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Western's enrollment this fall is 16,470 students. Enrollment growth was controlled this school year to compensate for the unusually large increase in student numbers last year, President James W. Miller said.

Entering freshmen were limited to 2,400 this year, putting Western into a pattern of orderly growth, Dr. Miller pointed out. Last year a record 4,100 freshmen entered WMU.

Holding freshmen enrollments to a normal figure permitted the University to accept a reasonable number of students transferring to Western after two years at a community college. The junior-senior level this fall showed an increase of 757 students, indicating the increasing desire on the part of community college students to continue their education toward a degree.

The number of graduate students showed the greatest increase, with 2,267 enrolled as compared with 1,909 last fall, an increase of 258 or 15 per cent.

The accompanying map shows student distribution from Michigan by counties and also lists totals from other states and foreign countries. Students from other states make up only 9 per cent of the enrollment.
Western's 1966 homecoming queen, Rita Hemela, a Washington, Mich., junior, center and her court, left to right: Linda Boyle, Berwyn, Ill., junior; Diana Blodgett, Ludington junior; queen Rita; Kimberly Block, Michigan City, Ind., junior; and Sharyn Buckmaster, Petoskey senior.

The committee study is related to a maximum of 20,000 full-time equated students at Western, which represents an enrollment of about 22,500 students.

In presenting its report, the Advisory Committee cited as the primary purpose of campus planning, the development of an environment which will promote the multipurposes of WMU. The report urges a continuing study of plans with changes made as the nature and function of the University change.

The committee envisions development of the campus with the academic area as its core. All main service drives and parking facilities would be outside this academic core and all non-academic facilities would be on the periphery. Businesses would be outside the core area with no additional non-University buildings within the campus.

In developing the academic core, the Advisory Committee strongly recommends the grouping of related areas of study.

Future construction, the committee report points out, should allow sufficient open space and new buildings should be of contemporary design, although not necessarily restricted in style. The report also suggests that efforts be made to present a pleasant view to abutting non-University property.

The need for a strong relationship with the community, its leaders and city officials, including the provision of information concerning long-range planning by the University, is stressed in the committee report.

To fulfill its public service function, WMU should encourage area business and industry to make use of research and service facilities on the campus in a manner which would not interfere with normal University operation, the committee recommends.

The report also suggests that a continuing survey be made of the East Campus to determine the most efficient use of buildings located there.

WMU Hosts Institute To Help NewlyBlinded Homemakers

An institute on Problems of Training Newly-Blinded Homemakers drew participants to Western from Alabama, California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Texas and Utah this September for four days. The institute
Western's athletic director, Mitchell J. “Mike” Gary, while appreciative of the many honors and gifts bestowed upon him on “Mike Gary Day” on Oct. 8, including a new auto, could well consider the Broncos’ 16-14 win over Bowling Green as the best of all. WMU’s last grid win over B.G. came in 1954.

A smoker on the night before the game featured a gathering honoring Gary and his 1941 football squad, Western’s last unbeaten team.

After the game a testimonial dinner honored Gary, who received awards from the American Legion, Kiwanis Club, “W” Club, WMU athletic board of control, and the Mid-American Conference, represented by commissioner Robert James.

Western’s defensive unit, the Rustlers, provided a great introduction to the halftime show honoring Gary by holding B.G. to four downs inside the WMU 10 yard line in the closing seconds of the first half to preserve a 7-7 tie.

Gary, after receiving all-Big 10 and all-American honors as a tackle at Minnesota, joined Western’s grid coaching staff in 1928 and became head coach in 1929, serving until 1949, except for a stint as a U.S. Navy officer in World War II. He became athletic director in 1949 and left the coaching ranks with a 59-34-5 won-lost-tied record.

On hand to speak at the dinner were former Western grid stars under Gary: Frank Secory (1931-33), Dr. George Wynn (1929-31), Bo Maldard (1933-34) and Jack Olsen (1940-41), in addition to many of Mike’s former gridders who attended the various events honoring him.

The start of a Mike Gary Scholarship Fund was announced during the program honoring Mike.

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was presented by the Blind Rehabilitation Office at WMU, in cooperation with the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The participants included home economists, rehabilitation counselors and home teachers for the blind. In addition, observers from other states and Canada attended.

The two-fold purpose of the institute was to demonstrate training and instruction for extending services to newly-blinded homemakers, and to prepare a report to serve as a tool for use by states to train and develop competent personnel to work with blind homemakers. The institute program included panel discussions by four former blind homemakers, addresses by state and federal rehabilitation officials and visiting consultants, and a discussion of “Problems and Needs of Blind Homemakers” by Miss Ruth Kaarlela, assistant director of WMU’s training program for home teachers of the blind. Donald Blasch, director of Western’s blind rehabilitation programs, gave a summary.
Death Claims Retired
Physical Plant Head
John A. Goldsworth

The man responsible for the construction of nearly every building on Western's west campus—John A. Goldsworth, retired director of the physical plant—died at his Kalamazoo home in early October.

Goldsworth, 72, retired in June, 1965 from the post he had held since 1944 at Western. A month prior to his retirement, the University Board of Trustees authorized the re-naming of North Valley in his honor, in recognition of his foresight in developing the beautiful Goldsworth Valley for University use.

A resident of Kalamazoo since 1939, Mr. Goldsworth was born near Muskegon.

He was a veteran in construction supervision prior to joining Western’s staff.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Only two days prior to the Nov. 5 football game in which WMU beat Ohio University, 20-13, to win a share of the MAC title with Miami, the Waldo stadium turf was covered by a blanket of up to 12 inches of snow from an early season blizzard. However on Friday 60 freshmen football players, augmented by WMU student volunteers, pitched in with shovels to help several earth movers scrape all snow from the gridiron, which was in excellent shape for the important game the next day. The win gave the Broncos a 5-1 conference mark and 7-1 overall through the first eight games.

Through the first eight games, four Broncos were named either MAC lineman or back of the week in various games: co-captain Bob Rowe, defensive tackle, for being in on 40 tackles in the 16-14 win over Bowling Green; co-captain Gary Crain, offensive end, for his play as WMU beat Central Michigan 31-14; offensive guard Steve Mitchell for his play in the 35-29 win at Marshall; and fullback Tim Majerle, for the 204 yards he gained in the Ohio game.

Ace defensive back Marty Barski was lost for the season with an injury in the Miami game but entered the Bronco record book on a 73 yard touchdown scamper with an intercepted pass against Central Michigan.

Bob Rowe this season became the first Western gridder ever selected to play in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco, scheduled for Dec. 31. The Bronco defensive tackle was being mentioned as All-American timber.

Success begets popularity, and no doubt helped Western to set new season and single game attendance marks this year. An estimated 87,000 persons saw WMU’s five home games, an average of 17,400, breaking the old total, set last season, by about 24,000. The total includes an estimated record 20,500 at the homecoming contest with Toledo. The smallest crowd was 15,000.

Western’s marching band had a new look this season. The all-male band (for the first time) was resplendent in sharp new uniforms.

Coach George Dales’ fine cross country squad warmed up for the defense of its NCAA title by winning its first MAC title in three years, beating second place Miami by 21 points, as Wolfgang Lugauer (3rd), Mike Hazilla (4th), Ken Coats (8th), Lee Frost (9th) and Keith Reed (10th) ran well on Toledo’s course.

Earlier in the cross country season WMU won the 11th annual Notre Dame Invitational meet over 11 other teams, with N. D. second and Michigan third. Western’s 56 points was 29 better than the Irish.