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Definite Educational Advantages

Western State Teachers College
Kalamazoo, Michigan

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The Hilltop

The hilltop that a quarter of a century ago bore a pear orchard is now the home of one of the nation’s greatest educational institutions. This college celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in a six-day program last June.

The story of its development includes important periods in the lives of hundreds of devoted educators, some of whom have been instructors in the college since its founding. Intimately tied up in this history are the educational and life careers of more than 12,000 alumni. Many of these fill prominent educational positions in Michigan; others have found profitable employment elsewhere. Already the force of the leadership of Western graduates is felt in the educational progress of the nation.

The college began as a Normal School June 27, 1904, in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Michigan legislature. Approximately 100 students enrolled in the fall term in the new institution. In the fall term twenty-five years later, the Normal, with its name changed to Western State Teachers College, and with its first principal—now President Dwight B. Waldo—still head of the institution, enrolled more than 2,000 students.

The first building at Western State, now known as the Administration building, was dedicated in 1905. It is the second building from the left on the Hilltop skyline pictured above. Four years later the training school, at the left, and the women’s gymnasium, at the right, completed the array of Ionic columns that is now so imposing a feature of the Hilltop.

Other buildings were added, including a men’s large gymnasium, and a well-equipped manual arts building, until the college is at present housed in seven permanent and four temporary buildings on a campus that has grown to include 57 acres of land, adapted to winter and summer sports, and ideally arranged, with careful landscaping, for the home of a large educational institution.

In choosing your college you will wish to consider its future. You will wish to consider whether it is increasing in importance in its principal field, enlarging its sphere of influence in the state and nation, and earning a reputation to which you, as an alumnus, can point with pride in later years.

Western State has shown a remarkable growth in twenty-five years, but the future of an institution depends not only upon buildings, and physical equipment, but upon the spirit that pervades it. While the spirit of Western is an aggressive one, it is also democratic and helpful.

Students who must earn their way through college are welcome. There are no social classes on the Hilltop. Ambition and sincerity and hard work are the passwords to recognition.
To 1930 High School Graduates

WESTERN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE INVITES YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF SOME DEFINITE ADVANTAGES NOW AFFORDED AT THE COLLEGE.

We Wish You to Know That—

1. Kalamazoo is an ideal location for a state teachers' college. It is a city of homes, industries, churches and educational institutions. Railroad and bus offer convenient transportation facilities to all parts of Michigan. The city is a center of improved automobile highways.

2. Western has a wide-awake, loyal, democratic student body, assembled from Michigan and other states. These young men and women are preparing for various lines of work in the public schools. Some will teach in the grades, others in the high school, some are specializing in physical education, some in music or art, some in household arts, some in commerce, others in manual arts. Some will become superintendents of schools, others will be supervisors in special subjects, or departmental teachers.

3. The faculty of 201 carefully selected instructors has been chosen on the basis of scholarship, personal qualities, and teaching efficiency. Seventeen of the group have the Ph. D. degree. A number of others have had equivalent training. Each year a group of the faculty is away on leave of absence pursuing graduate studies or traveling at home or abroad.

4. The physical equipment of the school is splendid. It is well situated in the center of a progressive city of 60,000 residents. The buildings are new and carefully planned. The inventory of land, buildings, and equipment is approximately $1,625,000.
We Wish You to Know That—

5. One of the best planned teachers' college libraries in the United States, accommodating 400 students in the reading rooms, now serves the student body at Western.

6. The new gymnasium for men has been in use since the summer of 1925. The building is 188 feet long and 86 feet wide. The front of the building is 32 by 80 feet. This is in addition to the main building. The new structure is splendidly arranged for physical education and competitive athletics. Comprehensive training facilities for all athletic teams and for all men of the school are provided. Seating capacity for spectators at games and indoor track meets is 3,000. The plan includes a 14 lap cork running track, offices, class rooms, locker rooms, hand ball courts, a baseball cage, wrestling and boxing rooms, special exercise quarters, a trophy room, showers, alleys for archery and indoor practice in golf.

7. A fifteen acre athletic field affords outdoor exercise for the general student body and provides unusual facilities for athletic contests. The baseball diamond, a first-class football gridiron newly graded and drained, and a quarter of a mile cinder running track are among the features. The new gymnasium for men provides housing and training facilities for varsity, reserve, and freshman teams, as well as intra-mural sports.

8. Western State Teachers College provides unusual training school facilities affording ample observation and practice opportunities for all students. In addition to the campus training school there are training units in the Kalamazoo public schools, a modern rural school, modern consolidated schools at Portage and Richland, and a large village school at Paw Paw, county seat of Van Buren county. Students doing practice teaching are transported morning and afternoon to the outside training schools in busses belonging to the College.

9. This year the enrollment of early and later elementary students in the four State Teachers Colleges is less than 60 per cent of last year, a survey conducted by the Appointment Bureau of Western State Teachers College shows. This means a big shortage of these teachers during the coming few years. Manual Arts, Music, Art and other graduates are in constant demand in the public schools of the state.

We Wish You to Know That—

10. Four-year courses lead to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. During the year 1928-1929 236 students were awarded degrees, and 659 students were awarded teaching certificates.

11. Three-year courses prepare for teaching in special subjects including

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19. More than 12,000 degrees and certificates were granted to Western students from 1904 to 1929. Seventy Western State graduates are now superintendents of city and village schools in Michigan. Fifty-four are principals of high schools.

20. Expenses are reasonable. There are many opportunities for remunerative work. Fees are very low. There is a general fee of $5.00 for each term of twelve weeks for residents of Michigan. There is also a fee of $7.50 a term which covers athletic activities, including admission to games. This fee also pays for subscription to the college paper, covers library expenses, and gives the benefit of first-aid medical attention from the health department.
Where Western Men Students are Taught Physical Education

Some go to college just because it seems to be the best thing to do after high school, or because they are persuaded by others. Possibly you have a very real purpose in seeking a college education. But there are thousands of students in college who do not know exactly why they are there, who drift more or less aimlessly through, and who arrive at the ends of their collegiate careers helplessly unfitted to meet real life conditions.

Do not go to any institution of higher learning unless you know definitely why you go there. Carefully study yourself and your qualifications; decide what you can or would like to do when you graduate, and let that be your guide in selecting the right institution for your training.

Western State Teachers College is an institution with a specific purpose—that of training for the teaching profession. Teaching is a vastly superior profession to what it was two decades ago. The teacher of today is a live wire, a factor in his community; he is reasonably paid, and gets a living and a lot of fun out of his work.

Particularly is this true of that branch of teaching known as physical education and coaching. In preparation for this the youth who in high school has demonstrated some athletic ability will find the true bent for his energies and his abilities, and he will have a rather sound assurance that at the end of his college career he will be fitted for a definite position that will pay him a better salary in most cases than he can expect after graduation from even the largest and most expensive colleges in the country.

More than 100 coaches and teachers of physical education in Michigan and surrounding states have received their training for their positions at Western State Teachers College. In addition to the professional advantages of this department, there is the opportunity to lay the basis for sound personal health in the future, and the acquisition of skill at some sport that will provide wholesome and healthful recreation throughout life.
Western State Students at Work

Western's new library enables all the students of the college to do reading and reference work under comfortable conditions. The building was erected after a careful study of the best university libraries in America. The best points of these were included in the plans for its construction.

The library is provided with modern equipment in stack-rooms, catalogs, delivery desk, and staff work rooms, supplying a maximum of service with greatest convenience to the student.

The main reading room is two stories high, and 147 by 38 feet. The lighting is the most approved indirect type. The floor is heavily covered with material that deadens the sound of footsteps and moving chairs. A large fireplace with an ornamental mantel gives a cheerful tone to the great hall.

The bookstacks contain 31,500 volumes chosen for reference to liberal arts as well as teacher training subjects. More than 300 periodicals come to the periodical desk of the library.

Through the museum in the second story of the library, Western students are favored with a special opportunity to study originals and copies from the masters in several branches of art.

Among the famous pictures in this collection are seven paintings by Inness; G. B. Cipriani's Paris and Oenone; Ruffin's The Refugees, Paris Salon 1920; Hill's Yosemite Valley; and Curran's Wind Flurry.

Included in the sculpture exhibited is a fine copy of Donatello's David, and the original of Motherhood by Jean Antoinette Injalbert, H. C.

The museum contains exhibits from all of the great schools of porcelain productions, including Royal Copenhagen and Royal Dresden, as well as examples of Wedgewood, Golle, and Sevres vases.

Hand illuminated manuscripts, many from Persia, some of which date back to the 8th and 9th centuries, provide students with an opportunity to observe the finest work in the book making art.
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Women's Physical Education Class

1930 Summer Session, June 30 to August 8
Fall Term Enrollment, September 23 and 24, 1930
Freshmen Days will begin Monday Morning, September 22