlie Maher finished the season with 397 wins under his coaching career belt of 27 campaigns.