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Robert B. Wetnight was named vice president for finance at Western during a late November meeting of the University Board of Trustees. The Trustees also authorized a reorganization and expansion of the University's business operations. Mr. Wetnight had been University Comptroller since June, 1962 and has been a faculty member since 1951.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Wetnight, who is a Certified Public Accountant, joined Western's faculty as an associate professor of accounting and management. In May, 1957, he was named the first head of the Accounting Department, a position he held until being named University Comptroller.

Mr. Wetnight attended Toledo University where he obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Business Administration. He did additional graduate work at Western and also at Michigan State University.

Prior to joining the WMU faculty, Mr. Wetnight was associated with national accounting firms. He has written several articles on accounting and management. He is a former president of the Kalamazoo chapter, National Association of Accountants, and a former director of the national association.

Robert Beecher New Controller

Robert W. Beecher, business manager of the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan, has been named controller for Western Michigan University. As controller, Beecher will report directly to Robert B. Wetnight, newly elevated vice president for finance at WMU.

Beecher received a B.B.A. degree from the University of Michigan and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Detroit Law School. For the last 13 years he has held important posts on the business staff of the University of Michigan, the last six as business manager at the Dearborn campus.

WMU 2nd in U.S. in Number of Certifiable Teacher Graduates

Western ranks second in the United States as a producer of certifiable teachers for elementary and secondary schools, according to a report issued last fall by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Western is exceeded only by Michigan State University in its production of certifiable teachers.

Dean James H. Griggs of the WMU School of Education, said figures recently compiled by the Michigan Department of Public Instruction indicate that Western actually leads all other colleges and universities in the nation in the number of graduates who make a career of teaching. Those figures show that Western leads all other Michigan universities in this respect, meaning that more Western grads actually go into teaching upon graduation.
Dr. Charles T. Brown
To Head WMU Speech Department in July

Dr. Charles T. Brown, a member of Western's faculty since 1948, in late November was named to head the University's Department of Speech, effective July 1, 1966. He'll succeed Dr. Zack L. York, who asked to be relieved of the administrative duties of department head so he may devote full time to teaching. Dr. York has been Speech Department head since 1957.

At the same meeting the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Dr. Frederick J. Rogers as head of the English Department. He had requested the action so he may devote full time to teaching. He has headed the English Department since 1956.

Proposed Five Year Capital Outlay Program Totals $41.4-Million

Western's Board of Trustees at its October meeting approved a capital outlay program which calls for expenditures of $41.4-million over the next five years. The capital outlay program was included in the university's budget request to the state.

Ten buildings are included in the construction program, two of which are scheduled for completion in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966. These latter are the Industrial and Engineering Technology building, scheduled to be completed for opening next fall, and the Liberal Arts classroom building, estimated to cost $3.2-million, which will be started early in 1966 and finished in the first half of 1967.

Other buildings planned to be started in the next fiscal year and included in the capital outlay request are a Physical Science building, estimated at $5.9-million, and an instruction facility, estimated at $4-million.

Peace Corps Official Lauds WMU Program

WMU students who have applied for the University's new five-year Peace Corps project will receive placement testing and screening in late January, according to Leonard Gernant, director of academic services at WMU and also director of the Peace Corps degree program at WMU.

At least 24 students had applied for acceptance in the five year project, including at least two who plan to affiliate with the Peace Corps this January. The remainder say they hope to join during or after next June.

In addition to these students who have actually applied for the program, another 45-50 WMU students have filed applications seeking counseling and have taken required placement tests, mostly during the late November visit of a Peace Corps recruiting team to the WMU campus.

Following this visit, Frederick Madison, director, midwest region, Office of Public Affairs of the Peace Corps, noted, “Our recruiting trip to Western Michigan University was a tremendous success. I am delighted that we were able to do so well in recruiting for Western's program.” WMU's is the first such Peace Corps degree program in the nation.

WMU Begins Mass Campus Transportation

An innovation which affects most all of WMU's students is the newly initiated mass transportation system, which began with the opening of the
Death Claims Three Former
Faculty and Mrs. Leslie H. Wood

During a five day period in late November, death claimed three former faculty members and the widow of Mr. Leslie H. Wood, for whom a campus classroom building is named. The deceased are Mrs. Lydia Wood, zoo resident since 1904, when her husband, Mr. Leslie H. Wood, for whom a campus classroom building is named, became one of the original faculty members of the then new Western State Normal School, fore-runner of WMU. Mr. Wood died in 1933 while head of the Geography and Geology Department.

Mrs. Lydia Wood succumbed in a Kalamazoo nursing home at the age of 95. She had been a Kalamazoo resident since 1904, when her husband became one of the original faculty members of the then new Western State Normal School, fore-runner of WMU. Mr. Wood died in 1933 while head of the Geography and Geology Department.

Mrs. Mary Amelia Hockenberry, who organized and developed a French Department upon joining Western’s faculty in 1914, passed away in Athens, Ohio. She retired from Western in 1934.

Mrs. Hockenberry, at 102, was one of the oldest living alumnae of Wellesley College in Massachusetts at the time of her death. Her husband, Mr. John C. Hockenberry, was head of Western’s Education Department at the time of his death in 1911.

Mr. George E. Amos, who taught instrumental music and conducted Western’s band and orchestra from 1925 to 1945, died in Kalamazoo, where he resided 40 years. For nearly 25 years he was clarinetist with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Minnie M. Campbell passed away in South Haven. A 1911 Western graduate, she joined the faculty in 1914 as a critic in the Campus School. Mrs. Campbell also held a B.S. degree from Columbia University. She left Western’s faculty in 1932.

(MASS TRANSIT continued)

winter semester in January. Under the agreement with the Kalamazoo City Lines bus company, a maximum of seven buses are provided at peak usage hours on campus.

The inauguration of the campus mass transportation system coincides with a newly enacted Kalamazoo city ordinance which prohibits hitch-hiking in places where it is dangerous and an impediment to the flow of traffic. As a consequence, Western’s traditional hitching lines become a thing of the past in the interest of safety and in the face of mushrooming traffic flows in the campus area.

The new plan, termed Bronco Transit, will be the extension of a three-bus system begun by the WMU Student Senate in May, 1963.

Schedules call for 10-minute bus service on each of three campus routes until mid-afternoon, with 15 minute service until 9 p.m. and 30 minute service until the last run. Fares are five cents each, with transfer privileges.

WMU Becomes 22nd Educational Affiliate of F.E.F.

The Foundry Education Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, this fall designated Western as an education affiliate. WMU thus joined only 21 other colleges and universities in the F. E. F.’s education system, each of which receives an annual grant toward its foundry program from the foundation.

Western this year received $1,500. This amount is expected to be increased by several times in the future.

The honor was accepted by WMU’s Foundry Industry Advisory Committee, which consists of high level industry executives from this section of the U.S., during a meeting on campus.

The Foundry Education Foundation was represented by Edward Walsh, executive director, and James Ewens, vice president, both of Cleveland. Walsh outlined the major objectives of the F. E. F.: to create a pool of engineering talent, to reach and teach engineering students about the opportunities in the foundry industry, and to encourage research.

Both men praised Western’s efforts in foundry and engineering education and indicated that Western may well become one of the outstanding universities in the nation in this field.

Newest ODK members include, left to right, in front: Donald Jansiewicz, John Russ and Larry Klopfenstein; in rear: Dr. Greenberg, George Ball, David Brener and David Guinn.

Eight Western Michigan scholars, including six students and two faculty, were initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, men’s honorary fraternity, during campus ceremonies this December.

The students are: Donald Jansiewicz, a Fruitport senior; and juniors John Russ of Muskegon Heights, Larry Klopfenstein of Lake Odessa; George Ball of St. Clair Shores; David Brener of Lancaster, Pa.; and David Guinn of Palos Heights, Ill.; faculty were Dr. Milton Greenberg, head, Political Science Department, and Dr. Willis Dunbar, head, History Department.

Membership in the national honorary fraternity is based upon distinctive performance in at least one of the five major areas of campus activity: scholarship, student government, social and religious affairs, athletics, and publications, speech, music and other arts.
48th Master's Program

Audio-Visual MA’s
Offered by WMU

Starting this January, Western is offering courses leading to a Master of Arts degree in the Audio-Visual Media. The new master’s program, Western's 48th, is designed to provide teachers and supervisory personnel with competencies in the audio-visual field, according to Dr. Russell H. Seibert, WMU vice-president for academic affairs, who announced the new program.

Two new courses are added to Western’s audio-visual curriculum: “Photography for the School” and “Organization and Administration of an Audio-Visual Program.”

Dr. Daniel Moore, director of WMU’s Educational Resources Center and adviser for the new master’s program, will interview each candidate for admission. Applicants must meet requirements of the School of Graduate Studies and present evidence of successful teaching experience. If the candidate has not had teaching experience, there is a required participation in a field experience with a minimum of three to five hours weekly for one semester in an approved audio-visual center.

TRACK BRIEFS


Eight M.A.C. 1966 Basketball Games on T.V.

Mid-American Conference basketball fans will be able to see their favorite conference teams on live television games for eight Saturday afternoons starting January 8, 1966. Western will appear on two dates in the series, facing Kent State at Kent on Feb. 5 and Miami in Read Fieldhouse on Feb. 12, both games starting at 1:00 p.m., Eastern standard time on the special 15 station network in Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia, including WKZO-TV, Kalamazoo.

Each two hour telecast will include such features as “University Showcase,” “Coaches Corner,” and a halftime musical variety show.

The complete MAC television schedule is:

Jan. 8 Toledo at Miami
15 Ohio at Marshall
22 Bowling Green at Marshall
29 Ohio at Kent State
Feb. 5 WMU at Kent State
12 Miami at WMU
19 Marshall at Toledo
26 Ohio at Bowling Green

University Student Center, with voting continuing a week.

Craig Ham, Cassopolis sophomore, won the dubious title of “ugliest man on campus” by garnering the most penny votes among 18 candidates.

Fraternity ‘Ugly Man’ Contest Aids Hearing Center in Kalamazoo

Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity’s annual “Ugly Man” contest this November realized $375 for the Constance Brown Hearing and Speech Center of Kalamazoo.

Students ballotted for their favorite ghoul or gargoyle at a penny a vote, with unlimited voting privileges. The candidates were men students who used theatrical makeup, plastics and other materials to make themselves as ugly as possible, then photographed.

The photos were displayed in the

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