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Western was awarded a W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant of $194,000 this January to provide higher education opportunities for disadvantaged young people over a four year period.

Under the grant, the latest in a series of such Kellogg Foundation grants, WMU will undertake a talent search among high school students in 16 southwestern Michigan counties. Western will eventually provide varied college orientation and enrichment experiences to those students selected, along with continuing counseling as deemed essential in aiding these students to succeed at the University.

The Kellogg Foundation also assists a "Detroit Project" at Michigan State University which focuses upon center-city Detroit youth, as well as the program of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of (the state of) Michigan, which draws upon the whole state for such special students.

WMU's new program also differs from these other two in that contact with prospective students will be initiated prior to the senior year in the various high schools and then continued through graduation and beyond.

In searching for disadvantaged students most able to benefit from higher education opportunities, WMU's program coordinator and counselors will rely largely upon "non-institutional criteria." They will utilize recommendations and suggestions from high school counselors, principals, and teachers, as well as ministers and peer groups, rather than depending primarily on the results of achievement and aptitude tests and academic records. Thus it is hoped to identify students having the potential to succeed in college although they previously may have been under-achievers scholastically.

These students will be able to visit the WMU campus for orientation, counseling, and, if necessary, for remedial programs such as Upward Bound. Counselors will work closely with the students to acquaint them with the various opportunities and options available to them for higher education. The administration of this program will be a graduate of Western's pioneer master's degree program in "Teaching the Disadvantaged."

In addition to the initial development of this program, Western will provide the required administration, facilities, and faculty services. There will also be student financial assistance through National Defense Student Loans, Educational Opportunity Grants, and the University's Work-Study Program. Provisions have been made for a gradual takeover of the program by WMU.

The Kellogg Foundation and the various universities it is aiding with programs for disadvantaged students are convinced that improved educational opportunities are important factors in easing problems related to civil rights, poverty, and cultural and educational deprivation. These educational innovations for deserving youth can serve as models for large public universities to develop programs for meeting great current social needs.

WMU's International Students Prove to Be Excellent Hosts

Western's 13th annual International Night as well as the 2nd annual International Festival held in late November attracted unusually large crowds to the Student Center on two separate days.

A highlight of the International Travel Night was the annual International Tasting Tea in which visitors sampled delicacy snacks from various foreign nations along with tea and other native mealtime beverages. A series of booths featured consultants and information on travel, study and work possibilities abroad, including group or individual travel, seminars for academic credit, and foreign service through the Red Cross, church projects and Operations Crossroads Africa.

Eleven former Kalamazoo community ambassadors or those who have gone abroad through the Experiment in International Living also made their knowledge available. Members of the WMU International Club served as hosts and hostesses, during the International Travel Night, most of them dressed in native garb.

During the International Festival,

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all day Saturday, Nov. 23, some 17 colorful exhibit booths displaying photos, garments, musical instruments, household items and some products of the countries they depicted, were on view in the Student Center. Two separate eight act floor shows of native songs and dances were presented in the afternoon and evening. In addition, eight different films were shown in rooms in the Student Center.

WMU Features 'Black Culture Week' Events In Early December

Professor Roy Sieber, chairman of Indiana University's Fine Arts Department, wearing the beard, told an informal audience at WMU in early December that time is needed for African artists to develop their own individual styles in painting and sculpture. He said current styles are dictated by commercial demand and western influence.

Prof. Sieber is regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities on African art. He said there is now no real tradition left in most African carving, which even has some European influence. He said it'll take at least another generation for African art to become truly representative.

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Don Blasch Is First President Of New Michigan Blind Group

Donald Blasch, director of WMU's Blind Rehabilitation Institute, this fall was elected as the first president of the Michigan chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Michigan is the 15th state to establish a chapter of the national organization whose purpose is to increase public understanding of blindness and the services available to persons without sight. The chapter will provide a forum for discussion of matters relating to services to the blind, encourage research, help develop professional standards and adequate professional training, and provide leadership in all areas relating to blindness.

The newly formed Michigan chapter has 100 members. Ruth Kaarlela, assistant professor of special education at WMU, was elected secretary of the chapter.

WMU Receives Chapman Funds

In late October WMU received the first interest check of $1,000 from an estate of more than $90,000 bequeathed to Western by the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chapman, formerly of Berrien Springs. Jack Creden, left, trust officer and secretary of the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan at Niles, presented the check to Frank Benz, director of scholarships, as Dr. Peter Ellis, secretary of the University Board of Trustees, showed his appreciation.

The Chapmans for eight years had been contributing money regularly to the Clifford and Ella Chapman Loan Fund established by them at WMU prior to their deaths in May, 1967 and last March. This fund has made short term loans available to thousands of college students at low interest rates. In addition to the loan fund, they had also inaugurated the Clifford and Ella Chapman Scholarship Fund. These two funds had received gifts totaling more than $24,000 from the Chapmans.

Mr. Chapman was a long-time employee of the Ford Motor Co., while Mrs. Chapman was an elementary teacher in Michigan. They became interested in assisting college students achieve educational goals through their association with Lee Auble, a WMU alumni and superintendent of schools at Berrien Springs.

The 4th Michigan Conference on the Junior High School attracted more than 750 junior high teachers and administrators from around Michigan to Western late last October. The theme of the conference: "Early Adolescent Years: Crisis or Challenge."

The keynote speaker for the opening morning session was Dr. John Gibson of Tufts University, who spoke on "Attitudes and Values of the Early Adolescent: A New Perspective." The luncheon speaker was Dr. Neil Atkins, associate secretary of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Washington, D.C.

WMU faculty members who spoke included Dr. Donald Bouma, Dr. Lewis Walker and Jess Walker, while Dr. Clara Chiara, teacher education professor at WMU, was general chairman.

WMU's African students set up an eye-catching display of artifacts, clothing, trinkets, etc. in the lobby, which was also well received by the audience before the show and during intermission. The Af-
Alumni Assoc. Seeks
Dr. Leslie A. Kenoyer Memorial Funds

A Dr. Leslie A. Kenoyer Memorial Fund has been initiated in conjunction with the current WMU Alumni Giving Campaign and a concentrated drive for Kenoyer Memorial Funds will be conducted during the winter semester. Contributions may be sent to the WMU Alumni Relations Office or to the Biology Department office, 240 Wood Hall, WMU, designating the contribution for the Kenoyer Memorial Fund.

The fund was established in recognition of the late Dr. Kenoyer's lifelong interest in the teaching of biology and particularly for his collection of plants for herbaria and greenhouses around the world. Dr. Kenoyer served as head of Western's Biology Department from 1923 until retirement in 1953. He died in January 1964.

During his tenure at Western Dr. Kenoyer was admired not only for his classroom and laboratory teaching but even more for his class field trips around the U. S. and into Mexico. He also did extensive research work on plants in Panama and Guatemala. Some of the plants collected on these field trips are still growing in WMU's botany greenhouse and others are preserved in the Wood Hall herbarium.

The Kenoyer Memorial Funds will be used to aid in the publication of Dr. Kenoyer's last manuscript, "Plants of the Mexican Highways," to construct a suitable greenhouse unit at WMU to house tropical plants, some of which were collected by Dr. Kenoyer; and to establish a scholarship in the field of ecology for a student whose major interest is in botany.

A text written by Dr. Kenoyer while teaching at WMU, went through its 4th revision shortly before his death. He was listed in Who's Who in America and American Men of Science. After receiving his Ph.D. in 1916 Dr. Kenoyer then served six years in India as a teacher at Ewing Christian College.

WMU FACTS

More than 10 per cent of Western's 18,679 enrollment (fall semester 1968) is in the unique and high cost programs of engineering technology, paper technology, librarianship, occupational therapy, speech pathology and audiology, and programs for blind training.

WMU ranks third among all state universities in Michigan for the highest percentage of students at the upper (juniors and seniors) and graduate levels, with 63.6 percent. Only the University of Michigan (73.4%) and Wayne State (64.6%) rate higher than WMU.

WMU ranks 9th among state universities in Michigan in the net state appropriations per full time equated student, receiving $866 per FTES.

WMU ranked 4th in 1967-68 among state universities in Michigan in the number of degrees granted, conferring 4,113 degrees. Only the U of Michigan (8,894), Michigan State U (8,485), and Wayne State (5,083) gave more degrees.

WMU ALUMNI: Remember, you are invited to the "weekend of fun" at Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 14-16. Also the "Sunny Happening In Spain" vacation trip to Malaga Apr. 19-26 at reduced rates, both under Alumni Association auspices. Contact Alumni Relations Director John Lore.

Some 200 high school principals and superintendents from southwestern Michigan received a penetrating picture from their colleagues on the present and possible future ramifications of student unrest in schools at a meeting in WMU's Student Center Dec. 5. They were told that honesty is the best policy in handling the demands of students.

Discussion touched on such topics as short skirts, long hair, free speech, classroom discipline and police in school corridors. The conference theme was "Rights and Responsibilities of Students, Parents and Schools."

The speakers included Dr. Paul Miser, WMU professor of school services, D. B. Leonardelli, assistant director of WMU's Continuing Education Division, Dr. Donald Waver, assistant dean, WMU School of Education, and Dr. Roland Strolle, education professor at WMU.
WMU NEWS BRIEFS

The National Science Foundation this December awarded WMU five grants totaling $261,000 in support of 1969 summer institutes to be conducted by different University departments. The total includes funds for:

- A summer institute in mathematics for secondary school teachers, under the direction of Dr. A. Bruce Clarke, head of the Mathematics Department ($61,692).
- A similar institute in sociology under the direction of Dr. Milton J. Brawer ($45,369).
- A biology institute under the direction of Dr. Clarence J. Goodnight, head of the Biology Department ($51,723).
- A physics institute to be directed by Dr. Haym Kruglak ($47,987).
- And an institute in physical sciences and mathematics directed by Dr. George G. Mallinson, Dean of Graduate Studies ($54,225).

Stanley Suterko, assistant professor of special education, conducted a four week workshop in France in October and November on the training of the blind. It was the first workshop of its kind ever held on the European continent.

Staff members from blind rehabilitation centers in Denmark, France, Isreal, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Tunisia participated in the workshop which was conducted under the auspices of the European Regional Office of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. Suterko’s workshop was a condensed version of the program offered by WMU’s Department of Special Education.

Dr. Charles Van Riper, WMU Distinguished University Professor, was the main speaker at the dedication of a new speech clinic at the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, in late October. His topic: “The Nature of Stuttering.” While in The Netherlands, Dr. Van Riper spoke in Amsterdam to a club of persons who stutter, and also in Nijmegen at a meeting of Dutch and Belgian speech therapists. On his way home Dr. Van Riper stopped in Copenhagen, Denmark, to meet with several Scandinavian speech therapists who received training at WMU.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

BASKETBALL

The 22,000 fans who watched the early December consecutive night doubleheaders involving WMU, Toledo, Michigan State and Michigan, played at MSU and Michigan, got their money’s worth. WMU lost to MSU and Michigan while Toledo beat Michigan and lost to MSU by one point. Scheduling difficulties by Michigan will probably prevent a repeat of the twin bills next season.

Guard Ellis Hull had one of the finest shooting nights in WMU history in the December win over Ball State as he hit on 12 of 16 field shots.

WMU enjoyed its 6th best team field goal percentage shooting ever in the same game—57 percent (45 of 79).

FOOTBALL

Six WMU gridders were named to the 19-man all MAC academic squad this season, headed by Keith Volk with a 3.57 grade average in mathematics. Other WMU players: Tom Dyszkewicz, John Bull, Jim Pritchett, Al Bush, and Ed Snyder.

Rover back Dave Hudson (named WMU’s most valuable this season) and co-captain Jerry Collins, end, made the MAC first team defense picked by MAC coaches this season. Tackle Jim Rutledge, guard Paul Minnis and halfback Ken Woodside made second team offense, while tackle Mike Siwek and linebacker Pete Wysocki made second team defense. Hudson and Collins also received A.P. All-American honorable mention.

Despite a losing season WMU ranked 3rd nationally in pass defense among major colleges, allowing 114.9 yards a game thru the air.

Sam Antonazzo was named MAC Defensive Back of the Week after he intercepted four passes against Marshall (tying an MAC mark), and QB Mark Bordeaux received MAC Offensive Back of the Week plaudits for his great game against West Texas State, as he set seven WMU marks and tied another.

Center Gene Hamlin, who didn’t play in 1968 because of a pre-season ruling that he had used up his varsity eligibility in 1967, was still invited to play in the annual Blue-Gray all star game at Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 28.

SWIMMING

Dave Pohlonski set a new WMU pool mark (1:03.3) in the 1,000 yard freestyle in December against Western Ontario.

WMU’s 200 yard breaststroke relay team (Tom Smith, Gordy Niles, Ron Dubois, Ron Marcikic) set a new MAC mark (1:57.7) in the 16th annual MAC Relays at Bowling Green in December.

WMU finished second to Ohio U in the meet.

WRESTLING

WMU tied a school mark in its December 36-0 win over Western Ontario, the 4th wrestling shut-out in WMU history.

TENNIS

Co-captains for 1969 are senior Jack Sartore and junior Bill Richards.

CROSS COUNTRY

WMU failed to finish among the top 10 teams in the NCAA run (held at New York this November) for the first time in 12 years. WMU was 4th nationally in 1967 and won back-to-back national titles 1964-65.

ALUMNI ATHLETES

Fran “Butch” LaRoue, ex-WMU grid star and Canadian pro league standout several years, has been promoted to U.S. Army captain. He was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and holds the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is now in Alabama.

Dale Livingston missed the final three games with the AFL Cincinnati Bengals when called to six months U.S. Marine Corps duty. He finished 11th in AFL scoring on 13 field goals, 20 PAT’s, and averaged 43.4 yards on 62 punts.

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