Dr. Gerald Osborn to Retire as WMU Dean July 1st

Dr. Gerald Osborn, who has been Dean of WMU's School of Liberal Arts and Sciences since the school was initiated at Western in 1956, will retire from that administrative post on July 1, because of age, to devote full time to the teaching of chemistry. A professor of chemistry and a former head of Western's Chemistry Department, Dr. Osborn has continued, over the years since assuming his administrative duties, to teach at least one class of chemistry.

Dr. Osborn received his A.B. degree at Eastern Michigan University in 1927, where he began teaching, and his M.A. there two years later. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. From July 1 to Dec. 31, 1960, he served as Acting President of WMU prior to Dr. James W. Miller's appointment as President.

Dr. Cornelius R. Loew, who has been associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences since 1964, will succeed Dr. Osborn as dean on July 1. Dr. Loew joined WMU's faculty 10 years ago as professor and head of the former Department of Philosophy and Religion. He received an A.B. degree from Elmhurst (Illinois) College and a bachelor of divinity, both magna cum laude, from Union Theological Seminary, where he also earned a master of sacred theology degree. He received his Ph.D. at Columbia University.

With Dr. Loew's elevation to the deanship, Dr. Phillip S. Denenfeld, professor of English, has been named associate dean. Dr. Denenfeld has been a WMU faculty member since 1956. He earned a B.A. at Wayne State University and an M.A. and Ph.D. at Northwestern University.

Before joining WMU's faculty, Dr. Denenfeld taught at Wilson City College in Chicago. From 1965-67 he was on leave to accept an appointment to the Washington, D.C., staff of the American Association of University Professors.

In another promotion, Dr. Fred V. Hartenstein, professor and head of the Department of Management, has been named to the newly created post of associate dean of the School of Business. The position was necessitated because of the growing enrollment and expansion of graduate business programs. Dr. Hartenstein, a native of Vienna, Austria, earned B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Pittsburgh, where he later taught. He also was on the faculty of Washington and Jefferson College before coming to WMU in 1959.

Begin Construction of New WMU Physical Sciences Building

Construction work began in early January on what will be Western's largest classroom structure—the Physical Sciences Building. The project, located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Sangren Hall, will cost about $7.4-million and actually include two buildings, one a four-story classroom building, and the other a connected six-story office tower housing faculty members of the Departments of Physics and Mathematics.

The classroom building will accommodate laboratories and classes for the Departments of Geology, Physics and Mathematics, as well as contain a computer center and a branch library for the sciences.

Two equipment items included in the project are a 12-million electron volt accelerator for use in physics research and an I.B.M. 360 computer system.

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WMU Is Only University to Receive Two AACTE “Distinguished Achievement” Awards

In mid-February Western Michigan University became the first institution of higher education to receive more than one award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) for “Distinguished Achievement.”

WMU President James W. Miller accepted the honor during the AACTE annual meeting in Chicago. The award was presented in recognition of Western’s new master’s degree program for the training of teachers for the educationally and culturally deprived. Dr. Jess M. Walker, director of the program at WMU, participated in the presentation.

Two years ago Western received its first achievement award from the AACTE for the development of its Educational Resources Center, located in Sangren Hall.

The master’s degree program for which Western was honored includes: 1. Preservice teachers’ direct involvement with disadvantaged children; 2. Informal seminars with consultant specialists; 3. Eight weeks of supervised teaching and camp counseling with migrant or inner-city children; 4. Faculty fellowships; 5. Sensitivity training for students and teachers; 6. Evaluation which indicates encouraging changes in attitudes and in preparedness for working with deprived children.

WMU Board of Trustees Approves Concept of “Pedestrian Campus”

A master plan for campus development which might ultimately allow for a “pedestrian campus” with no bisecting public streets was approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its January meeting. Featuring an “academic core” centered in the former Gateway Golf Course with no more than a 10 minute walk from the core to the farthest campus point, the “developmental plan” was conceived by the architectural firm of O’Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, who have designed many buildings on the WMU campus.

The plan also includes multi-tiered parking structures in as many as four campus locations, the development of the Goldsworth Valley area as an “outdoor park,” and the raising of the net educational space available per student from the present 80 square feet (which is the lowest among Michigan’s educational institutions) to about 145 square feet. Numerous walkways would connect buildings, including adjacent plaza-like areas.

As many as a dozen new campus structures could be accommodated on the former golf course land, according to the master plan, but a feeling of openness would be maintained between buildings by the heavily landscaped walkways leading to plazas.

Only some outdoor work remains to fully complete WMU’s airport facilities expansion which has about doubled the available space at the existing building located at Kalamazoo’s Municipal Airport. The WMU aviation technology facility now contains about 15,000 square feet of space and includes the addition of two large shops for working on motors and general aircraft maintenance, a classroom, a library-classroom, more office space, tool rooms and storage areas. The enlarged airport facility is enabling Western to better meet the increasing demand for technologists trained in aeronautical engineering and engine and airframe mechanics.

The work is being completed under contract bids which totaled $247,209.

CALENDAR

The Phoenix, Arizona WMU Alumni Club will host Dr. Donald Bouma, sociology professor at WMU, at an April 21 luncheon, at which Dr. Bouma will speak. The 1:30 p.m. Sunday get-together, at $2.75 per person, will be held at the Bull Pen Restaurant, 4540 N. 16th St., Phoenix, Phone 956-4684 or 258-5124 after 7 p.m. for reservations.

Former members of the WMU Players and students of Miss Laura V. Shaw have until April 27 to submit their reservations to attend the May 4 banquet honoring her. The 6:30 p.m. banquet will follow the afternoon dedication ceremonies for the Liberal Arts Complex at WMU, which includes the Laura V. Shaw Theater, George Sprau Tower, William R. Brown Hall and the University Auditorium.

Persons who wish reservations for the festive occasion may contact Dr. Zack York at the WMU Speech Department. It is hoped that many persons who have lost contact with Miss Shaw will attend the dedication and banquet.

Bill Doolittle, WMU’s head football coach, will speak at the April 17 meeting of the Michiana Alumni Club of WMU. A smorgasbord will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Hans Haus Restaurant, 2803 S. Michigan Ave., South Bend, Ind., followed by some interesting insights into Western’s football picture.

Cost is $3 a person. Mail reservations to Mrs. Daniel Telfer, 19236 Palisade St., South Bend, Ind. 46637.
Laura V. Shaw Theatre Greatly Impresses Opening Nighters

Miss Laura V. Shaw of Kalama-zoo, for whom the new theater is named, was among the guests. She retired in 1953 as head of the Speech Department after 35 years on Western's faculty. Miss Shaw is credited with being the founder of WMU's Theatre and organized The Players dramatic group.

The former Little Theatre on Oakland Drive, which seats 350, has been converted into a recital hall.

Western's new 606 seat Laura V. Shaw Theater, another shining facet of the Liberal Arts Complex, which also includes the University Theater, Sprau Tower, and the William R. Brown classroom building, was opened to a full audience of invited guests in mid-February for the premier performance of a special dramatic adaptation of the novel, Cry, The Beloved Country. Dr. Zack York, speech professor, wrote the adaptation.

Sleek, bright lobby of new Shaw Theater overlooks Liberal Arts Complex plaza.

Miss Michels has been extremely active in all phases of the Theatre program, appearing in major roles last year in six productions as well as working in technical areas of the theatre.

The scholarships were named to honor David Wayne, originally from Bloomingdale, who attended Western and went on to stardom in movies, stage and television. The funds came partially from Wayne's appearance on the TV program, "Alumni Fun," in March, 1966.

It was while a student at Western that Wayne is said to have "struck the spark" that provided the impetus for him to pursue a theatrical career.

Death Claims Two Emeritae Faculty

Two long-time WMU faculty members passed away this winter.

Miss Crystal Worner, who was head of the Women's Physical Education Department 32 years until retirement in 1959, died early this March in Grand Rapids. She joined the faculty in 1921 after teaching at Grand Rapids elementary and high schools and Grand Rapids Junior College and also at Eastern Michigan University, where she received her B.A. degree.

Miss Worner earned an M.A. from the University of Michigan prior to joining WMU's faculty.

In 1958 she received an honorary degree from Eastern Michigan.

Dr. Nancy Scott, a WMU History Department faculty member (1921-49), died late last year. Prior to joining Western's faculty she served as a department head at Elmira College (New York) and at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penna.

Dr. Scott, a 1902 Indiana University graduate, received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1909.

Miss Worner Dr. Scott

Two Coeds Studying Under 1st David Wayne Scholarships

Two WMU senior coeds are now studying under the first two of the newly established David Wayne Scholarships at WMU. Kathleen M. Collins of Port Huron and Jeanne T. Michels of Houghton were the initial recipients on the basis of overall scholarship, level of achievement in their participation in University Theatre programs, and financial need.

Miss Collins, a Port Huron Junior College transfer, has been quite active in the laboratory program of the University Theatre, the oral interpretation program of the Speech Department, and in technical areas of the theatre program.

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A radiant Miss Shaw met old friends and students in the Green Room during a reception after opening night, and received a large bouquet of roses.

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WMU FACULTY BRIEFS

Dr. Lewis Walker, associate professor of sociology, in February was named by the Michigan Jaycees as one of the five Michigan "Outstanding Young Men of the Year." Earlier he was named by the Kalamazoo Jaycees as the "Outstanding Young Man of Kalamazoo," and thus received the Distinguished Service Award at the Kalamazoo group's annual banquet held in Western's Student Center.

Recipients of the Kalamazoo award are chosen for outstanding community service and leadership. Dr. Walker is founder and director of the Kalamazoo Resources Development Council, an organization of young persons formed to bring together community resources and the persons who need them. He has also chaired or held membership in five community organizations in Kalamazoo. His state award cited his efforts in civil rights and human relations.

Dr. Walker is a graduate of Wilberforce University and received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1964, when he joined Western's faculty.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

BASKETBALL—Junior center Gene Ford was named by MAC coaches to the 1967-68 season all-star first team and senior Reggie Lacefield to the 2nd squad. Lacefield became WMU's second all-time leading scorer as WMU upset the then 8th ranked Marquette to end the season, pushing his career total to 1,289 points, six more than Red Blair scored in the late 1950's. Senior Clarence Harville and soph Bill Vander Woude were named to the 1968 MAC all-academic team. WMU, Toledo, Michigan State and the U of Michigan will engage in a unique two-night series of double headers early next December at MSU and Michigan, pitng the MAC against the Big Ten each night in a switch of opponents. Five of WMU's last seven games were shown on regional TV networks, including that big win over Marquette at home. WMU's 12 point win at the U of Detroit broke a 10 game February losing string jinx over two years and was only WMU's second February win in the last two seasons.

TRACK—Soph Tom Randolph tied the American and set a new WMU 300 yard dash mark of 30 seconds flat, Wayne Lambert's 15-8 pole vault was a new WMU mark, and Dick Kamischke tied WMU's :7.3 mark in the 60 yard low hurdles, all in the CCC meet at Notre Dame in late Feb., as WMU finished 2nd to the Irish. The previous week Randolph tied the old WMU 300 yard dash mark of :30.5 and set a new WMU 440 yard dash mark of :48.4. WMU's 240 yard shuttle hurdles relay team of Kamischke, Paul Schneider, Stan Mizinski and Chuck LeMon tied its own American record of :28.7 at the Michigan State U. Relays. While the indoor season has seen the spotlight shifted to dash men, distance stars who helped WMU finish 4th in the NCAA national cross country meet at Wyoming late in November (Mike Hazilla-21st in the NCAA; Keith Reed-27th; Ken Coates-38th; Lee Frost-50th; Dave Hein-54th) will help WMU's spring outdoor track season immeasurably. These runners will be pointing to beat Miami (which beat WMU in the CCC cross country meet in Chicago in late Nov. as Hazilla took a 3rd; Miami also won the MAC cross country title last fall) in the outdoor season this spring.

BRIEFS—Manny Newsome '64 MA '65, all-time WMU basketball scorer (1,786 points in three seasons) and three-time all-MAC selection, was the speaker at WMU's winter sports banquet in mid-March; Manny now is an official of the Indiana state government's scholarship commission at Indianapolis. Don Bittenbender was re-elected president of the Bronco Club in late Feb., with Jerry Meinzinger named vice president, Dale McAllister secretary, and Al McKee, Suds Sumney, Jim Conway, Rod Lenderink, Jack Matheson, Rudy Miller, Ed Rossi and Al Will directors, and Bob Calp executive director.

SWIMMING—Former WMU diving champ and 1965 MAC titlist, Bob Kent, has been named the first head swimming coach at Kalamazoo College, which begins the sport this year. Soph Dave Peterson broke the WMU 200 yard backstroke mark at 2:06.2 against Ball State in mid-Feb.

WRESTLING—The 38-0 win over Western Ontario this season tied the WMU mark for points in a dual meet. Gary Hetherington (123 pounds) won WMU's only individual title in the MAC Championships in late Feb.

TENNIS—Henry Germain, Allen Park senior, is WMU captain this spring.

BASEBALL—Junior pitcher Bob Crane suffered a broken thumb on his throwing hand when hit by a line drive while pitching indoor batting practice and is lost for the season.

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