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Dr. Paul Griffeth Elevated to WMU Vice Presidency

Dr. Paul L. Griffeth, who has been dean of students at Western since 1958, became Vice President for Student Services this August but will retain the title and duties of dean of students.

He succeeds Dr. L. Dale Faunce who relinquished the administrative post he has held since he joined the University staff in 1956, so he may return to teaching. Dr. Faunce holds academic rank as professor of education and will be concerned chiefly with counseling and guidance in the School of Education.

Dr. Griffeth is a native of Sturgis and a graduate of Michigan State University where he was an outstanding football player and captain of the 1940 Spartans. He earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees in the early 1950's at the State University of Iowa and then served as dean of men there 1956-58 before coming to Western.

Dr. Griffeth served with the U. S. Navy as a navigator during World War II and attained the rank of lieutenant. He entered and remained in private business seven years after the war until enrolling at Iowa.

Dr. Faunce earned his B.A. from Western in 1933, a master's degree from the University of Michigan and a doctorate from Michigan State University. After teaching at several Michigan high schools he became counselor of men at MSU. Four years later Dr. Faunce became dean of students, and director of student affairs at the State University of Iowa where he also taught in the graduate school, prior to coming to Western in 1956.

WMU to Have Doctoral Interns Under Mott Foundation Program

Western's participation in the Mott Inter-University Clinical Preparation Program in the 1966-67 school year will be enlarged to include doctoral interns. WMU President James W. Miller this summer was informed by Frank J. Manley, executive director of the Mott Foundation of Flint, that Western had been awarded a $50,000 grant for the next school year to provide four master's degree internships and three internships at the doctoral level.

WMU, which this fall will offer doctoral programs for the first time, is one of several Michigan universities participating in the Mott program which includes an academic year of intensive study in the Flint schools, participation in the Mott colloquiums, and a session on Western's campus.

Flint schools have pioneered the community school concept in an effort to involve the entire community in school affairs and to bring the resources of the school to bear on community problems. The internships give school administrators an opportunity to study this concept so that their schools may develop similar programs.

MA in International And Area Studies Offered by Western

Beginning this fall, Western's School of Graduate Studies will inaugurate a program leading to a master of arts degree in International and Area Studies. The new program

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is designed to acquaint students, regardless of their vocational objectives, with the majority of mankind who live beyond Europe, according to Dr. Claude Phillips, Jr., chairman of the WMU Institute of International and Area Studies.

A select faculty of high competence in this area at Western will permit a wide range of courses of general or specific nature on Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Slavic countries.

Under the Prospective Teachers Fellowship program of the U.S. Office of Education, four graduate fellowships are available to recent college graduates, persons certified as teachers who have not taught or who have not taught recently, Dr. George G. Mallinson, Dean, School of Graduate Studies, announced.

Dr. Phillips points out that the new program should be of particular benefit to social science teachers, college seniors who need an M.A. for their vocational objectives, returned Peace Corps Volunteers who wish to put their foreign service to particular advantage, or to mid-career personnel interested in international business or foreign service.

New Administrators Named by Western’s Board of Trustees

Three important administrative appointments were made by the WMU Board of Trustees this summer.

Dr. Eston J. Asher, professor of psychology, was named Director of Institutional Research. The new office will formalize the collection and interpretation of data concerning the University’s operation with its director coordinating University reports prepared for internal use and for state and federal agencies.

Dr. Asher joined Western’s faculty in 1954 after four years on the Oregon State College faculty. He received his bachelor’s degree at the University of Kentucky and his master’s and Ph.D. at Purdue.

William J. Kowalski, a 1948 WMU graduate, was named to the newly created post of Director of Campus Planning. A Muskegon native, he has been an assistant vice-president of Louis C. Kingscott and Associates, a Kalamazoo architectural firm. He received an MA from Western.

Prior to joining that firm nine years ago, Kowalski served as a teacher and later as superintendent at the Bloomingdale public schools.

As Director of Campus Planning, Kowalski will have the responsibility of coordinating the planning of WMU’s physical facilities under the direct supervision of the Vice President for Administration.

Dr. David W. Fraser of the WMU School of Education, was designated as Director of the Campus School. Prior to joining Western’s faculty last August, Dr. Fraser was principal of an elementary school in his native Seattle, Washington. He succeeds Dr. Donald Weaver as Campus School Director.

Dr. Weaver has joined the School Services division of the School of Education and continues to serve as liaison with the Mott Foundation of Flint, in relation to WMU’s participation in the Interinstitutional Program for Preparation of Community School Administrators and Directors.

Dr. Weaver, who joined the WMU faculty in 1961, has directed the Campus School since 1962.

Dr. Fraser earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Washington and master’s and doctorate at Columbia University.

Charles E. Meyer Becomes Head of Art Department

The new head of Western’s Department of Art, effective Aug. 22, is Charles E. Meyer, a member of the Michigan State University Department of Art since 1959. Meyer has held temporary appointments as acting head of the MSU art department and acting director of the Division of Fine Arts. He was to receive his doctorate in art history this year from the University of Michigan.

Meyer succeeds Harry Hefner as art department head at WMU. Hefner had requested to be relieved of the post to devote full time to teaching.

Meyer, a Detroit native, received bachelor’s and master’s degrees, both with honors, and a teaching certificate from Wayne State University.

Prior to joining the MSU faculty, Meyer was art curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts and taught in the extension service of Wayne State and Michigan. He also did research in Germany under a Fulbright grant.

New Teacher Program Pointed to Help Disadvantaged Child

A new master of arts degree program designed to more adequately prepare elementary and secondary teachers to work with disadvantaged children will be inaugurated by WMU this fall.

The new plan is aimed at giving the future teacher a better understanding of the culturally different child and his environment as well as the necessary skills to help this child.
School of Education Begins New Cooperative Teacher Education Plan

Starting this fall Western will inaugurate a new approach to meet the increasing demand for well-trained elementary school teachers. A new, Cooperative Internship program, organized by WMU's School of Education, will enable students to begin teaching and earning money earlier in their academic careers.

After completing 106-110 hours of college credit and meeting the qualifications for internship candidates, students will be placed in selected school systems as elementary teachers, under the guidance and supervision of master teachers selected by WMU at about two-thirds of regular salary for beginning teachers.

Initially, the program is in cooperation with the Muskegon area Intermediate School District, public schools in that area, Muskegon County Community College, Grand Rapids area schools and Grand Rapids Community College.

At graduation a student in the program receives a State Elementary Provisional Certificate with the bachelor's degree.

The internship program offers the advantage of additional guided teaching for the student prior to graduation plus an income.

New American Studies Program at Western

Western will offer an American Studies Program this fall, in keeping with the growing interest in international and area studies. Aimed at making students more aware of the complexities of their own culture, the course will make use of the insights of a number of WMU academic departments, with emphasis on American civilization.

Students who enroll in the course as a major, must take a minimum of four hours credit in American history, literature, political science, economics, sociology and anthropology, and philosophy and religion. In addition, students may enroll for 12 credit hours in one of the participating departments.

Though allowed a certain amount of freedom in the selection of classes, students will be required to demonstrate skills in doing advanced study in several different fields.

The program is intended to give the liberal arts student a new awareness of his American heritage and serve as an excellent background for careers in education, public relations, politics, journalism, government and industry.

Nearly 11-Hundred On Second Semester WMU Dean's List

Nearly 11-hundred undergraduates made the Dean's List for the second semester at WMU, including 249 full-time students, who carried at least 14 hours of class work and received all "A's" last school year.

Six scholars earned all-A grades while enrolled in 20 hours: Julie Farrand, White Pigeon sophomore; Nancy Flynn, Portage freshman; Patricia McDuffee, Ada freshman; James K. Miars, Kalamazoo freshman; Calvin Wallace, Battle Creek freshman; and Carol Wright, Troy, Ohio, freshman.

Karen Vandefifer, Kalamazoo freshman, barely missed straight A in 23 hours of work, earning a 3.96 average (4.0 is A).

Theodore Sundstrom, Grand Rapids sophomore, added to his straight-A record, bringing it up to 64 hours of all-A grades at WMU.

Other students who strengthened fine grade averages included Janis Kaskurs, Kalamazoo senior, who has a 3.98 average for 107 hours; Margaret MacDonald, Kalamazoo senior, with a 3.92 average for 122 hours; Ann Delavergne, Ludington sophomore, a 3.97 average for 64 hours; Nancy Mason, Flint sophomore, 3.98 for 63 hours; and Janice Vanderwal, Grand Rapids sophomore, 3.97 grade average for 60 hours.

Meanwhile, graduate students also continued their assault on superior grades during the winter semester as 52 grad students who carried at least 10 hours of class work received straight A grades.

The top two students, both enrolled in 14 hours, were Margaret C. Rich of Kalamazoo, a librarianship major, and Daniel Zwitman of Key West, Fla., enrolled in the speech correction curriculum.

Seven of the nine grad students carrying 13 hours with all A's hail from Michigan.
Harry Lawson Ends 20 Years With WMU Via Retirement

Twenty years of service to Western Michigan students came to an end this summer with the retirement of Harry W. Lawson from the University's counseling bureau. Lawson has also been dean of Kanley Chapel for many years and for the last eight years has coached Western's hockey club, which he originated. A non-sponsored athletic activity, the hockey club has had remarkable success against outstanding collegiate hockey teams in the midwest.

Lawson, a Boston native, attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for three years and received a certificate in mechanical engineering. He later earned a B.S. in education at Boston University and an M.A. at the University of Michigan.

After 26 years as a teacher at Framingham, Mass. high school, he entered the U.S. Navy in 1942 and in 1943 was assigned to the V-5 program at Western with the rank of commander. A year later Lawson was assigned to the 7th fleet as an LST commander and survived the bombing and sinking of his ship by airplanes in the Pacific Theater.

After the war he returned to Western as head of the Pine Lake School for Disabled Veterans for five years and then spent the last 15 years with Western's counseling bureau.

Lawson and his wife plan to reside in Kalamazoo, except for summers at their home at Port Clyde, Maine.

David Gillette New Assoc. Dean of Students

David A. Gillette MA '61, who was a Campus School counselor 1961-63 and assistant dean of men at WMU until 1964, has been named as associate dean of students at Western. The past two years Gillette has been a careers counselor at the University of Michigan where he has also been taking work toward a doctoral degree.

Gillette replaces J. Towner Smith, who retired this summer as dean of men.

After receiving his BA degree at Western, Gillette taught in the Brandywine public schools in southwestern Michigan and also at Casopolis and Vandalia.

Gillette, a native of Dowagiac, is married to the former Janet Brown MA '61.