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Says Education Is Key to Triumph Over Poverty

Dr. Harold Taylor, Renowned Educator, First April Commencement Speaker

The largest audience ever to attend an event in Western's Read Field House—some 11,000 persons, including 1,493 graduates seated on chairs on the main floor—watched WMU's first April commencement on April 16 under WMU's accelerated year-round schedule.

During the ceremonies, four distinguished guests received honorary doctorates, including Dr. Harold Taylor, internationally renowned philosophical educator, who delivered the commencement address. Dr. Taylor received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Other honorary decrees were accorded to: Kenneth E. Boulding, University of Michigan economics department faculty member for 17 years, awarded a Doctor of Humanities degree; also Dr. Earl Kelley, 1919 Western graduate, and distinguished professor emeritus of education at Wayne State University, who was awarded a Doctor of Education degree for "a long and distinguished career as educator, author, editor and community servant."

And William S. Woodfill, owner of the famed Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, was presented an honorary Doctor of Laws degree "for signal contribution to the development of one of the nation's great historical centers, the Mackinac Straits area; for the leadership he has provided in preserving its beauty and its historic treasures. . . ."

Dr. Taylor's citation read, in part, "... your dedicated concern for the improvement of education, your enthusiastic interest in developing world understanding, your finely tempered appreciation of the arts and aesthetics, and your influence in the individuality of students have earned for you distinction in a career as educator, philosopher, and author."

Two other noteworthy awards were made during the program. Kenneth E. Gray '53, who is a professional staff member for the U.S. Senate Banking and Currency Committee and has also been a legislative assistant to Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois since 1961, was presented with the WMU Faculty "Honor Graduate Award." Gray has become known as a scholar in the area of urban politics via his service at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as many publications.

And the WMU Alumni Association presented its Distinguished Alumna Award to Gwen Frostic, author and artist from Beulah, Mich., "in recognition of her remarkable ability to communicate the beauties of nature with prose, poetry and graphic presentation . . ."
through her eyes and artistry, she has unfolded for the citizens of Michigan the rich beauty of lakeshore, pond and forest of their state.”

In his commencement address, entitled “Education Is An Open Future,” Dr. Taylor told the graduates and audience that any triumph over poverty will come as a result of the transformation of society through education.

A more complete text of his remarks will be contained in the *WMU Magazine*, Summer 1966 issue.

**Dr. Taylor first came into national prominence in 1945 when at the age of 30 he left a position as a philosophy faculty member at the University of Wisconsin to become president of Sarah Lawrence College, a post he held 14 years, until retiring.**

Dr. Taylor has since continued to work in educational experimentation and is currently investigating the feasibility of developing world universities in Africa and Asia. He is also conducting a study of the preparation of American teachers in the area of world affairs.

Of the 1,493 graduates, 37 received their diplomas with honors. The top graduate, who received her degree Summa Cum Laude, was Mary Rose Hoyt of Richland.

**Students who were graduated Magna Cum Laude were David J. Adams, Peter Krawutschke, Margaret K. MacDonald and Richard E. Templeton of Kalamazoo, Janice J. Davis of Hastings, Millicent Doezema of Grand Rapids, Carl W. Doubleday of East Leroy, Gary M. Dunn of Auburn, Ind., Carolyn S. Irons of Lawton, Rex V. Jeschke of St. Joseph, Janet K. Kloster of Marcellus, Ronald D. McKeelvey of Battle Creek, Mary I. Napier of Ann Arbor, Nancy E. Newberry of Bellevue, Irving A. Rachstein of Lancaster, Pa., Dean E. Sanders of Paris and Jane A. Schultz of Midland.**

Nineteen other students were graduated Cum Laude and 25 ROTC cadets were to receive U.S. Army reserve commissions as second lieutenants.

WMU to Conduct Summer Upward Bound Project

On June 15 Western will inaugurate an Upward Bound project under a grant of $153,306 from the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity. Under the project, 100 high school juniors and seniors from low income families will spend eight weeks on Western’s campus this summer and also receive special attention during the ensuing school year.

The Upward Bound program is designed to motivate students to continue their education beyond high school, who previously had no hope of attending college because of a lack of financial resources.

In cooperation with local Community Action agencies, students will be selected from Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Kent, Muskegon, Berrien, Branch and St. Joseph counties.

**Spring Term Enrollment Near 7,000**

Enrollment in Western’s first, short, spring session under the new year-round operation reached 6,759, equal to about 42 percent of last fall’s enrollment of 16,106.

The largest single class group was the junior class, which numbered 1,731. Other groups include 1,543 seniors; 1,106 sophomores; and 971 freshmen.

The School of Graduate Studies enrolled 1,310 students, equal to 69 percent of its enrollment last fall.
NDEA Counseling and Guidance Institute
Begins at WMU June 20

Western will again be the site of one of 67 Counseling and Guidance Institutes supported by the U.S. Office of Education under the National Defense Education Act of 1958. The institute will be conducted between June 20 and August 12 for secondary school personnel under the direction of Dr. Robert Betz, assistant professor of education at Western.

Aimed at improving the qualifications of counselors of students in public and private schools, colleges and universities, junior colleges and technical institutes, the NDEA-sponsored program began in 1959.

Western’s institute will be for selected enrollees who have completed the first year of graduate study and are now, or plan to become, counselors in secondary schools. Dr. Betz says the emphasis will be placed on the development of advanced counseling skills through laboratory practice and field experience.

Dr. James H. Powell
Named Associate Dean,
School of Liberal Arts

Dr. James H. Powell, who has headed Western’s Department of Mathematics since 1960, will become associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences on July 1, joining Dr. Cornelius Loew, who has been associate dean for two years.

Dr. Powell has been a mathematics faculty member since 1955. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees, both with honors, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. His father, James E. Powell, teaches at MSU.

Dr. Gerald Osborn, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said, “With the continuing growth of WMU in enrollments, faculty, diversity and complexity of academic programs, the school must accept broader activities and responsibilities each year.

“With the opening of the fall, 1966 semester, these responsibilities and activities will be enlarged dramatically, particularly in view of the involvement of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences in doctoral programs.”

WMU Tops June, 1965 Grads Teaching In Michigan Schools

Western supplied the greatest number of June, 1965 graduates who are teaching in Michigan schools this academic year, according to figures from the Michigan Education Association.

Teachers who received their training at Western number 809 of the total 4,385 bachelor degree candidates who entered the teaching field in Michigan. The second highest number supplied by a single institution was 697.

Dr. Daniel Moore, professor of education and director of Western’s acclaimed Educational Resources Center, is spending three months this spring in the Republic of Somalia, Africa, working with the Somalia minister of education on that nation’s teacher-education program.

Dr. Moore is also assisting in the development of a building to house the educational resources at the National Teacher Education Center in Mogadiscio, the capital of the republic. He was to return to Western in September. Darrell G. Jones, associate professor of business education, has been named acting head, Department of Business Education, for a two year period beginning this June. He’ll fill the position while Dr. E. L. Marietta is on a University assignment in Africa.

WMU Faculty Member
Is Aiding Somalia
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Charlie Maher's Bronco baseballers held last year's Big Ten champs and NCAA runners up, Ohio State, to four runs when they swept a three game season-opening (for WMU) series from the Buckeyes, as Maher gained the coveted 400th win of his 28 year career at Western in the third game. Ohio State had already played eight southern games for a 6-2 mark when they met the Broncos at Columbus, Ohio April 1-2.

WMU track coach George Dales and the University hosted a prominent Greek educator for some 10 days in early March this year. The visitor, Dr. Ioannis Ioannides, Director of the Physical Education Department, Ministry of Education in Greece, said his stay at Western was very fruitful in that he made excellent progress toward the compilation of a bibliography on the organization and operation of physical education programs in schools of all levels.

And while at Western, Dr. Ioannides lectured to physical education students on the history of the Olympic games and the Olympic Academy at Olympia, Greece.

He said that based on what he saw at WMU and at elementary and high schools in the Kalamazoo area, he concluded that America has very sound people in charge of its physical education programs at all levels. He noted that apparently "much attention is given to the intellectual approach to physical education and to athletic games" rather than making it mere exercise or just playing at the game.

Head football coach Bill Doolittle and his staff conducted a highly successful coaches clinic April 2 in the new indoor physical education and intramural facility with its dirt floor. Some 250 coaches, including one from Virginia, were on hand as WMU gridders demonstrated various offensive and defensive maneuvers and strategies as explained by WMU coaches.

WMU ended a 4-year Wisconsin string of dual track wins beating the Badgers 76-65 in Madison in May, repeating a February home indoor win over Wisconsin and Air Force Academy.

WMU has added a 10th football game to next fall's schedule, opening Sept. 17 at home against Lamar Tech of Beaumont, Texas. It's the first 10 game slate ever scheduled by Western. Lamar Tech has about 7,500 students. Other newcomers to the card are Xavier of Cincinnati Nov. 12 and West Texas State Nov. 19, both away.

2nd High School Math Teachers Institute at WMU

Backed by a $105,700 grant from the National Science Foundation, Western will conduct its second Academic Year Institute for Secondary School Teachers of Mathematics, starting on June 20.

The year-long institute is intended to give secondary school teachers an opportunity to extend their knowledge of mathematics. Participants selected for the program will earn a total of 34 hours of college credits.

The grant provides for a basic stipend of $3,600 to each participant, an allowance for dependents, books and travel and exemption from University tuition and fees.

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