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Physical Sciences Complex Dedicated

WMU’s new physical sciences complex—comprised of the four story Paul Rood Hall classroom building and adjoining six story John P. Everett Tower for faculty offices—was dedicated before an overflow audience in late October. The throng filled one large lecture hall and spilled over into another where the audio portion of the ceremony was relayed via loudspeakers to those gathered.

The classroom building, which can accommodate nearly 2,400 students in physics, mathematics and geology, is named for Dr. Paul Rood, who retired in 1964 as professor and head of the Department of Physics, ending the longest tenure of any Western faculty member—48 years. Dr. Rood was present.

The building contains 28 classrooms, 43 laboratories, for lecture rooms, two seminar rooms, seven conference rooms, a library, museum, the University Computer Center and a 12-million volt linear particle accelerator and laboratory.

The faculty office tower, named for the late Dr. John P. Everett, who retired in 1945 as professor and head of the Mathematics Department after 31 years on Western’s faculty, contains 174 faculty offices, seven conference rooms, two seminar rooms and two commons rooms.

Paul Rood Hall is in foreground and John P. Everett Tower in background.

The featured dedication speaker was Dr. Gail S. Young, president of the Mathematical Association of America and chairman of the Mathematics Department, University of Rochester (New York). Dr. Russell H. Seibert, WMU vice president for academic affairs, presided.

Included among the dignitaries who spoke at the dedication of the $8-million-complex were state senators Garland Lane and Charles Zollar, who chair legislative finance committees; state representative James Farnsworth, a committee member; Fred W. Adams, vice chairman of the WMU Board of Trustees; WMU President James W. Miller; and Dr. Cornelius Loew, dean, WMU College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Rood were at the dedication.

Above photo is of the 12-million volt accelerator.

Photos below show Senators Lane and Zollar and Rep. Farnsworth, L to R, top row; and Trustee Adams, and Drs. Seibert and Young, bottom.
Dr. Maurice Seay

Named Acting Dean
College of Education

Dr. Maurice F. Seay, professor of educational leadership at WMU, has been named acting dean of Western's College of Education by the University Board of Trustees. He'll serve until a permanent successor to Dr. James H. Griggs, who asked to be relieved of administrative duties, is named. Dr. Griggs is now devoting his full time to teaching.

Dr. Seay, who joined Western's faculty in 1967, has served in various administrative posts in the College of Education as well as being a professor. Prior to joining WMU's faculty, Dr. Seay had been at Michigan State University three years as a professor, department head and assistant dean and director of MSU's School for Advanced Studies in the College of Education.

From 1954-63 he was the director of the education division of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation at Battle Creek. He earned his doctorate at the University of Chicago and received previous degrees at Transylvania College.

Six WMU Faculty Members Receive Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Awards

Six WMU faculty members this fall received awards for teaching excellence and checks for $1,000 each from Western's Alumni Association during the annual presentation.

Those honored were Dr. Donald H. Bouma (sociology), Jean E. Friedel (women's physical education), Dean Tyndall (occupational therapy), Dr. Darrell G. Jones (business education), Dr. Richard Pippen (biology), and Dr. Rudolph Siebert (religion). The awards were presented by Robert Bradshaw of Ypsilanti, president of the WMU Alumni Association.

Dr. Bouma, a WMU faculty member since 1960, is a member of the Michigan Advisory Commission to the U. S. Civil Rights Commission.

Miss Friedel, at WMU since 1960, has also taught at Illinois State and was supervising teacher at the Illinois Soldier and Sailors' Child-
WMU Alumni Association Events

Large gatherings marked the late September meetings of West Coast and East Coast WMU Alumni clubs a week apart, both attended by John S. Lore, alumni director.

A week-end of fun, golf, and getting-acquainted at Lake Tahoe for members of the Phoenix, San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco alumni clubs plus individual WMU alums from the far western states was sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area WMU Alumni Club. A similar fun-filled weekend is planned for alums from the far western states next year.

The first annual joint meeting of the New England and New York WMU Alumni Clubs was held at the historic Yankee Silversmith Inn, Wallingford, Conn., Sept. 19. After dinner John Lore brought the group up to date on the top news from Western.

Photo shows the happy group at the West Coast gathering of alumni at Lake Tahoe; alumni director John Lore is fourth from left, at a dinner during the weekend.

These photos show west coast alums getting acquainted at reception during the weekend.

These photos depict the enjoyment had by all during the first annual meeting of New England and New York WMU Alumni clubs in Connecticut. The top right photo shows Paul Scheel of West Haven, Conn., president of the New England Club, left, talking to Mrs. Elizabeth (Maher) Bryan '17 of New York City, the oldest alum in attendance.
TEACHING AWARDS cont'd

Tyndall, at WMU since 1955, is a Western alum, and was on the Executive Committee of the American Occupational Therapy Association, 1963-66.

Dr. Jones, at WMU since 1962, has been chairman of WMU's Business Education Department since 1966 and from 1964-66 was research field director for the Office of Manpower, Automation and Training at Michigan State University.

Dr. Pippen, at WMU since 1963, in 1966 discovered a climbing fern, never previously found in Michigan, and reported in The Michigan Botanist.

Dr. Siebert, a native of Germany, has been at WMU since 1965, and has written numerous books and articles.

This photo shows WMU's 1970 Homecoming Queen, Barbara Kurth, a junior of Mattison, Ill., near Chicago, seated, surrounded by members of her court, from the left, Dareather Greer, a Grand Rapids junior; Cherie Jacobs, a Kalamazoo junior; Sharon Leavens, an Allegan junior; and Esther Shen, a senior from Hong Kong.

Barbara and her homecoming court presided over week-long October homecoming activities at WMU, including the traditional parade and the football game which attracted 23,214, a new MAC attendance mark, as well as for Waldo Stadium.

Our Ecology: Concern At WM Continues as Do Probing Meetings

An attentive and concerned audience attended an early September program presented by the WMU Campus Environment Committee featuring a talk by Robert O'Boyle, Kalamazoo landscape architect. His topic was "The Ecology of Regional and City Planning" in which he gave the public some background information on problems which can be averted by enacting and enforcing better rules governing planning, zoning and construction.

Also on the program was a film produced by the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture titled "MUD." The film describes soil problems encountered in building projects and in large-scale modification of the landscape.

Women Urged to Begin Search for Fulfillment In Meetings at WMU

A new and unusual program for women, called "Search for Fulfillment," began a seven-week run in early October at WMU under Western's Division of Continuing Education. The "Search for Fulfillment" program has two objectives: to remove roadblocks that keep women from making those choices necessary for leading fulfilling lives and to give them the chance to assess their skills and abilities and the opportunities available to them.

The program offers personal and vocational testing, group interaction, and assistance in determining the need for further education, creative self-expression, and volunteer work or full or part-time employment.

Figures from other campuses around the nation show that such a "Search for Fulfillment" program serves women who average 39 years of age, are interested primarily in part-time activity outside the home and come from comfortable surroundings. These women often suffer from lack of confidence, lack of direction, isolation, loneliness and "the blues."