The play "Private Lives" by Noel Coward will open the 1974-75 season at Shaw Theatre at 8 p.m. September 12, 13 and 14. Tickets are available for all performances and reservations may be made at the Shaw Theatre box office, 383-1760.

Season tickets for all six Shaw Theatre productions may be purchased in person or by mail at the ticket office weekdays between 1 and 5 p.m.

In addition to "Private Lives," the Shaw Season Strip includes: "Playboy of the Western World" by J. M. Synge, to be directed by visiting artist Vincent Dowling of the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, "Purlie," a black musical comedy which was "Best Musical of 1976"; Shakespeare's "The Tempest," Bernstein and Hallman's operetta "Candide," and the musical based on tales by Chaucer, "Canterbury Tales."

Faculty, staff and students can purchase the Shaw Season Strip at more than a 50 percent discount by buying one strip for $8 or two strips for $15, saving $18 over individual admission prices. Faculty and staff may elect payroll deduction to purchase tickets.

For further information contact 383-1709.

Offer Payroll Deduction

A new payroll deduction system for the purchase of International Concerts '74-'75 and Patron's Choice tickets at Miller Auditorium has been established to allow WMU faculty and staff to stretch out payments while still receiving the discount offered on series books.

Richard Hoffert, assistant manager of the Auditorium, explained that the payments are distributed equally into 18 installments, beginning in September and continuing through May.

The necessary forms for the payroll deduction program must be completed in person at the Auditorium.

Changes Incidental

Creation of new central administration offices are incidental to the new administration at Western, stated Dr. Myron L. Coultier, vice president for institutional services.

"The concern over a workable grouping of administrative offices in the Administration Building is of long standing. For several years various members of the central administration and the several administrative support offices have been shuffled and reshuffled throughout the building on a piece-meal basis," he observed. "The purpose of these moves was to accommodate changing functions and growth which demanded different types of space. These changes have been made at extremely low costs and at best were temporary stop-

John T. Bernhard
New WMU President

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Comment on Presidential Residence

Citing "awkward circumstances" and "unfair criticisms," Board of Trustees Chairman Robert D. Caine issued a statement yesterday clarifying the Board's decisions concerning the purchase and decorating of a president's residence.

In it, he announced that the trustees had personally purchased a residence for the University president, while commenting on charges of extravagance in the local news media. Caine provided a detailed history of the Board's decision to provide "appropriate housing" for the institution's chief executive officer and his family.

The Board action included a decision to vacate the old president's residence—the Oaks—located next to the Administration Building and across the street from the University Student Center; the gift purchase of a residence on Woodside Avenue and later determination that that structure was inadequate; and the recent purchase and decorating of a home at 1201 Short Road.

"None of these expenditures were conceived of by the incoming president (Dr. John T. Bernhard)," asserted Caine. "Naturally, Mrs. Bernhard was consulted concerning the selection of colors and fabrics. We selected John Bernhard because of the excellent job and reputation he held at Western Illinois University. It is embarrassing to the Board that he has been greeted in such an unfriendly manner!" Bernhard took office Sept. 1.

"Not only did the Board of Trustees establish a maximum figure to be spent for the purchase of a president's residence, but they also set a limit for drapes, carpeting and interior painting," Caine observed.

"We're happy to say that our estimate was realistic because we have achieved and retained only through the cooperation and dedication of the total University community. Faculty, staff, students and administration should join with trustees in a continuing common cause for the sole purpose of building a still better institution. We should work together as closely as we did in the past and especially in the uncertain days of the Bernhard presidency."
Coulter Reflects on Presidency

Citizen support and the many other personal relationships he experienced with a variety of people provided a bonus for former Western Michigan University President Myron L. Coulter with "the most exhilarating six years of his life.

Dr. Coulter was recently reflecting on those relationships—with townsmen, trustees, administrators, colleagues, the Faculty Senate, other faculty and staff, students and legislators—as he prepared to step down as Western's chief administrative officer.

Dr. Coulter was appointed to serve as WMU president for the interim period following the February 28th retirement of Dr. James W. Miller and the September 1 appointment of Dr. John T. Bernhard. Coulter has assumed his former duties as WMU vice president for institutional services.

"It has been very gratifying to feel the very strong support of local citizens for this University in so many ways," Coulter said. "I have received numerous letters from area people who have offered advice and support; some have called my attention to the problem that the University can help solve. They're interested enough to raise questions about the February 1, 1974, appointment of Dr. John T. Bernhard. I've been interested enough to help find solutions to those questions and/or problems."

"Two very exciting experiences for me this year were the two commencements as president," Coulter observed. He noted that there is quite a difference between handing diploma covers to a trustee or the president as a vice president and shaking the graduates' hands as president.

"There's a great deal of warmth about the Higher Education Act," Coulter continued. "It's an emotional moment for me, particularly with the graduates who are a little older; they're glowing; without exception, they just light up when they come up that ramp."

"It may appear to be a perfunctory ceremony, but that commencement is a meaningful ceremony," stated Coulter. He indicated that these concerns and problems tend to pale "in the light of that good moment." He treasures the personal comments made to him by some of the graduates.

"I don't recall any negative comments, although just graduated students simply said 'thank you,' but I can count on less than ten fingers the number of times I've heard Dr. Bernhard." Some of the comments included,

Set Gym Classes For Youngsters

Gymnastics classes for boys and girls, ages 6-16, will be offered this fall at Western Michigan University.

Instruction on tumbling, trampoline and all gymnastic apparatus will be provided by WMU gymnastics coach Fred Orlowsky, a former All-American and collegiate champion.

The classes will be held in the gymnastics area in the Gary Center in intramural gymnasium on Tuesday evenings through Dec. 10. Classes will meet for one hour from 6:30 p.m. for Group I and 7-8 p.m. for Group II.

The tuition fee will be $20 per child with a reduced family rate also available for more than one child participant. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Orlowsky, 383-6440.

WMU, Union Ink Contract

Western and Local 1608 and Council 7 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees have agreed to a two-year contract for the University's bargaining unit comprised of approximately 320 food service, custodial, grounds and skilled trades employees.

The new contract was ratified Aug. 29 by a vote of 235-174. The vote was conducted by the Michigan Employee Relations Commission.

The contract offer was rejected Aug. 5 by a vote of 195-178. Union leadership had requested another vote because they were convinced that the University had made its "best offer possible," according to Local 1608 President Dale Willingham.

The agreement calls for the University to pick up the individual employee's five percent retirement contribution and an across the board increase in wage rates of 12 cents an hour, retroactive to July 1, 1974. In the first year, several provisions include a salary adjustment for new hires, increased retirement rates and improvements in the hospital-medical insurance plan.

"Thus, the package of salary changes equates to a seven percent salary compensation in each of the two years," observed Stanley W. Kelley, WMU's Council 7 of the American Federation and support that he has felt and shown me time and again that the University's full-time faculty and staff employees for this fiscal year.

The previous contract, also for two years, had expired June 30. Employees in the Union bargaining unit had been working without a contract prior to ratification of the new agreement. Expiration date of the new agreement is June 30, 1976.

Minn. Students Visit Psychology Facilities

About 60 St. Cloud, Minn., State College students will visit Western Michigan University Thursday and Friday (Sept. 5-6) to tour the psychology department and to observe the off-campus laboratory facilities.

They will be en route back to St. Cloud from the American Psychological Association meetings in New Orleans, La. This will be the fourth year that St. Cloud students have attended.

Dr. Gerald Mertens of the St. Cloud State psychology department leads the tour, he explained that Western won the bid because of its outstanding behavioral psychology program. While in Kalamazoo, they will visit the Child Development Center, Multi-Handicapped Center and the Day Training Center.

Their guide will be Dr. Frederick P. Gault, professor and chairman of the WMU psychology department.
Job Openings

Job openings listed at the University Personnel Department.

Secretary, C-3 Continuing Education—posted 8/27-9/3
Cashier, C-3 Miller Auditorium—posted 8/27-9/3
Secretary, C-3 General Business Finance Area—posted 8/27-9/3
Secretary, C-4 Accountancy—posted 8/27-9/3
Bookkeeper, T-2 Annual Fund—posted 8/28-9/6
Corrections Clerk, C-1 Academic Records—posted 8/28-9/6
Secretary/Keypunch Operator, C-2 Computer Center—posted 8/29-9/6
Secretary, C-3 Teacher Certification—posted 8/30-9/6
C.R. Typist, C-1 Placement Center—posted 8/30-9/6
Secretary, C-3 Business Research Services Institute—posted 8/30-9/6
C.R. Typist, C-3 Accountancy—posted 8/30-9/6
Instructor, Temporary 1 year, Instructional, Speech Path. & Audiology—posted 9/4/74
Secretary, C-5 Committee on Graduate & Professional Education—posted 9/4-9/74
Stenographer, C-2 Placement Center—posted 9/4-9/74
Secretary, C-5 Assistant to the Vice President for Finance—posted 9/4-9/74

Establishes Book Fund In Phillips' Memory

A book fund in memory of the late Dr. John R. (Bud) Phillips, associate professor of English at Western Michigan University, has been established at WMU's Waldo Library.

Dr. Phillips, a member of Western Michigan University's faculty for 13 years, died July 8 at his home.

The fund in his name has been established to acquire books on the Victorian Age of English literature and on the novelist Anthony Trollope, Phillips' fields of specialization.

Contributions may be sent directly to the Waldo Library administration. The gift fund may also be made payable to the Waldo Library Gift Fund and designated for the John R. Phillips Memorial.

Changes Incident to the Office of the...
Football Opener
Here Saturday

Western Michigan opens its 1974 football season at home Saturday, Sept. 7, against the University of Texas-Arlington. Kickoff time at Waldo Stadium is 1:30 p.m.

Coach Bill Doolittle's Broncos will be out to avenge their defeat in mind because of a 31-12 loss that Western suffered on Sept. 7, 1973 game at Arlington, Tex.

Athletic director Joe Hoy has designated Saturday's game as "Family Day." Parents and all children under 18 years of age will be admitted free to the stadium for a group rate of $5. Tickets may be purchased at Gate 1 on Saturday.

Cowser, Jorgensen
Grid Co-captains

Quarterback Paul Jorgensen and tight end Greg Cowser have been elected co-captains of Western Michigan University's 1974 football team, it was announced among their teammates.

This is the first time that two Bronco offensive players have been accorded this honor since college football re-adopted the two-platoon system of play during the mid-1960s.

Jorgensen, a senior from Green- ville, accounted for 1,194 yards in total offense last fall for the fourth highest total in school history. He already ranks among the top ten WMU career performers in passing yards by passing yardage and completions.

Cowser, a Dayton, Ohio, senior, is the returning starter. He caught eight passes for 98 yards and a touchdown in 1973 with five of these receptions coming in a 24-22 win at Toledo.

Ban Containers

Parking and crowd control regulations in effect at Western's home games have been announced by Athletic Director Joe Hoy.

Due to a serious concern for crowd safety, no one will be permitted to bring food or drink into Waldo Stadium this fall with any type of beverage container, he explained. He expressed hope that such a regulation will eliminate reports of injuries to fans who have been hit in the past by thrown foreign objects.

"A 6-pack of canned or bottled soft drinks is just as dangerous as alcoholic beverages when it is thrown empty or full into the crowd," Hoy said. "This policy is consistent with regulations at professional sports arenas like Tiger Stadium in Detroit.

He indicated that signs and staff members will be posted in the regular football parking lots calling special attention to this regulation to avoid any inconvenience for fans when they enter the stadium gates.

Downtown Coaches Meet

The first of the Downtown Coaches Football meetings, scheduled to be held on the second to last Saturday of each month, is slated for noon today, Sept. 5, in the 11 Forno room of Coral Gables East.

Head Coach Bill Doolittle will review the teams' progress and preview the upcoming opponents. Assistant coaches and players will also be on hand for a question-answer period.

Everyone is welcome to attend for the price of the meal.

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not exceeded that total project figure of $120,000 for the acquisition and decorating."  

"In searching for a correct amount for such a facility, we checked local colleges, Western Illinois University and other non-profit community residences," Caine continued, "and found that our proposed price was definitely in line with those other institutions.

He pointed out that cost of installation of a new roof on the Short Road home is being handled by the seller as stipulated in the purchase agreement.

Caine provided the following history: "The trustees were concerned for four or five years about the lack of family life in The Oaklands for President and Mrs. James W. Miller and their growing children. It was a neighborless neighborhood and the students often referred to that residence as a 'fish bowl' or the 'white cage'. There weren't any living children within a reasonable walking distance.

"This prompted us to think about a different location for a president's house," he continued. "Because of President Miller's position, the trustees then purchased and donated the Woodside house to the University for use as a president's residence.

"President Miller did not want to move so near to his retirement; therefore, Dr. Peter Ellis, then secretary to the Board and his family rented the Woodside home from the University. This gave them an opportunity to study the house carefully as to its appropriateness as a presidential residence.

"Before the house was shown to any of the presidential prospects, our Physical Plant staff, studying of modifications that would be required to adapt it for large group entertainment, estimated that such shortcomings as no driveway to the front door, inadequate parking for guests and no reception area for guests.

"Customary redecorating when added to the cost of these changes was considered exorbitant by the Board," he reported. "Therefore, the decision was made to keep the Woodside house and seek another residence more appropriate. Of course, the Woodside house will be used for the purchase of the Short Road home.

"The Board committee investigated more than 20 homes and they were visited by Mrs. Bernhard too," Caine said. "Some were turned down because the owners were asking a price more than our budget would allow.

"Furthermore, it should be pointed out that the Board decided that The Oaklands would be the new president's house and that it would fill a long felt real need for receptions and small seminars. It already was used for such functions and the only changes in it to date have been those of gifts of furniture."

"The University's Board of Trustees is pleased with the accommodations that we have provided for the President and his family, and the house is both a pleasant and adequate residence, but not luxurious. It is comparable with other presidential residences that we have visited," Caine concluded.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Faculty or staff members who require buildings to be open for classes at night or on weekends during Fall Semester should contact Bill Dykhouse, Department of Public Safety, 305-1800, to make arrangements.

The Honors College reminds faculty that requests for Fall Semester assistantships supported by the Russell H. Seibert Fund should be submitted early in September. The fund, managed by the Honors College, supports undergraduate students when engaged as teaching or research assistants to faculty.

The College of Business has established its own office of Academic Advising and Admissions, located in room 260, North Hall. Charles Shull is director of the new operation, and will be assisted by Mrs. Michele Moe, admissions officer, and Perry Hawkins, graduate assistant. Call 3-3062 or 3-4672.

Faculty and staff are asked to remind all seniors graduating in December 1974, April, June and August 1975 to complete registration paperwork to take advantage of Placement Center services prior to and following graduation. Tables will be set up September 10, 11, 12 and 13 from 9-11:30 a.m. in North and East Halls, and near the Dean's office in the 16E7 building. Placement registration materials are also available anytime at the Placement Center, Knollwood Building.

Friday, September 6, is the final date for Western faculty and staff members to obtain the 13 percent season ticket discount for Western's 1974-75 International Concert Series in Miller Auditorium.

Interested persons should contact the Auditorium ticket office.

A limited number of Western Michigan University's 74-page 1974 football press guide can be purchased for $2.50, payable to Western Michigan University, to the Sports Information Department in Gary Center, Kalamazoo, 49001.

"Faculty Publications 1972-73" was mailed to faculty members on Aug. 23. Those who have not received copies may contact Fred Bickel, 3-9031.

The University Bowling League, the "Broncitos," is organized for faculty. All working members of WMU's faculty, staff, students and wives of faculty, students, and staff members are invited to join. Those interested in being placed on a team, or who wish to organize friends to form a four-member team should contact: Linda Tiller, 345-1011 or 382-4953; Mary Ellen Varbie, 327-7613; or Lori Stoitan, 344-6680. The first meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. September 16 in room 169, University Student Center, followed by bowling at 7 p.m.

Due to the tremendous number of eligible work-study students this year, work-study assignments were given in advance to the departments. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships asks cooperation in limiting transfers to only those absolutely necessary, since most departments are fully staffed and no transfers will be most difficult.

The date for Parent's Day on Campus has been changed from Saturday, Sept. 28, to Saturday, Oct. 26.

Thomas E. Coyne, vice president for student services, did double duty Aug. 23 at summer commencement in Waldo Stadium when he gave both the invocation and benediction in addition to his normal platform duties. He was a last minute substitute when the invited minister was unable to attend the program.

The WMU men's faculty/staff bowling league's organizational meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6 in the Faculty Lounge of the University Student Center. All team captains or a team representative must attend, contact league secretary Tom Sabel at 385-1700. Also notify Sabel to drop team franchise.

Seats still remain for the WMU Alumni Association tour "Discover Hawaii," from Dec. 3-10. The tour includes Honolulu on the island of Oahu and seminars. It also includes reservations for such functions and the only changes in it to date have been those of gifts of furniture.

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