Drs. Dunbar, Friedmann, Knauss Honored

Name Three Instructional Facility Components

Three units of an instructional facility under construction and scheduled to be opened next fall at WMU have been named for three former WMU professors who died within the past year. The buildings will be named for Dr. Willis F. Dunbar, Dr. Robert Friedmann and Dr. James O. Knauss.

All three educators were associated with Western's History Department and Dr. Friedmann also offered some of the University's first courses in philosophy and religion. Both areas have since grown into independent academic departments.

Dr. Knauss joined WMU in 1926 after teaching at Pennsylvania State and Florida State Universities. In 1945 he became head of the History Department, a position he held until retirement in 1956.

Dr. Dunbar, who joined the faculty in 1951, was teaching until the time of his sudden death last August. He served as department head 1960-67 until again resuming a full teaching schedule.

Both Dr. Knauss and Dr. Dunbar were authorities on Michigan history, with Dr. Dunbar having written several books on Michigan and local history. The first courses on Michigan history were taught at WMU during Dr. Knauss' tenure as department head.

Dr. Friedmann joined the WMU faculty in 1945 and served until retirement in 1961, although he frequently lectured and taught at WMU thereafter. An internationally recognized authority on the Anabaptists, he was a major contributor to the Mennonite Encyclopedia and in 1954 he received a Guggenheim Foundation grant for research into 16th century church history.

The three units consist of a five-story classroom building (named for Dr. Dunbar), a six-story faculty office tower (named for Dr. Friedmann), and a grouping of lecture halls (named for Dr. Knauss), all interconnected by enclosed hallways on several floors.

Above photo shows the nearly completed facility, now named for Drs. Willis Dunbar, Robert Friedmann and James Knauss.

Duke Harrah, Inc. Gives Equipment Valued at $250,000 to Western

A gift valued at a quarter-of-a-million-dollars—the entire aviation shop equipment and inventory of the Duke Harrah, Inc. firm of Niles, Mich., together with the aviation library of the late Mr. Harrah—has been given to Western's Department of Transportation Technology.

The gift was made to WMU by Mrs. Sonya Berta Harrah.

The shop will be maintained as a unit to perpetuate Mr. Harrah's dedication "to perfection in the field of aviation mechanics." In making the gift, Mrs. Harrah said it was done so that "the ultimate dream and faith of Mr. Duke Harrah will be fulfilled—that of an educational opportunity for the youth of our country, whose serious goals are toward completion of a professional career in the air safety program of the future."

Winter Enrollment At 20,897

WMU's winter semester enrollment for the first time has gone over the 20,000 mark, reaching 20,897. Clayton J. Maus, Dean of Admissions and Records, said "This is only 816 less than the fall semester enrollment of 21,713. Of the current semester students, 13,055 are juniors, seniors and graduate students, which is nearly double the 7,842 freshman and sophomore figures."
1,389 Degrees Conferred in Dec. Commencement

Headed by 61 WMU seniors graduating with honors and six scholars receiving doctorates, Western's December, 1970 commencement was unusual in that no guest speaker was on the program. Instead President James W. Miller spoke briefly.

He said that from the vantage point of completing 10 exhilarating years as WMU president, "I am totally convinced that our youth basically do believe in the integrity of mankind."

He noted that "College students of this day are aware; they are inquiring and they are dedicated. Gone, in large part, are the campus frivolities of a few years ago.

教育 recognize the "gravity and urgency of this situation." He said the changed attitude of the public toward higher education over the past 10 years is too significant to be ignored.

"Skepticism and resentment about the principle of academic freedom appears to be widespread as is the conviction that institutions of higher education have lost the ability to keep their own houses in order," he said. Dr. Miller noted that "some educators have been blatantly arrogant in their belief that somehow society owes them a good living and the unique right to be responsible only to themselves."

Such acts as campus unrest, disruptions in the academic process and the physical destruction of public and personal property at colleges have cost essential public support of academic institutions, he warned. "All of us need to recognize that universities do not exist for the benefit of the faculty. They do not exist primarily for the benefit of the students, but rather for the benefit of society," he said.

Dr. Miller stated that in the long run "the public will support higher education only to the extent that it believes that higher education is serving society." He said the universities must seek the Truth as well as prepare students for careers that will serve both present and future societal needs. "Slums, ghettos, wars, racism, drugs, pollution...are, and must be, within the purview of university work," he said.

However, Dr. Miller said the university community should not follow the pressures from some quarters to mount social and political crusades, that "we must eschew corporate political activism that some are urging upon us."

Dr. Miller said the proper university role in this area "is to assure both the climate and the facilities which scholars and learners require if they are to perform as energizers and creators in society." He said "the university cannot commit itself to a never-ending series of crusades on all of society’s problems but it can provide the environment in which individuals will develop the abilities and the crusading spirit needed to bring its wisdom freely applied to the relief of the social malaise."

Recent WMU Gifts Include:
An $84,779 grant from the C. S. Mott Foundation of Flint for continuation of the Community School Development Center operation for the 1970-71 fiscal year.

Included among the 61 Honors in Course graduates were two summa cum laude grads: Janice L. Bailey of Kalamazoo and Mary C. Magner of South Bend, Ind. Another 15 were magna cum laude graduates.

Six persons receiving doctorates were: Delbert B. Beelick and Ronald Wolthuis of Kalamazoo; Patricia M. Skrocki of Parchment; Gordon DeBlaey of Grand Rapids; Bruce A Roe of Marshall; and Nisson Schecter of Cincinnati, Ohio, all of whom hold previous degrees from Western.

In all, 1,389 persons were awarded degrees, including 280 advanced degrees.
An Unusual Alumnae Reunion

Mrs. Mary A. (LoMonte) Brown '17 of Schoolcraft, this past fall hosted an unusual annual reunion of four Western alumnae left of eight coeds who lived together at a West Main Street home while attending Western. In addition to the reunions, the ladies began a round robin letter which is still making the rounds after 53 years, according to Mrs. Brown.

Others who attended were Mrs. Bertha (Ireland) Blanchard of Dowagiac, Mrs. Clara (Jackson) Abrams of Lawrence, and Mrs. Frances (Watson) Snyder who resides in Florida.

NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER!
FOR WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARDS

WMU alumni, department heads and faculty are invited to recommend individuals for consideration as recipients of the WMU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD.

All nominations must be in writing (preferably typewritten) and accompanied by sufficient biographical and other data to substantiate the candidate’s qualifications. No special form is required.

1. The awards are given for:
   Service to WMU or to humanity or
   Achievement in particular field of endeavor.

2. The recipient must be a WMU alumnus according to the constitution accepted by the Board of Directors of the WMU Alumni Association (anyone attending one semester or more). The recipient cannot be a current member of the Awards Committee or of the Board of Directors.

3. Nominations must be submitted to WMU’s Alumni Office by Feb. 28, 1971 for consideration of awards to be presented at the Summer Commencement, Aug. 13. Submit them as soon as possible.

Alumni, Friends May Add to Math Loan Fund

Western Michigan University alumni and friends who wish to honor the late Dr. Charles Butler, professor emeritus of mathematics who died last November, may contribute to the Mathematics Memorial Loan Fund, at the Mathematics Department, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., 49001.

The loan fund also honors the memory of Harold Blair, Dr. John P. Everett and Dr. John Volmer, former members of the department who have died in recent years.

WMU Yearly Impact On Kalamazoo Area Is $75.2-million

A report issued recently by WMU’s Office of Institutional Research discloses that Western as an entity and its more than 21,000 students as individuals spend $72.5 million annually in the Kalamazoo area. The report is the product of a study made recently by the office. Of the total, $29 million is spent by WMU students who are living in off-campus housing in greater numbers each year.

The institute says the report does not take into account the spending in the Kalamazoo area by parents and out-of-town visitors to the students during the school year.

Present Three Notable School of Social Work Colloquia

The first of three important colloquia by the WMU School of Social Work was presented in mid-October with Dr. Edward E. Schwartz of the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, discussing “The Organization: Innovation in Service Delivery.”

The November 3 speaker was Dr. Robert Morris of Brandeis University whose subject was “Social Planning and Service Delivery in Great Britain.” The Feb. 24, 1971 speaker was to be Dr. Richard B. (More on next page)
WMU Offers Courses To Update Industrial Skills of Residents

Western's Division of Continuing Education this past fall offered four certificate courses of 12 weeks for persons in southwestern Michigan who sought to upgrade their industrial skills.

The courses include "Labor Relations for First-Line Supervisors," "Industrial Welding," and "Basic Mathematics for Draftsmen and Technicians." Each class has a WMU faculty member as instructor in the Industrial and Engineering Technology Building.

Four WMU Faculty in 'Outstanding Educators Of America' Publication

Four WMU faculty members, including the late Dr. Willis Dunbar, are included in the 1970 edition of Outstanding Educators of America. Others in the volume are Dr. Edwin Grossnickle, professor of general business; Dr. Clara Chiara, professor of teacher education; and Dr. Robert M. W. Travers, distinguished university professor.

All were chosen for inclusion on the basis of their civic and professional achievements.

WIDR Receives Award for Christmas Seal Fund Drive

In mid-October Western's student-operated, closed-circuit campus radio station, WIDR, received a Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association for its participation in the annual Christmas Seal Fund Drive by the association.

Through WIDR's efforts, Western students contributed more than $500 to the 1969 drive. WIDR was the only student-operated radio station in Michigan to participate in the annual Christmas Seal Fund Drive. In the past six years WIDR has raised more than $6,000 from WMU students for local holiday charity drives.

COLLOQUIA cont'd

Stuart of the University of Michigan on the subject, "Behavior Modification in Social Treatment." All colloquia were open to the public.

The colloquia series was begun by the WMU School of Social Work to call attention to emerging problems in the field of social welfare as well as examine new approaches to the practice of social work.

WMU Is Foremost US Center on Korean, Philippine Studies

Western this fall cemented its reputation as the nation's foremost center on Korean and Philippine studies with sponsorship of the Third National Conference on Korea held at WMU. According to Dr. Andrew C. Nahm, director of WMU's Asian Studies Program and chairman of the conference, Western has more staff members with a background in Korean and Philippine studies than any other college in America.

The 1970 conference dwelt on "Korea Under Japanese Rule" and attracted specialists in Korean studies from government and major universities across the U. S. The previous national conferences on Korea were also held at WMU, the first one 1967.

Recent WMU Gifts Include:

An $87,106 training grant from the U. S. Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to support WMU's programs of medical technology, occupational therapy and dietetics.