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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

and alumni events

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Photos (L to R) are Dr. Coulter, Dr. Pruis, Miss Stevens, Russell & Pulliam.

SUCCEEDS DR. JOHN PRUIS, NOW PRES. OF BALL STATE UNIV.

Dr. Myron Coulter Named WMU Vice President

Dr. Myron L. Coulter, who has been associate dean of WMU's School of Education since 1966, on July 1 became vice president for institutional services at Western. He succeeded vice president Dr. John J. Pruis, who left Western to assume the presidency of Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, on July 1. Dr. Pruis had served as WMU vice president for administration since 1966.

A native of Albany, Ind., Dr. Coulter received his bachelor's degree from Indiana State Teachers College, his master's and doctorate from Indiana University. Prior to joining WMU's faculty, Dr. Coulter served on the faculties of Indiana University and Pennsylvania State University. He also served for one academic year as director of a federally-sponsored Latin America education project.

Dr. Coulter, 39, is the author of numerous articles which have been published in professional journals. He has served as observer and education consultant for National Public Schools in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic, and has directed reading workshops and in-service programs for teachers of reading in the U.S.

Dr. Pruis, a 1947 WMU graduate, earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University. He joined WMU's Speech Department faculty in 1955 after teaching at the State College of Iowa and Southern Illi-

nois University and rose to the rank of professor. In 1961 he became administrative assistant to WMU President James W. Miller and in 1964 was named secretary of Western's first Board of Trustees.

Dr. Pruis succeeds the retiring Dr. John R. Emens at Ball State and was chosen after a nationwide search.

WMU Trustees Name Dean of Students and Assistants to V.P.

Western's first woman to serve as dean of students, Marie L. Stevens, officially assumed those duties on July 1. Miss Stevens has been associate dean of students since 1965.

She has been on Western's staff since 1957 and served as assistant dean of women 1957-65. The position of dean of students has been vacant since last December and, as associate dean, Miss Stevens has carried the duties of that office since then.

A native of California, Dean Stevens earned her B.A. degree at Mills College and master's degree at Syracuse University. Prior to coming to Western she served on the staff of Northern Illinois University and as a program director at the Los Angeles Y.W.C.A.

Norman K. Russell, professor of counseling and coordinator of academic counseling at WMU, has been named assistant to the vice president for student services, effective July 1. He succeeds Dr. Peter Ellis who has been named secretary to the University Board of Trustees.

A graduate of WMU professor Russell received an M.A. degree from the University of Michigan.

During World War II he interrupted his studies at Western to teach at U.S. Navy aircraft mechanics schools in Chicago and Jacksonville, Fla. He later became a pilot with the U.S. 8th Air Force in Europe.

Russell joined WMU's faculty in 1946 as an instructor in aviation and later became associate professor of engineering and technology. He was named coordinator of academic counseling in 1962.

Roger Pulliam '64 M.A. '66 has been named assistant to the WMU vice president for academic services. He'll counsel and guide Negro students enrolling under WMU's new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund and work with disadvantaged high school students in WMU's Upward Bound Program.

He joined WMU's student financial aid staff last winter after teaching in Battle Creek. Pulliam is a former WMU football star.

WMU's New School of Social Work Becomes Operative This Fall

Effective this fall semester, the new School of Social Work will become operative at WMU, joining the six other "Schools" as a major division within the University. WMU officials say the designation is more for crediting and budgeting purposes because of financial grant practices and accrediting procedures by outside groups, making designation of it as the Department of Social Work unwieldy.

The new School of Social Work will offer a two-year graduate professional program leading to a degree of Master of Social Work.

Dr. Russell H. Seibert, vice president for academic affairs, says that it will truly be a "professional school," preparing students specifically for a profession, rather than a graduate school, which usually includes preparation in more general academic areas.

Dr. James W. Miller, WMU president, has said that the exigency for social workers "is one of the most crying needs in our society."

WMU becomes only the fourth Michigan university to have such a school.

orchestration, and contemporary music literature. It concluded with performances of selected scores written by the seminar student composers. Forum in Michigan and Local Government Now

The two-week seminar, which began July 7, is planned to stimulate

these young composers through association and study with experienced

music composers. The seminar in-

cluded intensive work in composition,

For the first time, WMU this summer is offering a special three week summer session workshop on "The Forum in Michigan State and Local Government." It has won national recognition the last dozen years when held at Michigan State University as "the most outstanding course in practical political education offered in the country."

At WMU for First Time

Beginning on July 8, the new workshop was providing a unique learning experience by bringing students face to face with people involved in governing the state of Michigan. Panels made up of state and local government officials did discuss their activities and offer students the opportunity for questioning.

Western Michigan's James E. Nadonly, assistant professor of political science, was the workshop chairman.

National Conference On Korea at WMU Is Well Attended

Western's second annual national conference on Korea—only the second such nationwide conference ever held in the U.S. on the subject of Korea, the first one, of course, also held at WMU—attracted more than 50 American educators and visiting scholars from Korea to the WMU campus for three days in late April.

Entitled "Korean Tradition — Theory and Practice," the conference was co-sponsored by the WMU Institute of International and Area Studies, the School of Graduate Studies, and the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Subjects which came under dis-

L to R: Sung Ik Kang, education attache of the Korean Embassy in Washington, D. C.; Dr. Paul Chung, consul-general of the Korean Consulate in Chicago; and Dr. Andrew Nahm, associate professor of history at WMU, and also chairman of the University's Asian Studies Program, who was conference chairman.

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cussion included "Law and Politics," "Social Institutions," "Socio-Economic Institutions," and "The Humanities." A featured speaker at a luncheon was Dr. Michael C. Rogers, professor of oriental language and literature, University of California, Berkeley. He said that "premodern Korean scholars, in recording and evaluating their nation's history, inevitably saw it through Chinese spectacles."

Other major speakers at the conference were Dr. Hugh W. Kang, history professor at the University of Hawaii, who spoke on "Historical Images of Korea," and Dr. Doo Soo Suh, professor of Asian languages and literature, University of Washington.

Nation's First Composer Seminar for High School Students Begins at WMU

Western this summer became the first American university to offer a Composer's Seminar for high school students interested in music composition. The seminar is a result of the WMU Music Department's recognition that the increasing number of high school students who are interested in musical composition seldom find music curricula designed specifically for their needs.

Spring Conference On Medieval Studies

Several hundred educators, researchers, clergymen, students and the interested public attended the highly successful three-day Fourth Biennial Conference on Medieval Studies at Western in mid-March. Sponsorship was by WMU's Medieval Institute in cooperation with the WMU Division of Field Services.

Dr. John R. Sommerfeldt, director of WMU's Medieval Institute headed the conference and also presented a paper.

CALENDAR-PANORAMA of alumni events

This issue of the WMU Newsletter and alumni events salutes the WMU Genesee County Alumni Association and its president, Paul R. Williams '60 MA '62 of Flushing. Williams is supervisor of salaried employment with the Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corp., teaches on a part-time basis at Indiana Central College and also serves as a civilian psychologist for the U.S. Army.

The club vice president is Bob Brown, the treasurer is Wayne Sheathelm and the secretary is Mrs. Donna (Trowbridge) Bauer, all of Flint.

Williams started with Buick in 1964 after previously working for Corn Products Co. as a manufacturer's representative.

Bradshaw Heads Fund Drive

Robert J. Bradshaw '54 of Ypsilanti, vice president of the WMU Alumni Association, has been named chairman of the University's 1968 fund drive, called "68 Annual Fund," which has a goal of \$200,000. More than \$153,000 was realized from the 1967 fund drive.

Bradshaw, who is controller of the Ypsilanti Press newspaper, says the drive, which began June 1, was to include direct mailings to WMU alumni and friends, solicitations of special groups interested in honoring individuals and University programs, and continuance of the Bronco Club for WMU athletic aid, and similar organizations. The drive will carry on through the end of 1968.

Last year the funds were allocated to six areas: the Paul V. Sangren Alumni Scholarship Fund, Dwight B. Waldo Library Fund, Distinguished Faculty Grants, the President's Fund, the Mike Gary Athletic Scholarship Fund, and an unrestricted designation.

A new feature this year is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund.



Bradshaw '54



New officers of Alpha Beta Epsilon, WMU's alumnae sorority, were elected at the annual campus meeting of the group in late May. On the left, Mrs. Ann Greenman of Kalamazoo, retiring presi-dent, hands the gavel over to her successor, Mrs. Harriet Oliver of Muskegon. Watching, (L to R), were new officers, including Mrs. Beatrice Maynard of Battle Creek, president-elect; Mrs. Mary Ellen Doe of Muskegon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Bowie of Grand Rapids, recording secretary; and Pat Snyder of Benton Harbor, chaplain. Not shown are Miriam DeHaan of Kalamazoo,

treasurer; and Marguerite Schubert of Midland, chapter historian.

During the annual A.B.E. meeting, a "Lucille Abbott Nobbs Fund for Graduate Study" was announced. The grant will go to a deserving graduate student at WMU. Miss Nobbs, who retired from WMU's faculty in 1965 as associate professor of English, was the first sponsor of A.B.E. at Western. Her 44 years of teaching at WMU is the second longest faculty tenure ever compiled here.

A.B.E. allotted \$152 toward the fund

at the annual meeting.

Brown & Golds Available

A supply of 1965 and 1967 Brown and Gold yearbooks is available at the Brown and Gold office, Western Michigan University, Any WMU alumni who wish a copy of either of these yearbooks should send their name and address and \$1.00 per copy to the Brown and Gold office to cover mailing costs.

Soph Larry Driver Wins 3rd In Nat'l **Forensics Contest**

A Western sophomore from Kalamazoo — Larry Driver — in early May won third place in the largest national contest of its kind, the Interstate Oratorical Contest held at Wayne State University. He competed against winners from 18 other states (and countless colleges), representing Michigan in the contest by virtue of finishing first in the state of Michigan contest at Albion College several weeks earlier.

His presentation was "The Problem of Racism." Driver was accompanied on his national contest effort by Dr. James Jaksa, associate professor of speech and director of forensics at WMU. In his state contest victory Driver was coached by

Mandy Behe, Detroit sophomore, to whom he gives much credit for pushing him to greater effort and accomplishment, as he topped entrants from seven other Michigan colleges.

Driver is taking pre-medical courses at Western.

In his award winning oratory, Driver said that racism exists within both the white and black communities "in the form of a disease."

"The only cure for racism is the realization of its presence, that it can exist in our homes, our schools, our churches, and most importantly, that it can exist in us," he said.

Taksa noted that "Mandy was one of a handful of white persons who volunteered to work for the Interfaith Council of Churches during the troubles in Detroit last summer . . . within the affected area. Both of these students were seriously concerned about this momentous problem and they helped one another in their consideration of its resolution."

(L to R) Mandy Behe presents plaque to Larry Driver as Dr. Jaksa watches, in Sprau Tower; I. & E. T. Bldg. in back-





Photo shows nine of the faculty retirees of this school year who attended the annual emeriti faculty recognition dinner in Student Center in early May, listing their faculty rank and year they joined WMU. (L to R) Seated: Dr. Lillian WMU. (L to R) Seated: Dr. Lillian Meyer, department head and Professor of chemistry (1942); Mrs. Ruth Bosma, assistant professor, Campus School (1953); and Esther Schroeder, professor of teacher education (1946). Standing: Dr. Cyril L. Stout, professor of geography (1947); Dr. Roy Bryan, professor of school services (1937); Dr. Joseph Giachino, department

head and professor of engineering technology (1939); Paul Randall, circulation librarian (1925); Dr. Lawrence Knowlton, professor of chemistry (1941); and James W. Boynton, associate professor of chemistry (1944). Retirees not in photo include Dr. Fred Beeler, professor of mathematics (1946); Mrs. Isabel Beeler, associate professor of counseling (1946); Lester Lindquist, associate professor of business education (1931); and Mrs. Gladys Rowe, associate professor of home economics (1950).

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

ALUMNI ATHLETES - Charlie Maher, retired WMU head baseball coach (after 29 seasons) was presented the 1968 Alumni Baseball Award in early May at a luncheon preceding the "Old-Timers Baseball Classic" at Hyames Field, a four-inning affair pitting two teams of former Bronco varsity baseball players in an exhibition preceding the WMU varsity baseball 6-0 win over Notre Dame. WMU athletic director Dr. Joe Hoy and WMU Alumni "W" Club president, Al Pugno made the presentation to Maher.

Two days earlier Charlie had been named an honorary member of the Kalamazoo Kiwanis Club and his contributions to the community during his 29 years as WMU coach were lauded by the Kiwanis. Mike Gary, retired WMU athletic director, served as M.C. A surprise visit by five of Charlie's teammates from the 1924 WMU baseball squad helped the festivities: Rudy Miller, Bob Miller, Glenn Righter, Pete Moser and Ken Ruse.

George McGinnis has been named head track coach and assistant varsity football coach at Benton Harbor High School after six years at Galesburg-Augusta.

Bob Gill, former WMU tennis standout, has been named head tennis coach at Bowling Green University (Ohio) while working toward his master's degree

GENERAL SPORTS-Dr. Leo VanderBeek

has been named by WMU President James W. Miller to be the new chairman of the 12 member WMU Athletic Board of Control, succeeding Dr. Albert Becker.

Senior Marty Barski, football star and leading hitter on this spring's WMU baseball team (.360) received his Mid-American Conference 1967-68 Scholar-Athlete Award during WMU's first spring sports banquet this May. Marty was also named honorary baseball captain by teammates after the season.

Some 300 persons attended that campus banquet. The main speaker was Joe Cooper, former star Bronco athlete and now assistant superintendent of schools at Marshall (Mich.) who discussed "Qualities of an All-American."

SCHOLAR ATHLETES - 73 WMU athletes earned grades of "B" or better during the winter semester, an increase of 27 over the fall semester; in addition, 14 athletes made the Dean's List (requiring a 3.5 grade average on a 4.0 scale for at least 14 hours); the football squad again led the "B" average list with 23 players.

Tom Wing, with a 4.0 semester grade

average, led all athletes.

BASEBALL-Four Broncos were named to the 1968 all-MAC team: pitcher Ken Bratherton, Pat Locanto at 2B, Rick Trudeau at 3B, and outfielder Marty Barski. Trudeau led the team in RBI's with 19; pitcher John Mayer's 5-1 wonlost mark, and Bratherton's 1.32 E.R.A. were also top season marks, as WMU took second place to Ohio U in the MAC race.

TRACK-Coach George Dales said that on the basis of quality and balance, this year's WMU track squad could be the best ever at WMU; it was the only WMU sports team to win an MAC title this year.

WMU did it by rallying from a 12 point deficit on the second day of the track and field championships at Kent State for WMU's 10th MAC title in the last 11 years.

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