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Bids were to be taken this May on a $2 million Student Services Building to be located on WMU's West Campus, north of the Industrial and Engineering Technology Building. The self-liquidating financing project is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1969.

The building will have extensive glass to give it a transparent effect, especially in a center portion, to allow as much of a view of the Industrial & Engineering Technology Building behind it as possible. The 61,000 square foot structure will house eight departments under student services, including student publications, student government, counseling, foreign students, student financial aid and the housing office.

The building will present three stories to the south and two to the north, as it fits into sloping terrain, in the foreground.

INCLUDES NEWLY CREATED LINGUISTICS DEPT.

Trustees Name Four New Academic Department Heads

Four new department heads, one for a newly created academic department, were named by the WMU Board of Trustees at recent meetings.

Dr. Louise Forsleff was named director of the Counseling Center, the first woman to hold that position at Western. She succeeds Dr. Donald Davis, who asked to be relieved of the administrative duties of director to devote full time to counseling, effective May 1.

Dr. Forsleff, an associate professor, joined the Counseling Center in 1962. A graduate of Lake Erie College (Painesville, Ohio), she earned a master's from WMU and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University last year.

Dr. Paul T. Mountjoy, who has been acting chairman of the Department of Psychology the past year, was named chairman, effective July 1. He has been a WMU faculty member since 1964 and holds the rank of associate professor.

Dr. Mountjoy received his B.S. degree Magna Cum Laude from Lawrence College and an M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University.

Dr. Robert Palmatier was approved as chairman of WMU's new Department of Linguistics, to become operative August 19. Dr. Palmatier, a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Western in 1950, earned his master's here in 1955 and a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

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Dr. J. Michael Keenan will become chairman of the Department of Management on July 1, succeeding Dr. Fred V. Hartenstein, who moves up to associate dean of the School of Business. Dr. Keenan served on WMU's faculty 1962-64 and returned last January. Previous to then he served on the faculty of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and as a research associate at the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, Calif. He has also taught at the University of Colorado and Ohio State University, from which he holds degrees, including a Ph.D. from Ohio State.

Alumni Outstanding Teacher Awards Go To Three Faculty

Three WMU faculty members with a zest for teaching received Western Michigan University Alumni Association "Distinguished Teaching Faculty Awards" this spring. They have served a combined total of 48 years on Western's faculty.

The recipients, all full professors, are: Dr. Willis F. Dunbar, History (Continued on Page 3)
Above photos show part of audience of nearly 1,000 and stage during memorial service. At lectern is WMU President Miller, behind him is Kalamazoo vocal group, the "Soul Lifters," and soloist Mrs. Richard Cox; seated on the right, L to R: Rev. Van Hoenen, Dr. Greenberg, Frank Forest and Dr. Long. The service included taped excerpts of several of Dr. King's most noteworthy sermons and speeches, as well as several hymns sung by the audience.

**WMU Community Greatly Saddened By Death of Dr. Martin Luther King**

Western Michigan University students, faculty and staff expressed their sorrow over the tragic April 4th slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by attending various church services and other gatherings. The University's official memorial tribute to Dr. King, held in the new University Auditorium, attracted nearly 1,000 persons on the morning the esteemed civil rights leader was buried, a day when WMU classes were cancelled and University offices closed out of respect to Dr. King.

Classes had also been called off the day after his death.

Western's President, Dr. James W. Miller, was a key speaker during the memorial service, saying that "the philosophy and actions of Dr. King truly exemplify the conscience of America. It is important to us gathered here in this memorial tribute to make certain that conscience is never destroyed nor... allowed to go unheeded."

Dr. Miller added that the most meaningful tribute to Dr. King's memory and life is that we, the living, act out the full meaning of Dr. King's creed of brotherhood and peace.

Others who spoke during the tribute included Dr. Jerome Long, a WMU Department of Religion faculty member, who said that educators must lead students out of the old, white America with which Dr. King struggled. Others who spoke were the Rev. T. Van Hooven, campus minister of the Reformed Church in America; Dr. Milton Greenberg, president of the WMU Faculty Senate; and Frank Forest.

**Library Acquires Large African Book Collection**

Western Michigan University's already large African collection at Waldo Library was recently augmented by some 5,000 books about the "dark continent." The additions came from the acquisition of the complete Africana stock of a well-known New York City book store.

Ronald W. Davis, a WMU History Department faculty member and a specialist in African studies, aided the library in the selection and purchase of the African collection. The books include rare explorers' narratives, important periodicals and works in foreign languages, especially those used in Africa.

According to Peter Spyers-Duran, Director of Libraries at WMU, the additions will attract extensive graduate and faculty researchers, as well as increase Waldo Library's ranking as a major African studies center, comparable to those at Northwestern and Boston Universities.

**Dr. Marvin DeBoer to Return to Western After Administrative Internship**

Dr. Marvin E. DeBoer, assistant director of the WMU Division of Field Services and associate professor of speech, will soon end a one year leave of absence as an ex officio member of the University of Connecticut administration. He is serving as an administrative intern under a program of the American Council on Education, a project funded by the Ford Foundation. Dr. DeBoer was selected in nationwide competition, one of only 46 so honored.

The internship, which continues until this June, is designed "to strengthen leadership in higher education by enlarging the number and improving the quality of prospects for key positions in academic administration."

As an administrative intern at Connecticut, Dr. DeBoer is working on special assignments with deans, vice presidents, directors, the university president and governing board. Upon completion of his internship, he'll participate in a seminar at Washington, D.C. with the other 45 interns and then return to Western.

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Alumni are urged to enjoy a cam
pus visit if they are in the Kalamazoo
area by checking with the office of Coordin
ator of Campus Visits. Since
last July 1, some 1,240 persons have
been conducted on campus tours by
this office, including 200 who were
part of special groups. There has
been a significant increase in campus
tours by visitors this last year, includ
ing many persons who guided them
selves.

For a complete tour, contact the Coordin
ator of Campus Visits in care of the Admissions Office at
WMU. Visits during the week rather
than on weekends are encouraged.
Generally, overnight accommoda
tions must be arranged through Kal
amazoo motels and inns.

The Alumni Office will sponsor
more trips this summer to the annual
Shakespearean Festival Theatre at
Stratford, Ontario, Canada, in con
junction with the WMU Division of
Field Services.

Trip I will depart June 28 and
return to Kalamazoo June 30. Trip
II will depart July 19 and return
July 21. The trip, which includes ad
mission to three plays, bus fare round
trip, and accommodations at private
residences (which have been a high
spot of past trips) in Stratford, will
cost alumni $52.50 each.

Because there is space for only 33
persons on each trip, the offer is ex	ended to Kalamazoo, Battle Creek
and area alumni, and early reserva
tions to insure a place on the bus are
advised. Send reservations deposits
of $10.00 to Jean Wright, Division
of Field Services, WMU, Kalamazoo
49001.

The WMU Alumni Association
has adopted a policy wherein all re
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receive honorary membership in the
Alumni Association. As a conse
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sent to Alumni Association members
as well as be eligible to attend
alumni meetings and vote for the
"Alumni Award for Teaching Ex
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OUSTANDING TEACHING AWARDS continued

Dr. Rothfuss has been at WMU
since 1961 after serving two years
each on the faculties of San Fran
cisco State College and Michigan
State University and as editor of
College Composition and Communica
tion, a journal of the National
Council of Teachers of English.

Dr. Rothfuss has been on WMU's
faculty since 1944 after serving four
years on the University of Minnesota
faculty. He has several times re
turned to his native Germany with
tours and in official WMU capacities,
as in the case of Western's affiliation
with a West Berlin elementary teach
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WMU President Miller and Mrs. Beebe extend warm greetings to her many friends who attended the “Lorraine Beebe Day” banquet at WMU. In her talk Sen. Beebe urged the women of America to take an active part in modern society, especially in the fight against crime.

Honor State Senator Lorraine Beebe ’32 At Campus Banquet

Mrs. Lorraine (Boekeloo) Beebe ’32 of Dearborn, the first Republican Party woman to be elected to the Michigan senate was honored during “Lorraine Beebe Day” on Western’s campus May 3rd, as proclaimed by the WMU Alumni Association. Sen. Beebe was the guest of honor at a campus banquet.

Mrs. Beebe, born and raised in Kalamazoo, holds an M.S. degree from Wayne State and has 40 hours of credit toward a doctorate. She was elected to the Michigan Senate from the 12th district in 1966 and has been chairman of the Health, Social Services and Retirement Committee and vice chairman of the Highways Committee. She is the only woman now serving in the Michigan Senate.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

BASEBALL—WMU continued its early season mastery over Ohio State with a three game April sweep at Columbus, making it four in a row over the Bucks this year . . . WMU’s appearance in Florida for a week in late March was its first trip south since 1962; they compiled a 3-4-1 mark against Miami (Fla.), Ohio State, Michigan State and Connecticut Wesleyan.

TRACK—Senior Lee Frost of Vicksburg ran perhaps the greatest distance double win in WMU track history at home in late March, winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase (in 8:50.4), two seconds off the world’s mark and the second fastest time ever run indoors in that event, and won the three mile run (in 13:50.2), also a new WMU mark, as 550 athletes competed in the WMU Relays . . . John Pietek raised the WMU javelin record by three feet (to 211’ 9") at Northern Illinois in April . . . soph Tom Randolph, at the WMU Indoor Relays, broke his own American indoor mark in the 300 yard dash (in :29.9) although finishing second to Notre Dame’s Bill Hurd, who beat Randolph by an eyelash, breaking the world mark in the process . . . Randolph was named to the NCAA All-American indoor 440 yard team, the first Bronco named as a track All-American in three years; his :48.0 in the 440 yard dash was good for second place in the NCAA meet and, with the winner, was one of the fastest times ever run indoors on a boardtrack in that event . . . WMU had one of its greatest meet performances by winning seven events and setting six WMU school marks at the U of Kentucky Relays in April; included were Mike Hazilla’s 28:11.9 in the six mile event; his 29:07.1 in the 10,000 meters; the 1:25.4 by the 880 yard relay team (Horace Coleman, Jerry Missig, Don Castronovo and Tom Randolph); 7:32.6 by the two mile relay team (Alex Gorschline, Jack Magelssen, Don Bristol and Ken Coates) despite a second place finish; 13:39.5 by Mike Hazilla in the three mile run despite finishing second . . . Wayne Lambert became the first MAC and Bronco pole vaulter to clear 16 feet indoors, at the Cleveland K of C meet in March.

BASKETBALL—Reggie Lacefield was named “Most Valuable Player” and also elected captain of the 1967-68 Bronco basketball squad by teammates in a post-season ceremony. Lacefield finished his WMU career as the second highest scorer in Western history with 1,289 points, and led WMU in scoring and rebounding this season . . . Junior Paul VanderWiere won the H. W. (Buck) Read Trophy for sportsmanship, scholarship and ability while soph Joel Voelkert won the most improved player award . . . WMU will compete in the Pan American U tournament at Edinburg, Texas in late December against host Pan-American, Northern Illinois, and Morehead State (Kentucky).

ALUMNI ATHLETES—Louis “Bo” Mallard coached his Gary Roosevelt basketball squad to the Indiana State High School title this spring ... a Gary Roosevelt and WMU alumnus, AJac Trippelt, former Bronco cage great, was a leading scorer and rebounder in the North American Professional Basketball League last winter with the Battle Creek Braves, having apparently recovered from severe knee injuries suffered at WMU . . . Charlie Maher, retired WMU head baseball coach, was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame early this year . . . Bill Powell, former WMU swim star now coaching at St. Joseph High School, was named state prep swimming coach of the year this spring. . . Jim Gilstrap, ex-WMU gridder, has joined the coaching staff of Edinboro (Pa.) State College.