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FAMED CHOREOGRAPHER AGNES DEMILLE WAS SPEAKER

Estimated 11,000 Attend April Commencement in Field House

A jam-packed Read Field House audience of some 11,000 persons, including about 1,400 graduates, heard Agnes deMille, internationally famous choreographer, dancer and author, address Western’s April 15 commencement. She told the graduates, “we can’t guarantee your future . . . we’re fresh out of guarantees.”

Alluding to our present age as the Atomic Age—the Age of Anxiety, she noted that “all ages have been anxious.” She said that even though a sense of “absolute futility presently engulfs us, we’re no worse off than we were before.”

“After all, is the feeling of insecurity worse than starving or being scalped?” she asked.

She said that while persons living in the past have not had the perils (threat of nuclear war) that we now have, “neither did they have the comforts.”

She urged the graduates to “hold fast to the truths you’ve learned . . . you will not survive unless you do.”

During the ceremony, four persons, including Miss deMille, received honorary doctorates. Others who were so honored included James A. Foxgrover, who has long been a benefactor of youth and friend of education. His citation continues, “In the world of business and industry you are a leader whom our students and graduates entering that world may emulate with credit to themselves and to their alma mater.” He is president of Perkins-Goodwin Co., New York.

Another honorary doctorate went to L. William Seidman, Grand Rapids accounting executive, who has contributed to the progress of Michigan and its people through his generous allocation of time and talent in the areas of government and higher education. His leadership and untiring efforts were prime factors in the founding of Grand Valley State College, which he serves as chairman of the Board of Control.

And the final recipient was Robert C. Angell, distinguished sociologist, who has been a University of Michigan faculty member since 1922 and chairman of the Sociology Department for 12 years. Dr. Angell has served in numerous capacities in national and international sociological organizations as well as with a variety of governmental committees, studies and projects dealing with sociological and educational concepts.

Gerald A. Hale, a 1952 paper technology graduate from Kalamazoo, was presented with the “Honor Graduate Award” by the WMU Faculty Senate president, Dr. John R. Phillips, associate professor of English. The award honors Hale’s investment of considerable time and effort in WMU through his creative service as a trustee and officer of the Paper Technology Foundation. He is presently an executive vice president of the Minerals and Chemicals Philipp Corp. and also holds three corporate directorships.

A large number of honors graduates received degrees during the commencement, including 24 magna cum laude and 23 cum laude grad-
President Miller presents diploma to Beatriz Tavano of Argentina, who received MS degree in librarianship in hospital ceremony.

Kal. Gazette photo

And perhaps the greatest distance traveled to witness the graduation was covered by Mr. and Mrs. James Kondo of Holualoa, Kona, Hawaii, who saw their daughter Arlene A. Kondo graduated cum laude in speech pathology.

Sixty Teachers Enrolled in WMU's Unique MA Program for Teachers of Deprived Youth

Western inaugurated its MA program for the preparation of teachers of economically and educationally deprived youth during this spring session. The new program, based on a successful pilot project in the summer of 1966, is the first in Michigan and one of a handful of pioneering efforts in the nation in this sphere.

Sixty recently certified teachers, elementary and secondary, were enrolled this spring and will continue studies at WMU through the summer session. Coordinator of the new master's program is Jess M. Walker, assistant professor of education.

The second phase of the program will include 24 experienced teachers, in addition to the 60 new teachers, and a pilot project for the training of six elementary school counselors.

Nine WMU faculty members from several teaching disciplines will participate, in practical experience, study and research as a means of strengthening college programs designed to prepare teachers of disadvantaged youth.

The spring session has consisted of a seminar program designed to introduce students to the social, psychological, cultural and educational background of disadvantaged children and youth. The summer session will be devoted to guided professional laboratory experiences with disadvantaged children or youth in a camp or school situation. Students will spend 24 hours a day with the children in camp and be directly responsible for instruction and guidance of disadvantaged children and youth.

Spring Enrollment Is 7,800 Students

Spring session enrollment at Western climbed to 7,800 this year. Clayton J. Maus, WMU Registrar and Director of Admissions, said the total shows an increase of more than 1,000 over the enrollment of last spring, which was 6,740.

Juniors comprise the largest class group, with 2,020; seniors total 1,804; graduate students total 1,645; sophomores total 1,435; and freshmen 745.

Winter semester enrollment was 15,641.

Trustees Authorize $5.5-million Self-Liquidating Building Program

Western’s Board of Trustees at a recent meeting authorized a request to the State Legislature for approval of a $5.5-million self-liquidating building program. The funds will be used to construct a Student Services Building, a Student Health Service Building, and a Food Storage and Preparation Building.
Dr. Charles Van Riper Receives Wolverine Frontiersman Award

One of Western's best known faculty members—Dr. Charles Van Riper, Distinguished University Professor—was among five Michigan men to receive Wolverine Frontiersmen awards this spring. Dr. Van Riper's award was given for "his distinguished achievements in speech pathology and therapy."

Michigan's Governor George Romney, who won the award in 1958, presented the five plaques during a May 8 ceremony in Detroit. The award program is a part of the annual Michigan Week observance, this year May 21-27.

Dr. Van Riper has directed WMU's famed Speech Clinic since he founded it in 1936 when he joined Western's faculty.

The first Career Day ever held at Western by Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, was a huge success this spring as some 1,000 students visited the Student Center and the 41 booths set up by various companies. Company representatives offered guidance to the students to help them select courses to best prepare them for their chosen fields. Another Career Day will be held next year. The Alpha Kappa Psi scholarship was presented to Edward Sattler, a Quincy senior, as the outstanding business student, during an evening banquet that day.

In 1965, the first year of the Michigan State University 4th Annual Spartan Tournament, the WMU men's team of Seaman Knapp of Union City and Matthew McLogan of Flint admired the trophies won by them in that MSU debate tournament earlier this year. Weisbrod and Driver were rated the top team in their division and went unbeaten, but only after giving Knapp and McLogan their first loss in the final debate of the day.

Included among victories gained in a remarkable season for the WMU men's freshman debate squad were first and second place finishes by two teams in the Michigan State University 4th Annual Spartan Tournament. Left to right, the affirmative team of David Weisbrod of Royal Oak and Larry Driver of Kalamazoo; their coach, Brent Barrows, a Wyoming, Mich. sophomore; and the negative team of Seaman Knapp of Union City and Matthew McLogan of Flint admire the trophies won by them in that MSU debate tournament earlier this year. Weisbrod and Driver were rated the top team in their division and went unbeaten, but only after giving Knapp and McLogan their first loss in the final debate of the day.

The Honorary Citation is awarded on a very limited basis to persons who have been of great service to industrial arts teaching and vocational education in the U.S. Both awards came during annual spring dinner of EPT. Citation to Dr. Feirer read, in part, "for a distinguished career as craftsman, scholar, author, editor, teacher educator and administrator," and marked the first time a WMU faculty member had received the EPT honorary citation.

William R. Brown Lecture Given By University of Nottingham Professor

A professor of English at the University of Nottingham, England—Dr. James T. Boulton—presented the 11th annual William R. Brown lecture in early April at WMU, focusing on the playwrights of the 1950's in his talk on "Osborne and Beckett: Look Back . . . for Godot."

The Brown lectureship was established 11 years ago to honor Dr. William R. Brown, a member of the English Department at Western for 39 years and department head from 1946-56, when he retired from the faculty.

Six of WMU's top rated upper class men students have been initiated into the ranks of Omicron Delta Kappa, men's honorary fraternity at WMU. The six were, left to right, Richard DeCair and Roderick Gilkey of Kalamazoo; Gary Glisan of New Haven; Robert Iciek of Hopkins, and Richard Litow of Ann Arbor. Not shown: Jack M. Wismer of Battle Creek.

Selection for membership in the national honorary is based on distinctive performance in at least one of the major campus activities: scholarship, student government, athletics, and the social or religious life of the University.
Death Claims
Merrill Wiseman
At Kalamazoo Home

Merrill R. Wiseman, professor of biology who was scheduled to retire from Western's faculty on June 30, died at his Kalamazoo home April 11.

A graduate of Ohio Northern University, Mr. Wiseman taught in New York and Ohio high schools before joining Western's faculty in 1924. He earned a master's degree in 1930 from the University of Michigan and continued studies in the Medical School there the next three years.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Wiseman was called back into service in 1941 as a captain and was discharged in 1947 as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve when he returned to Western's campus.

Mr. Wiseman is survived by his wife, Cora, and four grown children.

WMU Chemistry Dept.
Anti-Cancer Research
Now in 6th Year

The 6th and final year of research on anti-cancer compounds is being undertaken this year under a grant of $17,528 to the WMU Department of Chemistry by the National Cancer Institute of the U.S. Public Health Service. The research project is under the direction of Dr. Robert E. Harmon, associate professor of chemistry at WMU.

Dr. Harmon, a graduate of Washington State University who earned his doctorate at Wayne State, joined Western's faculty in 1961, after serving as senior assistant scientist for the U.S. Public Health Service. He is author and co-author of eleven articles on research projects which have been published by chemical journals.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WMU will have swimming tri-captains next season: Gary Tehan of Livonia, Dennis Roxame of Birmingham and Brad Simpson of Lansing. WMU's 51-46 loss to Bowling Green near season's end was the first home swimming loss in five years.

Bob Rowe, star defensive football tackle at WMU, became the first WMU gridder ever invited to play in the College All Star versus pro champs game in Chicago in August; he'll face the Green Bay Packers. Bob was also invited to play in the Coaches All Star game at Atlanta July 2. He was a second round draft choice of the St. Louis Cardinals and played an outstanding game in the televised East-West Shrine game in San Francisco last December.

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WMU tennis star Dick Johnson ran his personal season mark to 10-1 during a home match with Northwestern as he beat NU's Tom Rice in early May.

WMU won 15 of 16 track and field events in swamping Northern Illinois, Loyola and DePaul May 6 at Waldo Stadium. Lee Frost (WMU) trimmed six seconds off the previous stadium two-mile time, winning in 9:02.6. WMU pole vaulters Doug Lambert and Phil Kornoelje both cleared 15 feet to win that event.

WMU football coach Bill Doolittle termed this spring's grid practice, for which 100 candidates turned out, as the best spring start he has seen since coming to WMU. It culminated with the April 21 inter-squad game.

WMU's mid-May sweep of two games with Ohio University, their chief title threat, assured WMU of at least a tie for their 12th MAC baseball crown. Pitcher Jim Johnson, while shutting out Ohio 5-0 in the first game, extended a new personal scoreless inning streak to 12. In his previous outing he had given up his first (and only) earned run of the season to Notre Dame, ending a string of 41 innings without allowing an earned run. The win over Ohio gave him a 6-0 season mark.

WMU outfielder Pat Locanto thrilled a Hyames Field crowd of 2,600 by winning the second game against Ohio 8-6 with a two-out, two-run homer in the 9th inning. University of Michigan in early May ended a WMU 13-game win streak, 7-2, at Hyames Field, getting revenge for an earlier WMU 8-0 win. Up to the Michigan game, only a season-opening loss to Bowling Green 5-2 marred WMU's record.

Reggie Loelefield, WMU's fine junior basketball forward last season, was named honorary captain and most valuable player during the annual post-season banquet. Reggie was named MAC player of the week earlier in the season for his great game in a win over Miami. Center Clarence Harville was awarded the Herbert W. "Buck" Read Award, based on performance and sportsmanship.

Bill Vander Woude of Grand Rapids was elected honorary freshman basketball captain after the season.