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Dr. Milton Brawer
Named As First
WMU Ombudsman

Dr. Milton J. Brawer, WMU associate professor of sociology, this July was named University Ombudsman, a new position, in a special meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees called to act on the University 1970-71 fiscal budget.

Dr. Brawer is an appointee of WMU President Miller and was selected with the assistance of students, faculty and staff, and was confirmed by the Trustees. The August 2 appointment is on a half-time basis for two years. Among Dr. Brawer's functions will be to investigate and mediate grievances within the University community on an impartial basis.

A Harvard graduate, Dr. Brawer earned his Ph.D. from Columbia. He joined the WMU faculty 10 years ago after teaching at Queens College.

Dr. Ralph Miller
Is New English Dept. Chairman

Dr. Ralph N. Miller, professor of English and a member of the WMU faculty since 1946, on July 1st became chairman of the English Department for a four year term, succeeding Dr. David F. Sadler, whose term expired this year.

Dr. Miller holds degrees from Wayne State University, Michigan State University and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. He also taught at Wayne and Northwestern.

Dr. Miller has announced that Dr. John H. Stroupe, a WMU faculty member since 1965, and Thomas E. Small, on the faculty since 1966, will become associate chairmen beginning this fall.

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In addition the grant will finance 13 senior student and two junior traineeships within these categories.

WMU's College Level Examination Program Aiding Many Adults

Western is actively meeting the challenge of the 70's by taking part in the College-Level Examination Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. Under this program, a new group of students—the adult "drop-ins"—is finding its way to colleges across the nation, according to Clayton J. Maus, dean of Admissions and Records at WMU.

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These new students are housewives, businessmen, technicians, secretaries, retirees and ex-college drop-outs who have continued their education outside the classroom via on-the-job and military training, correspondence and TV courses. Maus indicates that by demonstrating their knowledge in college-level examinations they receive academic credit for what they have learned in the proverbial school of hard knocks.

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Record Summer Session Enrollment

Western recorded a new Summer Session record enrollment of 6,901 this year. Clayton J. Maus, dean of admissions and records, said the total is 310 more than that of a year ago.

He said undergraduates numbered 3,974 and there were 2,927 graduate students.

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Dr. Manske was a member of the award selection committee of the M.P.G.A. Earlier in the year he was honored for his professional leadership and outstanding teaching in the field of guidance at the first annual meeting of the M.P.G.A. held in Detroit. Dr. Manske is the oldest counselor educator in time of service at any of the Michigan schools which have such programs.

Dr. Manske began at WMU in 1942 as director of a summer guidance workshop and became the first faculty member of Western’s counselor education program in the fall of 1943.

Since becoming independent of a cooperative counselor education arrangement with the University of Michigan in 1953, WMU has graduated more than 1,000 school counselors under Dr. Manske’s tenure.

World Pollution Has Not Yet Reached Irretrievable Point, Says One Expert

Speaking in WMU’s Auditorium in a WMU Student Association-sponsored program this spring, noted ecologist Dr. Paul Shepard of the Smith College faculty said he “doesn’t believe the world has yet passed the irretrievable point” concerning environmental pollution. “I have too much faith in the regenerative powers of the world’s ‘ecosystems’.”

However, he called for new approaches to finding energy, approaches that would replace the need for burning petroleum products for energy and for creating thermal pollution through nuclear power plants, before that irretrievable point is reached.

Dr. Shepard said that personally he had no faith in our government in Washington, D.C. to solve the environmental pollution problem. He said, “If anything is going to be done, I feel that it is going to have to be done outside the system.”

WMU School of Librarianship

To Observe 25th Anniversary

WMU’s School of Librarianship will observe its 25th anniversary with festivities Sept. 25-26 including a banquet and program which will review highlights of the school’s first quarter century.

A major event on the program will be the Saturday morning dedication of a seminar room within the school in memory of the late Alice Louise LeFevre, first director and head of WMU’s School of Librarianship, 1945-63.

Mrs. Jeanette Carlson ’66, a counselor at Steele Junior High School, Muskegon, this spring was named winner of the 11th annual George H. Hilliard Award, as presented by Dr. Arthur Manske, professor of school services at WMU, left. She is a past president of the Michigan School Counselors Association. The award came at the annual Region # 2 conference of the Michigan Personnel and Guidance Association.

The award honors a practicing school counselor who has made an outstanding contribution to the counseling profession during the past year. It is named for

The Southwestern (Michigan) Educational Library Project which was begun at WMU last fall came in for glowing praise at a recent campus meeting of some 80 persons involved in the project. On the left, State Senator Charles O. Zollar of Benton Harbor, representing the 22nd Senatorial District, a guest speaker, lauded the initial success of the project. Accepting the accolades were, in the center, Mrs. Linda Rolls, WMU Interlibrary Loan Librarian, and WMU President James W. Miller, right.

Sen. Zollar said the project is one state program which is rapidly reaching all of the goals set for it. Mrs. Rolls explained that the project includes 100 participating school, public, and business libraries in southwestern Michigan using the rapid delivery of items in Western’s research collections, mostly within 48 hours of a request. A special state grant to WMU finances the project at no cost to the borrowing library.

During the first five months of the project WMU delivered 1,649 items to southwestern Michigan libraries.

Vincent J. Petitpren of Westland, a State Representative from Michigan’s 37th District, left, was presented a framed professional certificate of appreciation at a recent Region #1 conference of the Michigan Personnel and Guidance Association held on the WMU campus. Paul Bader of Lansing, M.P.G.A. president, right, made the presentation to Rep. Petitpren “in recognition of service on behalf of counselor certification in Michigan.” Bader is Director of Pupil School Services, Waverly School District, at Lansing.

Rep. Petitpren was instrumental in gaining enactment of the state bill which has given school counselors certification in Michigan.

WMU School of Librarianship

To Inaugurate New Graduate Program

A graduate program in Information Sciences will be inaugurated by Western in the Fall of 1970 under the School of Librarianship.

According to Dr. Russell H. Seibert, WMU vice president for academic affairs, graduates of the proposed new program at Western would serve as designers of information networks and systems, including indexers and abstractors in bibliographical centers; and in positions

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Ten retiring WMU faculty members with a total service of 276 years were honored this spring at the annual recognition dinner. Seated, L to R: Frank Householder, associate professor of English (36 years); his wife, Elizabeth Householder, Student Center social director (20 years); and Frank Hinds, biology professor (35); standing, L to R: Dr. Albert Becker, speech professor (33); Roy Wietz, associate professor, Men’s P.E. (28); John Kemper, art professor (28); Dr. Hermann Rothfuss, German professor (26); and Vern Mabie, director of placement services (24). Not shown: Golda Crisman, assistant professor of teacher education (23); and John B. Healey, associate professor of general business (23).

James A. Barnes, left, a WMU senior from Detroit, this June received the annual Michigan Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers “award for outstanding leadership and service to the I.E.E.E. student branch at WMU for the 1969-70 school year” from Dr. George E. Kohrman, dean of WMU’s College of Applied Sciences. On his left is Dr. Chester Fitch, head, Dept. of Engineering & Technology. On the right is Dr. Glade Wilcox, Barnes’ electrical and electronics professor.

Barnes served as president of the 35 member student chapter this past year. He plans to enroll in WMU’s Graduate College this fall and study toward a Master of Business Administration degree. He majored in electrical engineering and technology as an undergrad.

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which deal with information acquisitions, analyses, storage, retrieval and dissemination.

Western would become the only Michigan university offering such a graduate program, Dr. Seibert explained.

WMU BRIEFS

A second-year renewal and supplement grant for $39,000 to a research contract from the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity is supporting WMU in its efforts in a study into the “Effects of Teacher Attitude and Curriculum Structure on Pre-School Disadvantaged Children.”

Western’s chapter of Beta Beta Beta biological society this spring received the Lloyd M. Bertholf Award for chapter efficiency from Dr. Stanley Baker of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, national president of Beta Beta Beta, on the left. James Luteyn, a Kalamazoo senior and current B.B.B. chapter president, center, and Ronald Sergeant of Portage, who in 1958 was the first president of the student chapter at Western, accepted the award. Sergeant is now coordinator for in-service education at the Tri-County Enrichment Center serving Kalamazoo, Van Buren and St. Joseph counties.

With space for 608 cars, WMU’s first parking ramp, consisting of four levels, opened in early February just east of Ellsworth Hall. It is the first of four planned multilevel parking ramps at WMU.

Of the total spaces, 208 are not metered and are for faculty, staff and student parking stickers, with the remaining 400 spaces metered. However, as many of these metered spaces as needed may be covered for more student, faculty and staff parking on a given day.

The meters are for 5c per half hour, allowing up to 10 hours of parking for 50c, with a bonus of six more hours for an extra 5c after that.
Death Claims Two Faculty This Year—
THEO C. ZIMMERMAN
Theo C. Zimmerman B.S. '50, M.S. '53, associate professor of industrial education and a WMU faculty member since 1956, died earlier this year at his Parchment home near Kalamazoo. He had taught at several Michigan high schools, including Parchment (1950-56), before joining the WMU faculty.

Mr. Zimmerman was active in several industrial education organizations in Michigan, and had numerous articles published in technical magazines and journals. His wife, Maxine, and three daughters survive.

KENNETH H. SQUIRES
Kenneth H. Squires '35, assistant to the director of WMU’s Placement Office since 1965, died suddenly at his Portage home on May 3. He was 58.

Mr. Squires taught business education at Sturgis 1936-42 and earned an MA from the University of Michigan during this period. After service as a Naval officer in World War II he returned to Sturgis as coordinator of a Veterans Institute.

From 1950-65 he was a salesman and district and regional manager for a large pharmaceutical firm until joining the WMU Placement Office staff.

A memorial scholarship is being established in the WMU School of Business for Mr. Squires.

Student Association Speaker Series on Rights:
Dick Gregory

White racism can be eliminated simply by making the U.S. Constitution work, as it was intended by its framers, for all citizens of this nation; this was the major point in the recent address at WMU by civil rights leader Dick Gregory. He told the overflow audience of more than 3,550 persons in WMU’s Auditorium that “moral pollution” is the major problem facing this nation at this time.

Gregory challenged the young people—the students—to make our constitution work “right up to the letter.”

“Every problem confronting America today was here before you (students) got here,” he said, and what is needed is for the youth of America to achieve that equality promised in the U.S. Constitution.

Gregory said capitalism should rightly be “behind the U.S. Constitution, not in front of it.” He said that capitalism puts the emphasis on property rights, not on human rights.

The WMU Student Association sponsored his appearance at Western.

WMU’s First Annual Folk Festival Termed A Great Success

Western’s first annual Folk Festival drew several hundred leading folk music performers and authorities to the campus for three days in early April. The three days of discussions, lectures, workshops, films and concerts which featured native American folk music concluded with a concert of traditional music held in the University Auditorium.

The concert featured nationally-known folk music recording and concert stars and the top local performers in this musical idiom.

Persons who attended the workshop sessions were urged to bring their musical instruments with them and encouraged to enter the many contests.

WMU BRIEFS

Included among the more noteworthy recent gifts and grants to WMU were the following:

A U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare grant of $41,421 to support a project, “Rhinencephalic Activity and Odor Discrimination,” by the Psychology Department.

An additional grant of $28,399 from the U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to support Phase II of an institute, “Modern Metalworking Technology for Technical Teachers,” by the Industrial Education Department, bringing the total grant to $38,399.

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