Of Total 1,482; Edwin C. Berry Is Speaker

Nearly 300 Advanced Degrees at December Graduation

Some 1,482 Western Michigan University students were graduated, including 38 with high honors, in WMU's fall semester commencement on Dec. 20, 1969 in Read Field House.

The speaker, Edwin C. Berry, executive director of the Chicago Urban League spoke on "The Current Dilemma in Black and White." He said that "this community of ours and this nation are at one of the great turning points in history," that "an era which is centuries old has now ended and a new era has begun." He said the day of passive black acceptance of white domination is over—finished—and is the central fact in American race relations.

During the ceremony he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by WMU.

Berry has served as executive director of the Chicago Urban League since 1956 and has been active in the field of race relations for more than three decades. His dedication to human rights earned for him two prestigious awards in 1956: from the Chicago Economic Development Corp. and the citizens Schools Committee citation.

He serves as a guest lecturer at the University of Chicago, Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University, National College and Chicago's Loyola University. Since 1947 he has taught in the departments of social studies or sociology at nine major universities. He's an alumnus of Oberlin College and Duquesne University and did graduate study in the Schools of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh and Western Reserve University.

Three students were awarded Ph.D. degrees during the commencement. Kenneth L. Pothoven of Holland, Mich., received the first Ph.D. in mathematics at WMU; Donald G. Williams of Paw Paw received the first Ph.D. in sociology; and Carmen V. Zenarosa of Manila, The Philippines, was awarded a Ph.D. in chemistry.

All of them hold other degrees from Western.

Of the honors in course graduates listed in the program, four were summa cum laude (with a grade point average of at least 3.9 on a 4.0 scale): Barbara C. Bondar of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; Kathryn Frary of Lincoln Park; Andree K. Tanner of Shelby; and Susan E. Washburn of Saline. In addition 13 students were graduated magna cum laude (between 3.7 and 3.89).

Of the total 1,482 graduates, 295 received advanced degrees.

LL.D. hood from, left, President Miller, Trustee Fred Adams and, right vice President Seibert.

School of Social Work Receives $300,000 Grant

WMU's School of Social Work this winter was granted $300,000 by the State of Michigan's Department of Social Services. The funds will be used to develop and expand a graduate program in Social Planning and Administration, under the direction of Dr. Merl C. Hokenstad, Director of WMU's School of Social Work. Grant funds will be administered over a four-year period.

Dr. Hokenstad says the Social Planning and Administration curriculum will be designed to educate students for leadership roles in social welfare. Particular emphasis will be given to preparing professional social workers who can fill supervisory, program development, in-service training, research, consultant and management roles in public social service agencies. WMU will offer academic courses and field experiences as part of the curriculum.

Dr. Hokenstad notes that students who enter the new program will take a two-year course leading to a master's degree in social work. The first year will consist of core courses in social policy, social theory and research, and social work practices.

Specialized courses in planning technology, organizational theory and various leadership roles will be offered during the second year of the program. Students will have field

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2nd Semester WMU Enrollment Sets A New Record

WMU enrollment this year has set a second semester record of 19,247, which is only 878 less than the record fall enrollment of 20,125 set last September. And Western continues to have a preponderance of upper classmen, with 9,523 juniors and seniors, and 7,218 freshmen and sophomores.

Graduate students number 2,506 this semester.

President Miller Names All-University Committee to Probe WMU’s Future in ’70’s

WMU President James W. Miller has appointed a 15-member all-university committee to analyze Western’s current progress and to indicate where it should be going during the 1970’s. Dr. Miller proposed the formation of such a committee during his State of the University address in November.

In his letter to the committee members, Dr. Miller asked that they consider (1) the primary undergraduate educational goals of WMU in the 1970’s; (2) what modifications, additions or deletions are needed in current programs to reach those goals; (3) how can these changes be best brought about in a planned, efficient, and expeditious manner.

Heading the committee is Dr. Philip Denenfeld, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Five students are on the committee along with seven faculty members and two administrative staff members.

University Trustees OK Student Association Control Over Student Services Council

Western’s Board of Trustees at its December 1969 meeting approved turning over control of the Student Services Council to the Student Association. WMU faculty had previously voted by a 5-1 ratio to give control of the council to the students. It had been controlled by the Faculty Senate.

The Student Services Council, which has general jurisdiction over a broad area of non-academic student matters, will still have faculty and administrators in its make-up but students will have the largest number of votes.

Dr. John Everett Succumbs In Kalamazoo

Death claimed Dr. John P. Everett, former department head and professor emeritus of mathematics at Western, in late February in a Kalamazoo hospital. He was 94. Dr. Everett had resided in a Kalamazoo nursing home for some time prior to his death.

For more details on Dr. Everett’s long career, see the story on page 3 regarding the naming of a new WMU building in his honor.
Dr. Paul Misner Resigns As Teacher Ed. Dept. Head to Resume Full Time Teaching

Dr. Paul J. Misner, acting head of the Department of Teacher Education and professor of educational leadership, has resigned his administrative duties because of ill health, to devote his full efforts to teaching.

Dr. Misner joined WMU's faculty in 1965 after a long career as superintendent of schools at Glencoe, Ill. He had spent the prior seven years (1928-35) as director of Roosevelt Training School at Eastern Michigan University. He's a graduate of EMU and holds advanced degrees from the University of Michigan.

WMU BRIEFS

Only eight colleges and universities in the U.S. have more students majoring in English than WMU's total of 1,000, according to an article in the November, 1969 issue of College Composition and Communication. U.C.L.A.'s 1,600 English majors heads the list of the 11 largest English Departments, with Michigan State University's total tying Western, the only other Michigan school on the top list.

Some 353 major universities were polled.

Sterling L. Breed, associate professor in WMU's Counseling Center, has been appointed state membership chairman for the American College Personnel Association.

Frank R. Jamison of WMU's Broadcasting Department faculty was granted $350 by the Whirlpool Corp., Benton Harbor, Mich., to support the production of a 30-minute radio documentary on the Seventh National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America in Idaho last July. The tapes were edited and produced in the studios of WMUK, WMU's campus FM station.

New Physical Science Complex Buildings Named for Paul Rood, John Everett

Two new campus structures this winter were named in honor of two former faculty members by the University Board of Trustees. The classroom portion of the nearly completed physical science complex has been designated Paul Rood Hall while the faculty office tower was named John P. Everett Hall.

Dr. Rood holds the longest tenure ever---48 years---on WMU's faculty. He retired in 1964 from the Physics Department, of which he served as head for 18 years.

A native of Lawton, Mich., Dr. Rood joined the Western faculty in 1916 after graduation from Albion College. He later earned an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. One of his major interests while at WMU was the development of new demonstration experiments in physics. The building accommodates laboratories and classes in geology, physics, and mathematics, a branch library for those sciences and a computer center. It also contains a Van de Graff 12-million-volt linear accelerator to study atomic nuclei.

Dr. Everett retired in 1945 after 31 years as a member of the Mathematics Department faculty and department head. He holds two degrees from the University of Michigan and earned his Ph.D. at Columbia. Prior to joining Western's faculty he was a school principal at Grass Lake, Adrian and Pontiac, superintendent at Mt. Clemens, and taught at Eastern Michigan University.

The six-story office building is for faculty of the Physics, Geology and Mathematics Departments.

Lovers of organ music within traveling distance of WMU's Auditorium now have the opportunity to enjoy the largest portable organ ever made by the Schlicker Organ Co. of Buffalo, N.Y., during the inaugural series commemorating the recent installation of the $65,000 unit in the Auditorium.

Special organ concerts were scheduled for Nov. 16, Jan. 11 (Kathryn Loew of Kalamazoo), Feb. 22 (Marilyn Mason, Univ. of Michigan Music Dept.), and May 13 (Pierre Cochereau, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, France).

Boasting of 44 ranks and 2,369 pipes, the organ is made up of five separate units: the console and four large pipe chambers, all mounted on portable band carts.

The unit will immeasurably aid WMU's 24 organ students who before had to find practice time on one of two organs available on WMU's campus, a three-manual organ at Kanley Chapel and a two-manual Moller in Maybee Music Hall.

Dr. Rood

Dr. Everett

Building in foreground is Paul Rood Hall, the classroom building, while John Everett Hall, the office tower, is in background.
An apparent heart attack claimed the life of Mitchell J. “Mike” Gary, retired WMU Athletic Director and head of the Men’s Physical Education Department, on Dec. 30 at his Kalamazoo home. He was 69 years old.

His career at Western covered 39 years, in which he served 1928-41 as head football coach, then as associate athletic director after World War II service until becoming A.D. in 1949. He retired in 1967.

Mike was graduated from the University of Minnesota, where he played football and earned All-American honors as a senior tackle in 1927. He came to WMU as assistant to Earl Martineau, head football coach, and in 1929 became head coach when Martineau left Western.

In 13 seasons of coaching at Western, his teams won 59 and lost 34, highlighted by his 1941 unbeaten-untied squad. Following that season Mike enlisted in the Naval Air Corps, earning a commission and rising to the rank of lieutenant commander.

The men’s physical education complex is named for Mike and an athletic scholarship fund at WMU bears his name.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

BASKETBALL

WMU staged one of its greatest cage comebacks of all time in the early season 77-75 loss to Univ. of Pacific, coming from 23 points behind in the first half to tie the score with 6:36 left, but couldn’t quite pull off a prime upset.

In its opener against Wisconsin State (Whitewater), WMU’s 51 field goals were three more than the previous high as WMU won 122-90, missing its all-time game scoring mark by two points. In that game WMU had a nine minute streak without a single turnover.

An official all-time record crowd of 10,100 filled Read Field House for the Michigan State game early this season, about 100 more than the estimated 10,100 here for MSU four years ago. State won 86-71.

Co-captain Ellis Hull was top WMU scorer in seven straight games early this season, including a 40-point effort as WMU beat Tennessee Tech at Read 88-76, the 8th man in WMU history to get at least 40 points. He did it on 18 of 33 floor shots, third highest field goal total in WMU history.

Coach Sonny Means said Leroy Dixon’s 17-point, 18-rebound effort in the 84-66 loss to Toledo was his best career game.

TRACK

In WMU’s season opening 64-63 win over Notre Dame, Ken Jackson’s :07.4 time in winning the 60-yard high hurdles enabled him to become the first Bronco to qualify for the 1970 NCAA Indoor Championships.

GYMNASTICS

Co-captains this season are Larry Jordan of Warren, Pa., and Chuck Beatty of Taylor.

WMU drew its largest home crowd ever (1,500) to a January gymnastics meet as it lost to University of Michigan and Illinois Chicago Circle in a double dual meet. Jordan’s 8.8 score was the highest in the parallel bars event ever awarded to a WMU gymnast. He later set a new record of 9.2 in that event as WMU beat Kent State and lost to Eastern Michigan University in a double dual meet at Kent, as WMU scored its highest team total in its four-year history, 138.60.

Beatty’s 8.6 rating in floor exercise was also a new WMU mark in that meet.

WRESTLING

Ron Becker of Lansing is 1970 team captain.

WMU set new records in beating Ontario 39-3 early this season: in total score and in pins (six). Through January, Steve Newman’s personal 4-0 mark topped WMU.

SWIMMING

Coach Ed Gabel, WMU’s first and only swim coach, won his 100th dual meet Jan. 3 against Oakland University (85-38) in a double dual meet at East Lansing. MSU beat the Broncos.

CROSS COUNTRY

WMU soph Gary Harris broke the Southern Ill. Univ. course record with his 5th place time of 24:36 in the Central Collegiate Championships in November as WMU finished second to Kansas. Earlier, Jerry Liebenberg finished first in a record 23:41.1 time over Notre Dame’s course as WMU won the N. D. Invitational by 62 points over Eastern Mich. as 17 schools competed.