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RECEIVE FORMAL OK FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WMU to Begin Five Ph.D. Programs Next Fall

Following final approval by the Michigan State Board of Education this winter, Western will proceed next fall semester to initiate five doctoral programs, the first Ph.D. offerings ever presented by WMU. The fifth doctoral program received state board authorization in late January during official hearings, a month after the first three programs were approved.

The five Ph.D. programs are in educational administration, special education, science education, sociology, and chemistry. WMU faculty and administrators worked on the Ph.D. proposals for a number of years prior to their presentation to the state board.

By 1970, projected enrollments in Western's five doctoral areas are expected to total perhaps more than 100 full time and 60 part time Ph.D. candidates. WMU President James W. Miller told the board that Western had sought to establish doctoral programs only in areas where the University felt it could make a unique contribution to education and to unmet needs in Michigan.

Dr. John Porter, chairman of the Department of Public Instruction's Bureau of Higher Education, said chemistry is one of the strongest fields at Western. "There is an acute need for more advanced degree chemists," he said, "and local industry would benefit from the move . . ." to approve a Ph.D. in chemistry program at WMU.

The State Board of Education, in authorizing the sociology doctorate program, suggested that Western establish the advanced degree in the areas of social problems, sociology of education and comparative social organization.

Three Michigan Men to Receive Honorary Degrees at April Graduation

Western will award honorary doctorates to three outstanding Michigan citizens during the April 16 commencement ceremonies.

The distinguished men to be honored are Kenneth E. Boulding, University of Michigan economist; Western alumnus, Earl C. Kelley '19, Distinguished Professor of Education at Wayne State University; and William S. Woodfill, owner of the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.

Boulding will be awarded a Doctor of Humanities degree by WMU for his "... distinguished scholarship, not only in economics, but in other areas of the social sciences and the humanities which have distinguished him as a true humanitarian."

An English native, he's a graduate of Oxford University and also attended the University of Chicago. He has been a professor of economics at the University of Michigan since 1949.

Dr. Kelley will receive a Doctor of Education degree for "... his long and distinguished career as educator, author, editor and community servant." He has served in rural and suburban schools, as a superintendent of city schools, and as Wayne State professor.

He received his first teaching certificate from Western in 1919 and a B.S. from the University of Chicago in 1920. His M.A. and Ph.D. degrees were earned at Northwestern.

The Doctor of Laws degree will (Continued on Page 2)
Dr. David Sadler Named to Head English Department

An eleven year veteran of the WMU English Department faculty, Dr. David L. Sadler, will become chairman of the department effective July 1. Dr. Sadler succeeds Dr. Frederick J. Rogers, who resigned the chairmanship of the department to devote full time to teaching.

Dr. Sadler, a native of Iva, South Carolina, did his undergraduate work at Davidson College, the University of Chicago and Antioch College, where he received a bachelor's degree. His graduate work was taken at the University of Minnesota and at the General Motors Institute of Technology, Flint, Michigan.

J. Towner Smith To Retire As WMU Dean of Men

Western's dean of men since 1953, J. Towner Smith, will retire effective July 1. Smith has devoted nearly all of his adult life to Western, some 45 years as student, track coach, counselor and finally, dean of men.

Over the last four and a half decades, he has seen Western grow from 1,500 students when he enrolled, to its present 16,106. When Smith was named dean of men in 1953, the enrollment was 6,000.

In assessing college men of today in comparison to those of his undergraduate years, he says that the current students "are more mature, with a broader base of knowledge and the ability to use effectively all modern means of communication."

Born at Fremont, Ohio, he followed his brother, the late Robert F. Smith '17 to Western Michigan. As an undergraduate, he was a letter winner in track for three years, for many years holding Western's record for the 440 yard dash.

Following graduation in 1928 Smith was named track coach, a post he held for 17 years until entering the counseling service.

In 1935 he earned his M.A. from the University of Michigan. His coaching career was interrupted for a hitch on the U.S. Navy pre-flight faculty at the University of Georgia, 1942-46.

Smith and his wife, Mildred, plan to continue their Kalamazoo residence.

WMU to Conduct Eleven Summer Teacher Institutes

Western this winter was awarded nearly $550,000 in National Defense Education Act (NDEA) and National Science Foundation (NSF) funds for eleven institutes to be held on its campus next summer. The institutes will bring nearly 200 elementary and secondary school teachers to WMU in addition to 150 outstanding high school students.

The teachers, who'll hail from all sections of the nation, will participate in institutes for counseling and guidance, librarianship, languages, mathematics, science, and psychology.

The scope and size of NDEA and NSF institutes at Western is expanding and the number of grants is on the increase. Grants for the institutes will include stipends for the participants as well as operating costs.

The largest of the institutes will be an eight-week course for secondary teachers of mathematics, to be directed by Dr. James H. Powell, head, Mathematics Department, who will also conduct an academic year program for 15 teachers. Dr. George G. Mallinson, Dean, School of Graduate Studies, will direct three institutes next summer.

WMU Summer Social Studies Seminar to Attend Oxford Univ.

Western's highly successful Social Studies Seminar program will be continued next summer when the sixth of its kind will be offered. Graduate and undergraduate students will be able to attend Oxford University in England under the guidance of Dr. Leonard C. Kercher, head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and Dr. Howard Mowen, professor of history.

The seminar will include a month-long tour of the European continent by the participants.

Theatre Arts Honorary

The charter installation of Michigan Eta chapter of Theta Alpha Phi, national honorary fraternity in the theatre arts, was held in November at Western.

Dr. Zack York, head of the Speech Department, and Miss Laura Shaw, professor emeritus, were made honorary members.
Six Students Prepare for Seminar in Guatemala

Six Western Michigan students are hard at work this winter semester in a special class designed to prepare them for an intensive summer session seminar to be conducted in Guatemala from June to August. The Guatemalan seminar is being conducted by Western’s Latin American Studies Committee and the University Honors College.

The complete program will include a post-trip seminar next fall at WMU. The seminar program is under the direction of Dr. Oscar Horst, professor of geography, assisted by Dr. Robert Jack Smith, assistant professor of anthropology, and Dr. Louis J. Junker, associate professor of economics.

Travel expenses to Guatemala and living costs while there will be provided through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

To be eligible, participating students were required to be specializing in social science studies, have a working knowledge of Spanish, an overall academic grade average of at least a “B,” and have an interest in further study in this area of scholarship.

Plans Made to Double Flight Training Enrollment

An expansion of existing facilities which would enable the doubling of Western’s present enrollment in its flight training program has been approved by the University Board of Trustees. The expansion would include a $39,000 addition to the flight training building located at the northeast corner of the Kalamazoo Municipal Airport, the addition of three aircraft and paving of the present gravel taxi strip to the nearest airport runway.

The expansion will allow for 70 students in Western’s flight training program; there are now 35.

The project will include construction of a new aviation technology building to cost an estimated $165,000 at the airport site. When this building is completed, WMU’s aviation technology program will move to this new facility. The total cost of the expansion is estimated at $236,000.

WMU Faculty Senate Commends Pres. Miller

The WMU Faculty Senate this January issued a resolution of commendation marking the completion of five years as University president by Dr. James W. Miller.

The resolution cited the growth of WMU under Dr. Miller’s leadership, its spirit of cooperation and friendliness among students, faculty and administration, the development of an all-year operation, and the enlargement of the graduate and undergraduate curricula.

The Faculty Senate expressed its appreciation for . . . “President Miller’s personal qualities of zeal, straightforwardness, intelligence and humanity; and its appreciation of his professional qualities of vision, tenacity of purpose, dedication to his institution, and respect for his colleagues . . .”

The document was signed by the Faculty Senate officers and presented to Dr. Miller during the January meeting by Faculty Senate president, Dr. Jean Lowrie, head, Department of Librarianship.

Four Story Addition Will Triple Waldo Library Bookshelves

With enrollment nearly doubling in the last six years to its current 16,106, Western Michigan University officials have been striving to keep the University’s education facilities increasing at a like rate. As a consequence, the Board of Trustees has authorized plans for a $2-million addition to Waldo Library which will nearly double the size of the facility.

The plans call for construction of a four-story addition to the north side of the library which will triple the amount of bookshelf and work space. The addition will enable Waldo Library to serve a student body of 20,000. Tentative completion date is set for the summer of 1967, for the 75,000 square feet addition.

One new feature planned for the addition is the inclusion of more than 100 study carrels adjacent to the book stacks. The increasing pressure of graduate student research requirements has created the need for private carrels which may be locked by the student when not in use.

1966 WMU Tennis Schedule

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*Mid-American Conference Matches
Home Matches In Capitals
Induct Judson Hyames Into College Baseball Hall of Fame at WMU

The late Judson Hyames, who coached Western Michigan baseball teams for 15 years (1922-36) before stepping up to the athletic directorship in 1937, was inducted in January into the newly-organized College Baseball Hall of Fame by the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

Mr. Hyames was one of 18 former collegiate baseball mentors comprising the first group of coaches to be enrolled in the Hall of Fame, which is located at Western Michigan University, in the Men’s Physical Education building.

The plaques which honor the initial inductees into the Hall of Fame are displayed at Western along with early pictures of each of the honored coaches and college baseball memorabilia.

Western baseball teams coached by Mr. Hyames compiled a brilliant 160-60 won-lost record.

In 1947 while he was Western’s athletic director, Western was host to the first college baseball “World Series,” which is now played at Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Hyames was mainly responsible for the early college World Series being played at Western.

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During the preceding nine years he split the athletic director's duties with Herbert W. “Buck” Read, longtime basketball coach at Western, each serving one semester of the school year.

Mrs. Hyames last fall was honored for 50 years membership in Faculty Dames. She resides in Kalamazoo.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Jan. 29 swimming loss to Cincinnati, 50-45, was the Broncos’ first loss in 13 dual meets and only their second loss in 44 dual meets. A highlight in dual competition this season was the 57-38 win over defending MAC champ Ohio University.

One major reason for swimming coach Ed Gabel’s success is senior Ron Pohlonski of Dearborn, who in three varsity years, had not lost a 500 yard freestyle race and only one 200 yard freestyle event through Feb. 5 this year.

Co-captains of WMU’s tennis squad this season are Tom Eisenberg of Holland, and Gene Havrilenko of Elkhart, both juniors. Coach Hap Sorensen will be trying for Western’s 13th straight MAC title.

Western broke its previous football attendance record last season, with nearly 64,000 persons witnessing WMU’s five home games, an average of almost 12,500, second best in the MAC last season.

WMU football coach Bill Doolittle and his staff will present their annual football clinic all day Saturday, April 2 in the Intramural Building, which has a large dirt floor area.

Following the registration period, 8:00-9:00 a.m., the morning session will include pointers on passing offense and possible defensive adjustments to passing.

The afternoon session will include running offense and defenses which may be used to counter a running game.

The clinic cost of $3.00 per person includes a noon luncheon and a printed clinic notebook.

Western hosted the annual NCAA regional collegiate bowling championships on its 20 lanes in the University Student Center in late February. Seventeen schools, including three each from the Mid-American and Big Ten conferences sent men and women to the tourney.

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