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LETTER

DR. CHARLES VAN RIPER HONORED**Name Second Distinguished University Professor**

Dr. Charles Van Riper, who developed Western's internationally recognized speech clinic, will become the University's second Distinguished University Professor with the start of the 1966-67 academic year. The WMU Board of Trustees approved the new title for Dr. Van Riper at its December meeting, allowing him to step down as head of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology to devote full time to teaching and clinical work at Western.

As a Distinguished University Professor he'll be relieved of the administrative duties of the department which was established at Western a year ago.

Dr. Van Riper came to Western in 1936 after doing undergraduate work at Northern Michigan University, and graduate work at the University of Michigan, where he received a master's degree, and also at the Universities of Minnesota and Iowa. He earned his Ph.D. degree at Iowa.

When Dr. Van Riper joined Western's faculty, he established the speech clinic and has been its only director. The excellence of WMU's

speech therapy program has created a demand for Western graduates far beyond the supply. Hundreds of Western alumni are speech therapists in every section of the U.S.

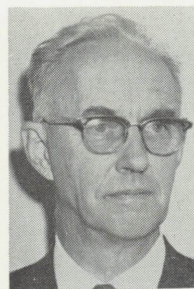
Nine books on speech therapy and numerous magazine articles written by Dr. Van Riper have been published, as his undergraduate and graduate specialties, English and rhetoric, have proven their value to him. Dr. Van Riper has also served as editor of a set of books on speech pathology published by Prentice Hall.

Dr. Robert M. W. Travers, School of Education, was named Western's first Distinguished University Professor last year.

Dr. Frank B. Robinson '42 To Head Speech Pathology And Audiology Dept.

Dr. Frank B. Robinson, a 1942 Western graduate and former faculty member, next fall will become head of WMU's Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. He'll succeed Dr. Charles Van Riper.

Dr. Robinson's appointment by the University Board of Trustees is effective



Dr. Van Riper



Dr. Robinson

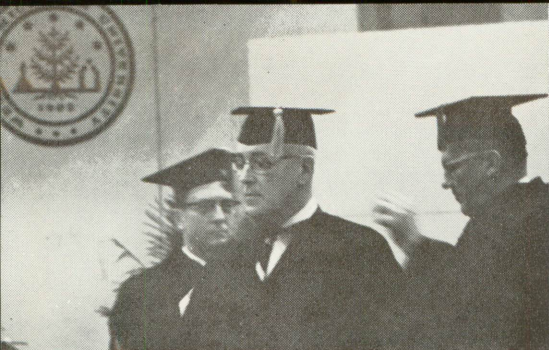
at the close of the 1965-66 school year.

Dr. Robinson is presently at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio where he has been a faculty member since 1952, the last 10 years as director of the Speech-Hearing Clinic there. At Miami, Dr. Robinson has been responsible for developing undergraduate and graduate programs in Speech Pathology. The program has grown from one student in 1952, when he initiated the program, to 120 students and a staff of five.

Dr. Robinson received his master's degree from the University of Minnesota and his doctorate from Ohio State University.

From 1944 to 1947 Dr. Robinson held a teacher-clinical position on

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Mr. Briggs, center, received his honorary doctorate "in recognition of his many years of service to education, industry and government in Michigan." WMU vice presidents Dr. Russell Seibert, left, and Dr. L. Dale Faunce, placed doctoral hood on his shoulders.

Robert P. Briggs Urges Graduates Continue Education

Mr. Robert P. Briggs of Jackson, executive vice president of Consumers Power Co., told some 4,000 persons in the audience and 849 WMU degree recipients at Western's December mid-winter commencement that education must continue for the graduates throughout their lives. He said fortunately they are members of a society which believes in adult education, and perhaps in the days ahead, the graduates will not only participate in adult education but will also help to provide more facilities for further educating grown men and women.

Mr. Briggs' commencement ad-

(DR. ROBINSON NAMED cont'd.)

Western's faculty and a similar position at Ohio State 1947-51. He has written three books on stuttering and articulation and numerous articles which have appeared in professional journals.

Harry S. Hefner, who has been a Western faculty member for 25 years and head of the Art Department, will be relieved of his administrative duties at the end of the current school year, at his request, so that he may devote full time to teaching. He has been department head since 1955.

Hefner's request was granted by the Board of Trustees at its December meeting.

dress was entitled, "We, the People." A transcript of his address will be contained in the *Western Michigan University Magazine*, Spring 1966 issue.

Mr. Briggs also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from WMU President James W. Miller during the ceremonies.

Fifteen honor graduates headed the degree recipient list: *Summa Cum Laude*—Nina L. Ruskjer of Battle Creek; *Magna Cum Laude*—John B. Gibson of Otsego, Gabriella Kiraldi and Joanne B. Struble of Kalamazoo, and Judith A. Tetreau of Flint; *Cum Laude*—Mary H. Burris of Plainwell, Robert K. Christensen of Boyne City, Margaret J. Campbell of Watervliet, Elizabeth R. Frantz of Muskegon, Anthony Kliemann of Dearborn, Patricia A.

WM Center of Nationwide Study Designed to Improve English Teacher Training

For the next 1½ years Western will be the center for a nation-wide study designed to improve the preparation of teachers of English. The project will be directed by Dr. William P. Viall, coordinator of graduate programs for WMU's School of Education, and will be financed by a \$172,000 grant from the U.S. Office of Education.

"It is assumed that the improvement of instruction in the schools depends on the instruction which the teacher has received in college," Dr. Viall says. "On that basis, the study, which will continue until March, 1967, will attempt to identify the areas of content in English which should be studied by prospective teachers in the elementary and secondary schools."

"It has been noted that there is a growing need for more English teachers. It is our hope that a demonstration of interest in the college courses will serve as an incentive to attract more young men and women to this field."



Included among the honors graduates at commencement were, from left, Gabriella Kiraldi, Joanne B. Struble and John B. Gibson, all magna cum laude.

Leversee of Kendall, Margaret E. Mason of Battle Creek, Milly M. Muehlhauser of Cedar Springs, Janet L. Polmanteer of Benton Harbor, and Judith L. Starch of Chicago.

Bachelor degrees were awarded to 695 students, M.A.'s to 125, M.B.A.'s to 18, M.A.'s in librarianship to 10 and one master of music degree, the latter two degree categories the first of their types awarded by Western.

From the study will come recommended guidelines for use by state departments of education in approving teacher education programs, and by teacher education institutions in revising their programs.

The study will involve English departments, schools of education, professional organizations and state education departments. Several hundred people will meet regionally and then nationally to work out the guidelines.

The study is a cooperative venture of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, the National Council of Teachers of English and the Modern Language Association of America.

An advisory board consisting of educators from around the nation met in Denver this September and will aid the project.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for new student applications to WMU has been moved forward to March 1 this year. Last year it was June 1 and the previous year August 1. The press of mushrooming high school graduation lists and the need to hold enrollment next fall to 17,000 has dictated the advancement of the application deadline to March 1 this year.



Miss Myrtle Windsor

Death Claims Former Language Faculty Member

A retired member of Western's Language Department, Miss Myrtle Windsor, passed away Dec. 10 at her Iron River, Michigan home. She had been a faculty member for 31 years until her retirement in July, 1956. Miss Windsor had served as assistant professor of Spanish and French.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, where she earned her master's degree, Miss Windsor had taught in the Iron River and Sault Ste. Marie school systems prior to coming to Kalamazoo.

WMU Forensic Team Takes Honors at Pi Kappa Delta Meet

Western's forensic team talked itself into receiving most of the top honors in late November at the 19th annual Pi Kappa Delta Tournament which was held at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. The tourney attracted representatives from 75 colleges and universities around the nation and is ranked as the largest single invitational competition in the U.S.

Milton Squires, Kalamazoo junior, won first place in the After-Dinner-Speaking category over 1,200 other students. On the basis of his superior rating, Squires was one of only two speakers selected to address the entire group at a banquet.

Five other team members won excellent ratings in different categories: Wayne Kwiat, Oak Lawn, Ill., sophomore; William C. Beckman, Rome, Italy, sophomore; Roger Ackley, Kalamazoo junior; Brian Michmerhuizen, Paw Paw sophomore; and Ronald Schneckloth, Royal Oak freshman.



Ground was broken on a cold morning in late December for Western's new 3,600 seat University Auditorium located in the middle of the former Gateway Golf Course on Western's campus. Shown wielding the shovel here is WMU Board of Trustees member Mrs. Dorothy Upjohn Dalton of Kalamazoo. Other officials in this photo, left to right, include Trustee Dwight L. Stocker of Kalamazoo, Trustee Fred W. Adams of Grosse Pointe (just behind Mr. Stocker), State Representative Cyril Root of Kalamazoo county, State Senator Garry Brown of Schoolcraft, Board of Trustees vice chairman Alfred B. Connable of Kalamazoo, and Trustee Philip N. Watterson of Plainwell, partly hidden. The new structure, to be financed by self-liquidating funds, will cost in excess of \$5-million and be completed in late 1967.

U.S. State Department Supports Second WMU Yugoslav Seminar

The U.S. Department of State has indicated an intention of support for Western's second Yugoslavian seminar which will be held this summer, from June 15 to August 8, directed by Dr. George Klein, assistant professor of political science.

The seminar, which is limited to 20 students, is open to undergraduates, graduate students and teachers. Applications are available from Western's Department of Political Science as well as from the Honors College.

The participants will attend classes at the universities of Belgrade, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Nish and Sarajevo in Yugoslavia. The cultural exchange aspect of the program includes the enrollment of five Yugoslav students

at Western next year, and the designation of two visiting professors for assignment on campus. One, an artist, is at WMU for the winter semester of this school year. The second, an economist, will be at Western for the fall and winter semesters of 1966-67.

Last summer four Yugoslav students studied at Western. In addition, a graduate student from Yugoslavia was enrolled in classes in Western's English Department this current school year.

The seminar program in Yugoslavia is sponsored by the Slavic Studies Committee of Western's Institute of International and Area Studies.

Western Novice Top Debater in State Colleges

For the second time in three years, a WMU debate student this fall was named the number one collegiate novice debater in the state.

Charles Poser, the winner, a Royal Oak sophomore, had never debated in collegiate competition before walking off with top honors in the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Novice tournament held at Wayne State University in late November. He was given a superior rating.

Two years ago, John Russ, Muskegon Heights junior, was named top debater in the state as a freshman. He's now a varsity debater.

Charles Poser, left, is congratulated by Dr. Charles Helgesen, WMU men's debate coach, and John Russ.



Noted Economists Lecture at WMU

A series of public lectures by nationally famous economists sponsored by Western's Department of Economics is receiving enthusiastic support from students, faculty and residents of the Kalamazoo area. Excellent crowds have marked the series.

The theme of the series is "The Future of Economic Policy," and lectures are held on selected Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the WMU Student Center.

Paul McCracken, a member of the Council of Economic Advisers to Mr. Dwight B. Eisenhower when he was president, kicked off the series in mid-January.

Other noted economist lecturers in the series and the dates when they will speak and their topics are:

Robert Eisner, professor and co-chairman of the Department of Economics, Northwestern University, Feb. 2; on "Fiscal and Monetary Policy for Economic Growth;"

Theodore W. Schultz, the Charles L. Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Economics, University of Chicago, March 2, on "Public Approaches to Minimize Poverty;"

Jesse W. Markham, professor of economics, Princeton University, March 16 on "Government Policy for Maintaining Competition;"

Kenneth E. Boulding, professor of economics, University of Michigan, March 23, on "The Price System As an Instrument of Economic Policy;"

and *Robert Triffin*, professor of economics, Pelatiah Perit Professor of Political and Social Science, Yale University, March 30, on "International Monetary Institutions and the Balance of Payments."

SPORTS BRIEFS

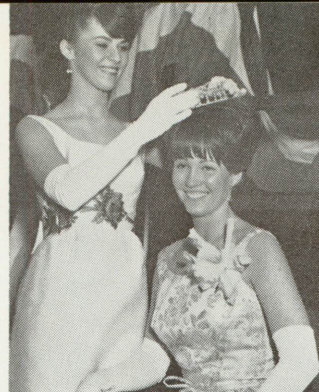
Coach Ed Gabel's Bronco swimming team successfully defended its MAC Relays title by edging Ohio University 71-70 in the Ohio pool in December. Going into the final event, the 400-yard freestyle, Ohio led Western by one point.

However, Miami won the final event while the Broncos swam to a second place and won the relays meet. Western set one of the five new MAC Relays marks by taking the 200 yard butterfly relay in the record time of 1:42.

Bronco defensive stalwarts, tackle Bob Rowe, Flushing junior, and halfback Marty Barski, Norridge, Ill. sophomore, were named to the MAC all-star team, Barski in spite of the fact that he played on offense in the Broncos' last couple of games. Rowe was credited with 104 tackles and 68 assists last MAC season. Rowe also won the MAC Player of the Week award twice during the season, and was named MAC defensive Player of the Year.

Barski and sophomore lineman Dennis Bridges of Flint were also named to the MAC scholastic football honor team after last season.

Western's 19-43 cross country win over Michigan State this fall (low score wins in



Sue Kirchner, South Haven sophomore, was crowned 1966 Snow Queen by 1965 queen Pamela Asher. Sue was the first Snow Queen in three years to reign over snow events, even though lack of snow forced postponement of outdoor events one week.

cross country) was WMU's 43rd straight dual meet win and broke the old collegiate all-time dual meet cross country winning streak of 42 held by the University of Houston. WMU's streak began in 1956.

1966 Indoor Track

Jan. 29	MICHIGAN FEDERATION MEET
Feb. 5	at U. of Michigan Relays
12	at M.S.U. Relays
19	WISCONSIN & AIR FORCE
26	at CCC (Notre Dame)
Mar. 5	at Chicago Relays
11-12	at NCAA (Detroit)
14	at National Fed. (Milwaukee)
19	at Denison Relays
26	WMU RELAYS

1966 Outdoor Track

Apr. 8-9	at Kentucky Relays
16	at Miami, O.
19	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
23	at MAC Relays (Bowling Green)
30	at Drake Relays and
30	at U. Michigan Federation
May 7	KENT STATE & DE PAUL
14	at Wisconsin
21	MAC (Toledo)
28	MICHIGAN FEDERATION
June 4	at CCC (Notre Dame)
11	at National Fed. (Kent State)
18	at NCAA

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