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TWO FOR NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENTS

Board of Trustees Approves Four New Department Heads

Dr. Willis F. Dunbar, a member of Western's faculty since 1951 and head of the Department of History since 1960, will step down as department chairman on June 30 at his own request to return to full-time teaching. He'll be succeeded as chairman by Dr. Ernst A. Breisach.

Dr. Dunbar, an authority on Michigan history, has written several books on this subject. He taught at Kalamazoo College before joining WMU's faculty.

Dr. Breisach, a scholar of the Renaissance and the Reformation, is a native of Austria who first visited the U.S. in 1951 as a Fulbright fellow. He was on the Olivet College faculty four years before coming to Western.

In other action taken by the WMU Board of Trustees at its January meeting, three new department heads were approved:

Dr. Robert F. Maher, associate director of WMU's Institute of International and Area Studies, next fall becomes head of the newly created Department of Anthropology.

Dr. A. Bruce Clarke, now a professor of mathematics at the University of Michigan, with the start of the spring session in April becomes head of the Department of Mathematics succeeding Dr. James H. Powell, who was named associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences last year.

Donald Blasch, director of Western's blind rehabilitation program, on July 1 will become director of the new Institute of Blind Rehabilitation at WMU.

Dr. Breisach earned doctorates in history at the University of Vienna (Continued on Page 2)

WMU Plans to Begin New Ph.D. Program in Mathematics

Western's Board of Trustees has approved a program leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in mathematics. The program, designed to begin in the fall of 1968, will be WMU's fifth at the doctoral level.

By the fall of 1968, Western will have adequate facilities, together with the staff and library resources, to begin the mathematics doctoral program, explains Dr. Russell H. Seibert, vice president for academic affairs. He indicated that funds from the National Science Foundation will be available to assist in developing the new doctoral program.
and in economics at the Hochschule at Weithandel. In 1946-52 he taught history and geography at Vienna. He holds the rank of professor.

Dr. Maher, an associate professor of sociology and anthropology, previous to joining WMU's faculty in 1957 had taught at DePauw University and the University of Wisconsin, where he had earned bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees.

Dr. Clarke, a former Canadian, received his bachelor's degree at the University of Saskatchewan, and master's and doctorate in mathematics at Brown University. He has been on the University of Michigan mathematics faculty since receiving his doctorate in 1951. In 1960 he received the first University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Award.

Blasch, an associate professor of education, will be responsible to the dean of the School of Education. He earned his bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University and master's at the University of Chicago. He has been on Western's faculty since 1961.

In other recent action taken by the Board of Trustees, Dr. Richard T. Adams of the School of Business faculty was named director of the State Technical Services Program for Western and Richard Clark was named acting director of broadcasting.

Dancer-Choreographer
Agnes de Mille to Be WMU Graduation Speaker

Agnes de Mille, choreographer, dancer, author and lecturer, will be Western's commencement speaker on April 15 in Read Field House. Miss de Mille, at the same time, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts by WMU.

Others who will receive honorary degrees at the spring commencement are: James A. Foxgrover, who has maintained a residence in the Kalamazoo area for many years while serving in numerous top level executive posts in firms in or allied to the pulp and paper industry and who is president of Perkins-Goodwin Co., New York. Through his work with the Louis Calder Foundation, Kalamazoo has benefitted greatly.

L. William Seidman, partner in a Grand Rapids accounting firm, who is chairman of the Board of Control of Grand Valley State College near Grand Rapids, is active in civic affairs and in state government.

Robert C. Angell, distinguished sociologist, who has been a University of Michigan faculty member since 1922, was department head for 12 years at Michigan. His publications include six books and numerous articles in sociological journals.

Miss de Mille, daughter of the distinguished playwright, William C. de Mille, was graduated cum laude from the University of California. She has written three books and many articles and choreographed for the movies and the ballet. She has also choreographed many musical stage productions, beginning with "Oklahoma!"

WMU Economics Seminars Feature Six Nations Through March 29th

An important economics seminar series on "Key Factors in Economic Growth: The Experience of Six Countries" will conclude March 29 at WMU. Each of the seminar lectures is presented on Wednesday afternoons. In addition, evening public lectures are offered.

The first lecture in the series, presented Jan. 18 by Dr. Martin Bronfenbrenner, economics professor, Carnegie Institute of Technology (he is currently with the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University), was well received. It dealt with Japan.

Other lectures in the series are:
Feb. 8—U.S.S.R., by Dr. Nicolas Spulber, of Indiana University.
Feb. 15—Yugoslavia, by Dr. Milos Samardzija, University of Belgrade, currently a visiting professor at WMU.
March 1—Colombia, by Dr. Lauchlin Currie, National University, Colombia.
March 15—Mexico, by Dr. Emanundo Flores, National University of Mexico.
March 29—China, by Dr. Alexander Eckstein, University of Michigan.

D. B. Leonardelli
Beginning Six Year K.V.C.C. Trustee Term

D. B. Leonardelli, assistant director of the WMU Division of Field Services since 1957, has begun a six year term on the first Board of Trustees of the newly created Kalamazoo Valley Community College, following his election last year.

Leonardelli has also served on state boards of the Michigan Association of Higher Education, the Michigan Adult Education Association, the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Curricula Development.
(MAIL REGISTRATION continued)

Service News, a twice-yearly publication distributed in 14 southwestern Michigan counties, brought applications for winter-semester off-campus courses into the Field Services office at WMU at a record pace.

The chief purpose of the new registration-by-mail system for off-campus courses was to provide greater ease in processing student records and to allow more time to be devoted to classroom instruction. Previously most of the first class meeting was devoted to registration.

State Public School Administrators Being Studied Under U.S. Grant

Public school administrators in Michigan, their educational preparation, professional experience, professional and community involvement, and the treatment of teaching staff members when introducing new curriculum practices, will come under scrutiny by Dr. Allen J. Klingenberg, assistant professor of teacher education at WMU.

The study is being conducted for the year ending May 14, 1967, and is funded by a $6,200 grant from the U.S. Office of Education and compares administrators in K-12 school districts. It is intended to substantiate the claims that administrators in districts which are prone to adopt new practices differ from those districts which adopt only few new practices.

The grant is the first in the state of Michigan from the U.S. Office of Education to an individual.

WMU Offers Summer Institute for Advanced Econ. Education Studies

One of the highlights of Western's increasing special scholarly offerings next summer will be an Institute for Advanced Studies in Economic Education under a $58,922 grant from the U.S. Office of Education. Participants in the institute, to be directed by Dr. Myrtle Beinhauer, associate professor of economics at WMU, will be junior high school teachers of social studies.

The purpose of the institute is to offer opportunities for these teachers to gain information, skills, attitudes and understanding which will result in improved economic education programs and teaching in their schools.

Dr. Beinhauer said, "It has long been known that the American people as a whole have little understanding of the structure and function of their economic system and that many concepts which they have formed are incorrect. "Such teachers will be better able to aid their students to know, to evaluate, and to relate economic knowledge and understanding of all aspects of social living, and thus to function wisely and efficiently as producers, workers, consumers and, with the close relationship between the American economic and political systems, as intelligent voting citizens."

Three WMU Summer Institutes Receive NSF Grants Worth $191,610

Three National Science Foundation grants totalling $191,610 have been awarded to Western for the support of summer institutes this year.

A grant of $40,460 will be used for an institute in physics and mathematics for secondary school teachers, under the direction of Dr. Haym Kruglak, professor of physics.

A $55,000 grant will support a summer institute in physical science and related mathematics for secondary school teachers under the direction of Dr. George G. Mallinson, Dean, WMU School of Graduate Studies.

The third grant, for $96,150, will support an institute in mathematics for secondary school teachers. It'll be directed by Dr. James H. Powell, head of the WMU Department of Mathematics.
With WMU football coach Bill Doolittle announcing the start of spring practice for March 27, it seems like only a few days since the recent annual fall sports banquet during which WMU's football and cross country teams were honored following the conclusion of their seasons.

WMU athletic director Mike Gary, left, presents "Most Valuable Player" award to defensive tackle Bob Rowe; in center, halfback Bill Devine and football coach Bill Doolittle hold Devine's "Most Improved Player" award; while, on right, former Bronco Boosters president Al McKee holds end Gary Crain's "Mike Gary Sportsmanship Award," as Crain watches. Rowe was named defensive player of the year while Crain and fullback Tim Majerle tied for the offensive player honors.

WMU Summer Institute To Benefit 20 Teachers Of Industrial Arts

Twenty teachers of industrial arts will benefit from a summer institute to be held at Western June 19—July 28 under the National Defense Act. Dr. John L. Bendix, professor of industrial education, will direct the institute, which will include new developments in metalworking technology.

The institute is to be supported by a $49,810 grant from the NDEA. Its purpose is to give industrial arts teachers the chance to gain a basic knowledge of modern industrial practices and the ways in which to best use these practices in an industrial arts teaching program.

In addition to their study at WMU, the teachers will visit industrial plants in the Kalamazoo area.

The executive board of the Kalamazoo chapter of the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers will serve as an advisory committee for the institute.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Western's newest varsity athletic team, the gymnastics squad, coached by Fred Orlofsky, has one remaining home encounter, on Feb. 25 with Central Michigan. The four man squad (one other member was ill) impressed the 300 spectators who saw them lose their first home match with unbeaten Northern Illinois. In their second home match, WMU placed third in a triangular with Eastern Michigan and Kent State. WMU's great improvement brought them to within 33 points of second place Kent State, as WMU garnered 115.80 points.

Western's six game winning streak in basketball, which was ended by Bowling Green 70-62 before 6,500 persons in Read Field House and a TV audience Jan. 15, was the Broncos' longest cage string in 12 years, and left their season record at 8-5. A week earlier on TV at Kent State, WMU beat Kent 100-71 with phenomenal shooting, and in the game before that WMU gained its first win over Loyola (Chicago) in six years in what coach Sonny Means termed Western's best defensive game to that point in the season, 73-68. Loyola had been averaging some 95 points a game.

Bob Lorenz, Pontiac senior, set a new WMU school and pool record of 11:21.9 in the 1,000 yard freestyle event as WMU beat Albion 79-25 in January.

1967 VARSITY TRACK

Indoor
Jan. 28 at U. of Michigan Relays
Feb. 1 WMU INVITATIONAL
Feb. 3 at Michigan State University Relays
Feb. 17 AIR FORCE ACADEMY & NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Mar. 18 WMU RELAYS
April 7 at U. of Kentucky
April 8 at Kentucky Relays, Lexington
April 22 at MAC Relays, Bowling Green
April 28-29 at Penn Relays
May 6 NO. ILLINOIS & WATERLOO
May 13 OHIO UNIVERSITY & DePAUL
May 19-20 at MAC Meet, Bowling Green
May 27 MICHIGAN FEDERATION MEET
June 3 at C.C.C., Milwaukee
Home Meets in CAPS
"MAC Meets