The University Auditorium began to fill early prior to the inaugural concert in the two week January grand opening festival.

A DREAM COME TRUE

University Auditorium Opens Triumphantly

Everyone marveled at the fine acoustics which permits persons in the rear row of the balcony to clearly hear the softest violin note. They oohed and aahed at the rich, varied color which baths the side walls from overhead lights. They basked in the comfort of seats which allow plenty of leg room and easy access from the side aisles; this feature in turn creates a staggered seat effect with no person’s view of the stage blocked.

Grand opening audiences drank in the richness of curving lines and harmonious coloring and textures in the foyer with its soaring front columns, broken by long glass panes overlooking three interior levels of the foyer, from which you get a panoramic view of the full entrance way.

They pleasurably absorbed all of the thousand splendid, subjective sight impressions which are everywhere. And most of all, their audio senses were treated to such rich music that a kind of comfort-psyche was induced in nearly all by the blend of these impressions.

Throughout the six Grand Opening programs, everyone came away with the feeling that the University Auditorium is perhaps the single most exciting and gratifying cultural fulfillment at WMU and in the Kalamazoo area.
Education at Heart of War on Poverty, Prejudice, Dr. Hannah Tells Graduates

Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State University, told some 1,225 Western Michigan University December, 1967 graduates and an audience of about 6,500 in Read Field House that a recent survey shows people in the riot-torn areas of Detroit to have a far stronger belief in education than those who live in affluent suburbs. He said education is and must be at the heart of all efforts in the mounting war against poverty and prejudice.

The reason for education's essential significance is a simple but powerful one, he said. "The central purpose of all of our efforts is to help each individual American achieve his inherent potential," he noted, "and that is the traditional purpose of education itself."

He said laws can erase artificial barriers of prejudice and discrimination, "but the only meaningful change must come from enlightened minds." Dr. Hannah said that social mobility must be based on individual ability to perform and added that "only education can develop that ability."

Dr. Hannah, who has been president of Michigan State University since 1941, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by WMU during the ceremonies.

The three top graduating seniors, of an unusually large list of 31 students who were graduated with honors in course, received their diplomas Summa Cum Laude (with grade point averages of 3.9 or better on a 4.0 scale over four years) : Mrs. Arden Elsasser of Kalamazoo, Susan M. Newgreen of Jamestown, N.Y., and Mrs. Carla A. Van Wormer of Grand Rapids. Nine students were graduated Magna Cum Laude. A total of 325 advanced degrees were awarded, including eight specialist (6th year) degrees.

WMU One of Nine Schools In First Co-op Directed Teaching Program in U.S.

Western Michigan University this fall was one of nine educational agencies which began the nation's first cooperative directed teaching program, involving four Michigan institutions of higher education, local school districts and the Michigan Department of Education. The new program, initiated in the Coldwater area, was designated as the Twin-Valley Community Living-Learning Center.

It marks the first time directed teachers from several colleges are under a single coordinator. Initially, Hillsdale, Olivet and Spring Arbor Colleges were sending a total of nine student teachers to the Coldwater area while WMU was represented by a minimum of nine. Eventually 25 student teachers will be assigned to the unique program. The coordinator is a member of Western's faculty.

The Living-Learning portion of the project was expected to develop into a center which provides living quarters, a resource center and guidance for the student teachers. Some of the students live in the community but those who live in close proximity to Coldwater have been commuting. The students were expected to become a part of the community and participate in local projects as well as do their directed teaching, a requirement for obtaining a teaching certificate.

WMU President James W. Miller called the plan for a consortium of institutions of higher learning and local schools "a most refreshing development."

"There is every reason to believe that it will bring advantages to Michigan children for years to come, thus benefitting all the people of our state. This will be a two-way program with the colleges and university learning from the students and local school authorities."

FACULTY BRIEFS

Dr. Don C. Iffland, professor of chemistry and a WMU faculty member since 1956, in October was named by the WMU Board of Trustees to succeed the retiring Dr. Lillian Meyer as department chairman. Dr. Meyer will retire next June after 25 years on the faculty, the last 10 as department head.

Dr. Iffland, a native of Blissfield, is an Adrian College graduate and earned an M.S. and Ph.D. at Purdue. Before coming to WMU he was a member of the West Virginia University faculty for nine years.

Peter Spyers-Duran, a native of Hungary and a graduate of the University of Budapest, this fall assumed the duties of Director of Libraries at WMU, succeeding Dr. Katharine Stokes, who retired last summer after 19
years in the post. Spayers-Duran had most recently been associate director of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Library.

Previously he had served as professor and assistant director of the Library of Chicago's Public Library, the Chicago Public Library, University of Wichita Library and was executive secretary of the American Library Association. He holds an M.S. in library science from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Stokes, a graduate of Simmons College, earned master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Michigan. During her tenure at Western she was instrumental in quadrupling the number of volumes on Waldo Library shelves to nearly 400,000.

Texas Women’s College.

She had previously served as chairman of the Women’s Physical Education Department of Florida Southern College and on the faculties of Oklahoma University, Syracuse University and Midwestern University at Denton, Texas.

Two new administrative posts for Waldo Library have been created with Dr. Hans Engelke, formerly order librarian, becoming assistant library director for resources, and Francis W. Allen, formerly assistant librarian, becoming assistant library director for services.

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Dr. Billye Ann Cheatum last fall became head of the Department of Women’s Physical Education as an associate professor, succeeding Dr. Candace Roell, who asked to be relieved of the departmental headship to devote full time to teaching.

Dr. Cheatum earned a bachelor’s degree at Oklahoma College for Women, a master’s from Smith College and Ph.D. from the University of Missouri.

Dr. Harley D. Behm, who had previously been on the faculties of Northern Montana College and Western Oregon College, last fall assumed the duties of chairman of the Department of Transportation Technology as an associate professor. He earned his B.S. degree at Northern Montana College and a master’s and Ph.D. at the University of Missouri.

Two Music Department faculty members have assumed full-time administrative posts last fall. Dr. Robert Fink is assistant to the Dean of Students, succeeding Dr. Robert Fink in 1939; Dr. Roy C. Bryan, professor of school services, who joined the faculty in 1937; and Dr. Lawrence G. Knowlton, who joined the Chemistry Department in 1941.

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Dr. Fred Bailey, who has been on WMU’s faculty for nine years as a coordinator in the Division of Field Services, has assumed the directorship of Western’s Upward Bound Project, which is financed by grants from the Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C. A 1950 Western graduate, he received an M.A. from WMU in 1953 and Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1965.

Dr. Bailey thus heads WMU’s Upward Bound program which the last two summers has brought to WMU’s campus and encouraged 100th, 11th and 12th grade students of “potentially normal ability but of disadvantaged backgrounds to enter and succeed in college.”

The 110 students who came to WMU last summer remained for eight weeks and attended seminars and discussions of communication skills and national issues among other classes. They were also familiarized with Western’s extensive scholarship, student loans and work-study programs to encourage them to attend college upon completion of high school.

An indication of the import of this summer program is dramatically illustrated by figures which show that 18 of the previous summer’s Upward Bound participants were accepted for entrance at Western last fall.

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The annual Kappa Rho Sigma initiation banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on March 20 in room 105, Student Center. Cost is $3 a person. All former members are urged to attend. Dr. Richard McNair of the political science faculty will speak on “What’s Public Opinion.”

Those planning to attend should send name, address and a check to Ray Deur, WMU Biology Dept., Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001, by March 15.

Time is growing short before the late March deadline to apply for places on the WMU Alumni Association Grand Bahama Tour, April 20-27, and on the “Around the World” tour, April 27 to May 23. Both tour prices include air transportation, lodging, meals and sightseeing, with the Grand Bahama tour at $234 per person (also listing recreation), and the “Around the World” tour at $1,650 per person. The world tour includes stop overs at Hawaii, Tokyo, Bangkok, Delhi, Teheran, Istanbul, Tel Aviv, Athens and Rome.

Alumni and friends of WMU are invited to attend the 12th annual William R. Brown lecture on literature to be given by Dr. William Riley Parker of Indiana University on March 11 at 8 p.m. in room 2304 Sangren Hall. Dr. Parker’s research writing has been concentrated in the fields of Milton and language studies. Dr. Frederick Rogers of the English Department is chairing the arrangements committee.
WMU's spectacular homecoming parade of 68 units (including 44 floats and 10 bands) was watched by a huge throng in Kalamazoo in fine weather. Hokie Hall won the grand trophy as it beat all entries in its category in float and house display competition. One float missing from the parade, a plain, austere one, was ruined by rain the night before. It depicted the $250 check donated by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity to the national muscular dystrophy drive in lieu of spending the funds on an elaborate float.

WMU's 1967 Homecoming Queen was, seated, Linda Todd, a Clark Lake junior honors student who holds a 3.95 (4.0 is A) overall scholastic grade average through last semester, plans to earn an M.A. degree and become a high school teacher, is surrounded by her court. They are, standing, left to right: Yvonne Pate, a special education junior from Chicago; Laurel Burns, an occupational therapy junior from Park Ridge, III.; Jo Glasser, a speech therapy junior from Appleton, Wis.; and Constance Papi, a Clarkston junior and future English and speech teacher.

Sports Reflections

BASKETBALL—Senior forward Reggie Lacefield's 26 rebounds against Illinois State was a new Bronco game mark, and with his 34 points, was perhaps his finest game, though the Broncos lost by two points . . . WMU set some kind of a record by scoring on 24 of 29 second half shots in beating Central Michigan . . . Lacefield became the 9th player in Bronco history to score 1,000 points during the second half of WMU's home win over Ohio and was immediately presented with the game ball by WMU athletic director Dr. Joe Hoy; Manny Newsome '64 MA '65, who is the all-time high Bronco scorer with 1,786 points, was among the spectators to watch Reggie's feat . . . Lacefield was named MAC player of the Week in late January for his play in road wins over Miami and Marshall . . . WMU's 20 point win at Miami's tiny Withrow Court was only the 2nd WMU win in 21 games there; it was WMU's final appearance there as Miami's new 9,200 seat arena will be readied for next season.

FOOTBALL—WMU's average attendance of 17,897 per game last season was some 2,500 a game better than the previous mark set in 1966; it came in spite of a terrible, rainy day for the 18-7 win over Xavier, watched by fewer than 10,000 . . . split end Marty Barski added to his honors by winning an NCAA post-graduate scholarship worth $1,000 which will enable Marty to continue his business studies toward an M.A. . . . the win over Xavier was WMU's 11th straight at home . . . however, WMU's longest M.A.C. win streak was halted at eight by Toledo . . . Barski's 44 pass receptions for 653 yards last season were new WMU marks . . . Tom Saewert, Portage senior linebacker, received the Mitchell J. Gary Sportsmanship Award from the Bronco Club in a post season presentation . . . Dale Livingston's three field goals against Xavier equaled his previous one game record and brought his three year career mark to 21 field goals; Dale also set new WMU and MAC punting marks with his 43.3 yard average on 49 kicks; as the first WMU player ever selected to play in the North-South Shrine game in Miami, Livingston responded with a Shrine game record 46 yard field goal, kicked three extra points, and averaged some 42 yards on six punts in addition to booming most kickoff down to near the goal line; he was drafted in the third round by the new AFL Cincinnati Bengals.

SWIMMING—Dave Pohlonski broke the WMU 1,000 yard free style mark nearly eight seconds in a January win over Albion . . . Dave Petersen set a new WMU 200 yard backstroke mark against Western Ill, and in a close win over Kent State, he set a new WMU 100 yard back stroke record; Pohlonski already holds three WMU free style marks.

TRACK—Pole vaulter Wayne Lambert's 15'6 vault in the WMU Invitational indoor meet in late January was a new Bronco mark.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES—Led by track ace Steve Strauch's 4.0 fall semester grade average (or all A's), some 46 Bronco athletes had a B average or better during the fall semester. Six athletes made the Dean's List. They were Alan Link and Mark Morzolf (gymnastics), Bill Bauer (tennis), Dennis Bridges and Keith Volk (football), and Matt Paraino (baseball).