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DR. PHILLIP R. SHRIVER IS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

One Thousand Students Receive Degrees in December

Degrees were awarded to 1,000 graduates during Western's fall commencement held in Read Field House in mid-December. Of the total, 168 were master's degrees and three were specialist in education (6th year) degrees.

The commencement speaker, Dr. Phillip R. Shriver, who has been president of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio since July, 1965, spoke on "Day of Decision." He said that the struggle has really just begun in this country in the areas of race relations, the brotherhood of man, and equal rights for all, even though much progress has been made in the lifetimes of the graduates.

"Let there be no mistake," he said, "what a nation chooses, it is. What a man chooses, he is. Today, tomorrow, always."

Dr. Shriver earned his bachelor's degree at Yale University, his master's from Harvard University and Ph.D. from Columbia University. The 44

year old administrator, prior to assuming his present post at Miami, was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Kent State University. An outstanding historian, Dr. Shriver is the author and co-author of several books.

Eighteen WMU seniors were graduated with honors in the December commencement.

Those graduating magna cum laude were: Sandra J. Adams of Kalamazoo, Jean L. Baldwin of Dowagiac, Sara J. Carlson of Muskegon, Stuart Isenhoff of Grand Rapids and Donna J. Johnson of Battle Creek; those graduating cum

laude: Susan J. Boomgarden of Huntington Woods; Helen A. Buech-

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Dr. Morvin Wirtz Named Head Of New Special Education Department

Western's newly created Department of Special Education, which becomes operative next July 1, will be headed by Dr. Morvin A. Wirtz, deputy assistant commissioner, Office of Disadvantaged and Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education, in action taken by the WMU Board of Trustees at their December meeting. Dr.

Wirtz was to join the WMU faculty on Jan. 23 as a professor of special education, holding that position until he assumes the department headship.

The new department brings to five the number in the School of Education with 13 full time and three part-time faculty members in

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He received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Doctor of Education from the University of Illinois. He has taken additional graduate work at St. Louis University and Washington University.

Institute of Blind Rehabilitation to Be Inaugurated by WMU

Western will inaugurate an Institute of Blind Rehabilitation next July 1 to facilitate its expanding programs relating to the blind. From its original program of preparing teachers for the orientation and mobility of the blind, started in 1961, Western has extended its services into other areas of assistance to the blind.

The institute will provide a more efficient administration of the several services which involve disciplines in at least three of WMU's schools.

While the programs devoted to the blind are increasing, that of preparing teachers of orientation and mobility for the blind is growing rapidly and starting Jan. 3, was doubled at the request of the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Among the programs which have been added recently are those for: home teachers of the blind; teachers of the blind for students in elementary and secondary schools; inservice training workshops; psychological evaluations of blind clients for the Michigan Department of Welfare; and research on programs of learning in braille and consultant services.

In addition,” Blasch adds, “these graduates will play an important role in assisting individual blind persons to develop their fullest potential.”

WMU’s program of Orientation and Mobility for the Blind is one of only two such university programs in the world. It was established in cooperation with the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration and the Veterans Administration.

Blasch notes that the demand for graduates of programs related to the blind continually exceeds the number of graduates by about 10 to one.

New Western Policy on Graduation Requirements

The Educational Policies Council of the University has adopted the following policy relative to graduation requirements:

1. No student may be graduated under a catalog which is more than 10 years old. Exceptions may be made for: Life certificate holders; and students progressing regularly toward a degree (six hours or more a year).

2. For these exceptions, students must either earn the degree by Sept. 1, 1970, or be held to the standard under Item No. 1.

3. Appeals for exceptions must be approved by the appropriate academic dean.

Daniel A. Nye of Fennville, left, a senior majoring in food distribution in WMU's Distributive Education Department, holds the honor of being Western's first student to receive a scholarship from the Grocery Manufacturers Representatives chapter of Grand Rapids. He recently received the award from John Gardner, right, president of the Grand Rapids chapter, in a campus ceremony.

The Grand Rapids GMR chapter, as far as is known, is the only local chapter in the nation awarding scholarships to food distribution students.
MA Degree in Earth Science Is Newest WMU Graduate Offering

The need for teachers of earth science has prompted Western to offer a master of arts degree in earth science, as authorized by the WMU Board of Trustees in December.

According to Dr. Russell H. Seibert, Vice President for Academic Affairs, the program of study is designed to increase a student’s knowledge of astronomy, geology, meteorology, and oceanography to enable the teaching of this interdisciplinary subject in secondary schools.

School systems in increasing numbers are replacing general science with earth science in the Junior High Schools, Dr. Seibert points out. He estimates the need for earth science teachers in the U.S. will increase from the present 7,000 to 20,000 by 1970.

Dr. Clifford Gallant Becomes Head of Languages Department

Dr. Clifford J. Gallant has been named head of the Department of Languages at WMU effective with the start of the winter semester this January. He served as acting department head during the fall semester.

Dr. Gallant joined WMU’s faculty in 1965.

He had previously served on the faculties of Northern Illinois University, Skidmore and Hollins Colleges previous to joining WMU’s faculty.

Dr. Gallant holds a bachelor’s degree from Northern Illinois, a master’s from France’s University of Toulouse and the Middlebury School of Spanish, and a doctorate from Toulouse.

Message to Alumni Who Have Not Received Reply from Registrar

Clayton Maus, registrar and director of admissions, addresses the following statement to alumni who have written to his office for transcripts or other material and have not received a reply:

“Because of circumstances outside of this office, certain communications were not received by the office of the registrar and the director of admissions. We have been advised that this condition may have prevailed for a year preceding Oct. 1, 1966. If any alumni have sent requests to this office and have not received a reply, it may be assumed the communication was not received. If the requests will be re-submitted, they will be processed promptly and without cost to the sender.

Communications should indicate the date of the original request and whether money was enclosed. If there is a question whether action on this request was taken, we will check immediately.”

Western’s Board of Trustees Creates Two New Departments

Western’s Board of Trustees has authorized the creation of the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Philosophy, effective with the opening of the Fall, 1967, semester. Both subjects have been taught for many years at Western, but as part of other departments.

Each of the two disciplines has eight faculty members at present.

New Home Economics Nursery-Laboratory

Home economics students at WMU now have an every day opportunity to observe and understand young children through working with them in a new nursery-laboratory for preschool children opened by Western’s Department of Home Economics in January. The new nursery-laboratory is under the direction of Mrs. Sally Freudenberg, a home economics faculty member.

The purpose of the nursery-laboratory is to provide a learn-as-they-play facility for pre-school children, using University materials, equipment and experienced guidance, and to present opportunities for home economics students to gain first-hand experience and understanding through working with young children.

The nursery is located in a modern former private home located just north of Wood Hall. The facility will also be used as a home management instruction apartment.

Dr. Joseph Hoy Will Succeed Retiring Mike Gary as A.D.

A career spanning 39 years of WMU athletics will end June 30 with the retirement of Mitchell J. “Mike” Gary as athletic director and head of the Department of Men’s Physical Education.

Named by the WMU Board of Trustees to succeed Gary effective next July 1 is Dr. Joseph T. Hoy, who is currently administrative assistant to Gary and who has been a faculty member at WMU since 1952.

Dr. Hoy is a 1942 Western graduate. Gary, a native of Winona, Minn., came to Western as an assistant football coach in 1928 after graduation from the University of Minnesota, where he won All-Big Ten and All-American honors as a football
tackle. He received his master's degree in 1940.

In 1929 Gary became Bronco head football coach, remaining in that post 13 years, except for a tour of duty as a U. S. Navy officer in World War II, until 1945. In 1949 he stepped into the post of athletic director and head of the men's P. E. department, after serving as associate athletic director the previous four years.

Gary-coached grid teams compiled a 60-33-5 record, going unbeaten in 1932 and 1941.

Dr. Joseph Hoy, a native of Owosso, was a member of the 1941 undefeated team. After his graduation he also served as a naval officer in World War II. After service, Dr. Hoy taught at Ohio University a year and then returned to class to earn his master's degree in 1948 at the University of Michigan. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Indiana in 1963.

Between 1948 and 1952 Dr. Hoy was on the faculty of Wisconsin State University, serving as director of athletics in his final two years and also as head basketball and baseball coach and an assistant in football.

He became WMU's head basketball coach 1952-58 and also was an assistant football coach until 1956, before assuming his present duties as administrative assistant to Gary.

Nine MAC Cage Games on TV Network

Western's basketball team will again be seen twice on the Mid-American Conference television network of 12 stations in Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia, on the MAC Game of the Week on nine Saturday afternoons this season.

Western's first TV game is Jan. 14 at Kent State while the Broncos host Bowling Green at Read Field House on Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. The Michigan outlet is WKZO-TV, Kalamazoo, which will carry the complete nine game Saturday afternoon schedule.

Ohio cities which will carry the games include Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Akron, Youngstown, Lima and Zanesville; in West Virginia, Huntington and Parkersburg.

The rest of the TV schedule: Jan. 7, Miami at Toledo; Jan. 28, Ohio at Kent State; Feb. 4, Ohio at Bowling Green; Feb. 11, Toledo at Ohio; Feb. 18, Marshall at Miami; Feb. 25, Bowling Green at Ohio; March 4, Kent State at Marshall.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Western's basketball team compiled a 4-4 mark in preparation for the MAC opener at home with Ohio U., which the Broncos won in overtime, 72-70. Included in the pre-season slate was a 3rd place finish in the Motor City tourney, featuring a 74-70 win over host U. of Detroit.

Dr. William Weber Assumes State Representative Post

Dr. William V. Weber, professor of political science at WMU since 1957, retired last Dec. 31. On Jan. 1 he became a member of the Michigan House of Representatives, to which he was elected last November, representing the Kalamazoo district.

Dr. Weber was head of the Department of Political Science at WMU for 10 years.

WMU's wrestling team impressed a home crowd Dec. 3 by winning eight of 10 matches in a quadrangular meet with defending MAC champ Bowling Green, Kent State and Ashland (Ohio) College. More than 1,000 spectators watched as five WMU sophs won their matches. Coach Roy Wietz' grapplers attained a perfect score in a 32-0 win against Western Ontario in December, taking all 10 matches.

Tom Essenberg, a Holland senior, has been elected tennis captain for the coming season.

WMU's track team opens its indoor season Jan. 28 at the U. of Michigan Relays.

John Huizenga, Bronco baseball catcher in 1964-65, will go to spring training this year with the Baltimore Orioles after hitting .307 last year in the minors.

Len Johnston '54 will manage the Burlington Senators in the pro baseball Carolina League this season in the Washington farm system after being a star outfielder in the top minor leagues for many seasons at Indianapolis, Ind. In 1964 Len hit .316 for Indianapolis. Wayne Torwilliger '49 is manager of the Hawaiian Islanders in the Washington farm system.