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ENROLLMENT INCREASES TEN PERCENT

A new and very effective format for orientation was introduced at Western this year. For a complete week prior to the beginning of classroom work, all entering students at Western shared in an orientation encounter held at Camp Geneva on Lake Michigan.

Each day, Monday through Thursday, the day began with chapel worship, followed by coffee and fellowship. On Monday morning, Dr. Elton Eenigenburg, Academic Dean, presented material on curriculum design. On Tuesday morning, Dr. Lester Kuyper introduced the Biblical Field; on Wednesday morning, Dr. Donald Bruggink presented material for the Theological Field, while on Thursday morning Prof. Hugh A. Koops introduced the Ministry Field. Each such presentation was followed by small group discussion; each group consisting of seven persons including five entering students, one faculty member and one upperclassman.

Each day during the luncheon session at Camp Geneva a brief presentation was given by various student groups, including the Student Council, the mission program, the student publication and other student activities. Each afternoon was used to give various tests to the incoming students. After a block of time reserved for recreation, a fellowship dinner for students and their wives, together with faculty and their wives was scheduled each day.

Following the dinner, a presentation was made each evening. On Monday the Business Manager, Henry Kleinhekkel, presented the overview of finances at the seminary; on Tuesday a presentation was made for Adelphia, the seminary wives group; the Wednesday presentation concerned field education; and the Thursday evening presentation covered pastoral care. Final activity each evening was a series of small group discussions: on Monday "What Will Seminary be Like?"; on Tuesday "Who am I?"; on Wednesday "How Did I Get Here?" and on Thursday "What Will Happen During This Year?"

On Friday, Miss Mildred Schuppert, Seminary Librarian, gave a presentation and instructions for library work, followed by a fellowship coffee with the faculty and the entire seminary staff. Throughout the orientation week, students found opportunities to hold individual conferences with faculty members.

Expenses of the program were underwritten as a special project by the First Reformed Church of South Holland, Illinois, whose pastor, the Rev. Arnold F. Punt, is secretary of the Board for Theological Education, RCA.

The excellent results achieved in the newly structured orientation week for new students led to a similar weekend orientation seminar for middlers directed by Professor Nykamp, using the same general technique in explaining and seeking to understand the essence of the middler year and its purposes for that class. In the near future a similar orientation program for the senior class will also be held.

An innovation in the academic work involves a method of learning in groups. Although continuing classroom sessions occupy much of the students’ time, a number of professors have on specified days of the week structured the class for a group learning process in which a small number of students work together to complete an assignment under the direction of a teaching assistant. This assistant is a seminary upperclassman who has already worked through the material. He helps the students ferret out the information and questions essential for that learning experience. This method reduces the number of lecture hours, while increasing the techniques of learning through shared experience. The assistants are trained by being enrolled in an instructor class led by Professor Claud Crawford of Hope College, who each Tuesday afternoon meets with the teaching assistants and the supervisory professors involved, in a seminar session. Together they evaluate their experiences and seek to learn from them increasingly effective teaching methods for given situations. The entire method of the seminar stresses learning rather than being solely concerned with content.

For the first time this academic year, certain selected courses will submit the students to a “pass-fail” evaluation, rather than a traditionally form of grading. Typical of these courses are those in the practical field of Christian ministry where the emphasis is more on ability to perform a skill than it is on some kind of percentage of attainment. The pass-fail system is on an experimental basis for this year. The use of electronic equipment has been broadened to a point where the faculty and students collaborate in using a portable tape recorder and cassette system in evaluation of student papers. Such papers are written on numbered sheets with numbered lines, so that the professor can quickly identify the page and line of the subject matter to be discussed. The professor then dictates on the portable recorder such comments as he thinks appropriate for that particular section of the paper. In this way he may expand what formerly was a short cryptic comment to a more carefully articulated response by means of his verbal comments through the tape recorder. In each instance the student submits a cassette with his paper and receives both the paper and the professor’s comments on the cassette, after which he uses a recorder in the library to listen to the evaluation given by his professor. The student in this way receives an evaluation considerably more comprehensive than formerly, while the professor’s time is conserved by use of the mechanical system.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Theolog, innovations such as student night ministry, team ministries in field education, greater reality in the preaching situations, and the organization of seminary students into small groups for intensive pastoral care are more fully described.

CASTEEL LEADS STUDENT RETREAT

Western’s Annual Student Fall Retreat was held at Camp Geneva in early October this year.

Featured conference leader was Dr. John L. Casteel, General Secretary for Leadership Development, Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ. Theme of the retreat was “Journey into Honesty.”

Dr. John L. Casteel views a group of student wives in creative expression at the Student Fall Retreat.

Beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday afternoon, students and faculty received introductory material from Dr. Casteel, after which group discussions centered on such questions as: “Who am I Theologically?”, “Who am I in relationships?” and “Who am I before God?” Objectives of the discussion groups were (1) to become honest with one another and before God, and (2) to get to know one another—student body—faculty—staff—in a relaxed and open atmosphere. Presence of the student and faculty wives was an important ingredient in the discussion.

The Saturday schedule followed a similar pattern, with morning sessions, a group luncheon, an afternoon with free time, recreation and opportunities for individual conferences with the faculty, and an evening fellowship meal followed by a communion service to conclude the retreat. The committee for arrangements included President Ridder and students Dave Hensley, Tom Eggebeen and Eugene Pearson.
The faculties have convened, the Board has met, the dust has settled, and my judgment is that we made some significant progress in pressing toward the mandate given to the Board of Trustees by the General Synod to unify theological education in the Reformed Church.

Presented to the faculties for their consideration was the report of the Program Design Committee being readied for the Board meeting. Essentially, it suggested that theological education in the RCA be modeled on the Curriculum of the 70's drawn up by the AATS study committee of which Dr. Gordon Kaufman, our consultant, was co-chairman. It is a two-level, two-site curriculum in which the first level would have as its title, "Christian Identity" and as its purpose to enable the student to live and act with theological understanding in the world. The second level would have as its title "Professional Ministry" and its purpose would be to enable the student to equip the church for her mission in the world.

The proposal won approval from the joint faculties as a "viable option" which might be studied further. The Board voted that it saw in the proposal a "creative possibility."

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES ARE INTERESTING, VARIED**

Dr. Osterhaven, Professor of Systematic Theology and author of the pamphlet "Transylvania" (the pathos of a Reformation tradition) made the pages of "The Congressional Record" for August 15, 1968. The Honorable Frank Horton, representative from New York state, addressed the National House of Representatives on the subject "Bridges to the East of Rumania" and referred to Dr. Osterhaven's pamphlet, originally published by *The Reformed Review* of Western Seminary, which details the ethnic, geographic and political development of Transylvania under Rumanian rule. He reported that his copy came through a gift of a constituent, Mr. Louis Lote of Rochester, New York, one of the leading spokesmen for the Transylvanian cause in America. Dr. Osterhaven is the editor of *The Reformed Review*.

Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven gave an important paper on "The Leading of the Holy Spirit in Christian Social Responsibility" at the North American Area Theological Committee at its meeting in Atlantic City on January 8-9, 1968. The excellence of this treatment led to its being published in the "Bulletin of Theology" published by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Dr. Lester J. Kuyper presented a series of Bible studies on the prophets during the two days of a conference of ministers in mission churches conducted by the Lutheran Church in America on June 4 and 5. Ministers from the State of Michigan were delegates to the conference which was held near Fairview, Michigan.

Dr. Wm. C. Brownson served as the guest preacher this past summer at the Pensacola Theological Institute in Pensacola, Florida. This is an institute established chiefly for Presbyterian, U.S. ministers and theological students. Dr. Brownson preached at two Sunday services and five weekend meetings during the course of the Institute.

During a stay in Mississippi, Dr. Brownson was privileged to meet for an afternoon's discussion with the faculty of the newly-organized Reformed Seminary in Jackson. Two members of the faculty were his former seminary classmates.

Dr. Donald J. Bruggink has served on the Committee on the Revision of the Liturgy, acting as business manager for the editor, the late Dr. Gerrit T. VanderLugt. The sale of The Liturgy is approaching 6,000 copies.

As chairman of the editorial committee of General Synod's Commission on History of the Reformed Church in America, Dr. Bruggink, in cooperation with Dr. Elton J. Bruins of Hope College and Dr. James Z. Nettinga of The American Bible Society, has edited the first volume of *The Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, ECUMENISM AND THE REFORMED CHURCH* by Herman Harmelink III. The book was reviewed in the September, 1968 issue of *The Reformed Review*.

On October 15 Dr. Bruggink participated in the dedicatory services of the Christ Memorial Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, for which he served as theological/architectural consultant to the architects, Kammeraad & Stoop, of Holland.

New faculty assignments are working out very well. Professor Wm. J. Oudersluys is being busily at work in his appointment as Director of Field Education and professor in the Theological Field. Professor Robert A. Nykamp is functioning as Director of Counseling and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care, while Professor Takemori serves as sabbatical replacement for Dr. Oudersluys in the first quarter of the school year. Academic Dean Elton M. Eenigenburg is relieved of about one-third of his regular teaching load, that he may direct the administrative duties of his office. The move to cluster administrative functions in adjacent offices for President Ridder, Dean Eenigenburg, and Business Manager Kleinheksel has resulted in a more effective direction of the work at Western.

**Wolfert Conference Held at Garden Grove**

In a new "first" for Western, the seminary held a Wolfert Conference on Church Vocation in Garden Grove, California, using the newly dedicated Tower of Hope of the Garden Grove Community Church. President Ridder gave the keynote address, and church leaders with specialized background and skills led discussion groups and workshops in the morning and afternoon sessions, on Saturday, October 26. The noon meal was served in the dining facilities of the church, and the film "Inner-City" was presented to the group. The Rev. Kenneth Van Wyk, minister of education for the Garden Grove Church, served as Registrar, and other members of the staff of the church helped in discussion groups and other associated activities. President Ridder led a discussion on new and emerging types of specialized ministries. This conference, as all previous ones, was underwritten through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Wolfert of Benton Harbor, Michigan.
CLASSMATES BECOME CHAPLAINS; JISKOOT FIRST RCA FEDERAL CHAPLAIN

Two graduates of Western’s class of 1967 were recently assigned to ministry in widely varying areas, one of them serving as the Reformed Church’s first federal chaplain.

Donald J. Jansen underwent clinical pastoral training at Detroit General Hospital from June-August, 1967, during which period the destructive racial riots were experienced in that city. He was commissioned by the United States Army in August, 1967, and attended the Army Chaplain School at Fort Hamilton, New York, graduating December 1, 1967. His first assignment was at Fort Bliss, Texas, from where he was transferred to overseas duty in Vietnam. Jansen began his tour of duty on the first week of October, 1968.

Chaplain Donald J. Jansen

Preaching Class Uses Socio-Drama in Sessions

A new program in the teaching of preaching skills was begun this school year. In the past the program to create an atmosphere of reality in a preaching situation among the students. For this reason, Professor Brownson co-opted the services of Professor Nykamp in using socio-drama. As an example of the method, in the first attempt the dramatic situation of the congregation represented by students was that of a father who had during the past week accidentally killed his seven-year-old-son in a tragic farm yard accident. The student pastor was requested to preach in the context of this real-life situation. Reports from this initial attempt were enthusiastic, and Professor Nykamp commented, “I think we have a tiger by the tail!” Alumni, hard put to remember their afternoon preaching sessions will be pleased to learn of the heightened level of interest introduced by this attempt to re-create reality. The continued use of the videotape recorder adds to the value of the teaching experience as the sermon is played back and evaluated.

Chaplain Donald J. Jiskoot

Donald D. Jiskoot entered clinical pastoral education following his graduation in 1967, spending one quarter at New Mexico State Hospital in Las Vegas, followed by four quarters at the Federal Youth Center in Englewood, Colorado. He completed his training on September 15, 1968. In August he was nominated by the Federal Chaplaincy Committee of the National Council of Churches to become a chaplain in the Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Department of Justice. He has been appointed a Protestant chaplain at the Federal Reformatory for Women in Alderson, West Virginia 24910, beginning on October 6, 1968. The reformatory is the only all-female institution in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, presently with 550 inmates, sentenced for federal crimes of various types and degrees. Jiskoot is one of 31 Protestant chaplains in the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, a “club” in numbers at least more exclusive than the U.S. Senate.

Night, Team Ministry Lead Efforts in Involvement

This fall for the first time a structured program of night ministry has been inaugurated by the students and several of the faculty members of the seminary in the City of Holland. In an attempt to meet the needs of the night population, they have banded together in a continuing ministry to search out needy souls and provide for them the kind of ministry that the gospel of Christ has to offer. This new attempt at evangelism has already given very interesting results. It is yet another way by which our students are brought into direct conflict with the needs of men as they are expressed by those who are often outside the reach of the church’s regular ministries.

A further attempt in the journey toward reality is the organization of several team ministries in Field Education this year. Because supervision is the key to all meaningful field experience, this new method incorporates supervision in its structure. In addition, since seminary students generally use a faculty member as a model for ministry, this too became a part of the new program.

Record Number of Students Interning in Parish, Other Centers

Western’s Intern Program, begun in 1961-62, has grown both in numbers and scope. During this academic year, fifteen Western students are serving as one-year interns, not only coast-to-coast in America but this year reaching out to the Bahrain Islands. Here Mr. K. C. Daniel is filling an intern appointment as a sabbatical replacement for the Rev. Darrell Franken, who is spending a one year furlough in the states. Mr. Daniel is serving the English-speaking congregation in Bahrain.

Areas in which other interns are working include Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, California and Minnesota.

Following an initial appointment of Richard Bennink as Assistant College Chaplain at Central College in Pella last year, the college has again requested a similar appointment for this year. Robert Dahl is fulfilling this unique appointment, with results which should be rewarding both to the Central College students, the seminary and to the churches in that area. In a slightly different role as campus minister, Dave Grissen is serving the Navigators on the University of Illinois campus in Champaign-Urbana. Opportunities in campus ministry enable Western students through the intern year to determine by their experience the possibility for a career commitment in this area of Christian ministry.

The Christian Ministry Field advocated that several team ministries be set up with the foregoing principles as guidelines, so that the additional value of bringing faculty members into direct relationship with current parish problems could be realized. A team of which Dr. Lester J. Kuyper is faculty advisor, includes three seminary students plus the Reverend Harlan Ratmeyer in the Covenant Church in Muskegon, a racially changing neighborhood parish. Each week each of the members of the team spends from twelve to fifteen hours working in that parish, resulting in about sixty hours of work a week in the area. This means that the faculty member devotes his “field” time for one year to that one church rather than taking his place in the “preaching circuit.” A similar team with Professor Robert A. Nykamp is working in the Bethel Reformed Church area of Holland. Professor Hugh A. Koops is leading a group in the same ministry with the Second Reformed Church of Zeeland. Tremendous advantages are already being realized in this activity, since the minister and elders of the church, together with the faculty member and the seminary students, meet regularly to create new approaches to problems and to evaluate program results. This new pattern has pointed the way to significant ministry in our time.
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BRUGGINK TO HEAD TRAVEL SEMINAR

Western Seminary has announced proposed plans to sponsor its third travel seminar in the form of a "Western Christendom Travel Seminar" as a repeat of the 1967 experience. Dates for the seminar are June 19 to July 31, 1969, with the tour to begin at Amsterdam and include Rome, Italy, Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands. All-inclusive cost is $895.00 for the student, and $795.00 for the wife.

During the summer of 1967, Dr. Donald J. Bruggink led an enthusiastic group of travel seminar participants through Europe, viewing the sites of historic interest in the development of Western Christendom, beginning at Rome and covering Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands. A group of 33 persons accumulated life-long memories and acquired a wide range of information and inspiration through that six-week experience.

This past summer, Dr. Kuyper and Dr. Cook led a study seminar group through the Holy Land and its biblical sites, followed by tours in Athens and Rome before returning to the States.

Alumni are encouraged to correspond with Dr. Donald J. Bruggink at Western Seminary if they are interested in participating in this proposed travel seminar.

Western Students Attend School of Evangelism

Five Western students attended the Pittsburgh School of Evangelism, held in connection with the Billy Graham Greater Pittsburgh Crusade in early September. Over a five-day period, from September 2 to 6, they were members of a school which totaled 1,400 ministers and seminary students, all under forty-five years of age, representing forty denominations, and housed at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel in Pittsburgh. Representing Western were Dave Hensley, Herman Gruis, Bob Hedhuis, Art Zeilstra, and Don Collier.

The delegates reported in detail on their experiences at a recent Thursday noon fellowship luncheon. Each morning addresses were given by renowned leaders in evangelism, each afternoon the group worked in seminars and workshop discussion groups, while each evening they attended the Crusade meetings in the 55,000-seat Pitt Stadium, serving in the role of observers. A single donor underwrote the total cost of all 1,400 delegates to the school, including their travel to and from Pittsburgh.

The consensus of Western’s deputation was that this experience had enlarged their understanding of the role and importance of evangelism in their future ministry, and had served as a powerful stimulant to their planning for their future work, both as parish ministers and in their teaching ministry following their graduation from seminary.

The student body and faculty of Western were helped to see the enlarged dimensions of evangelism efforts in our day through the complete and comprehensive report of the delegates. It is hoped that other students may have similar opportunities in connection with future Billy Graham campaigns.

FACULTY RETREAT HELD AT CRAN-HILL

Western’s Faculty Retreat preceding the current academic year was held on September 3 and 4 at Cran-Hill Camp. The retreat was housed in one of the buildings acquired when the site was purchased by the Synod of Michigan, to be developed as a family type camp grounds for recreation and inspiration through the Michigan Synod and its director of young people’s work.

Western’s faculty enjoy a moment of relaxed fellowship during the Cran-Hill Faculty Retreat.

The weightier moments devoted to a study in depth of the problems and opportunities raised by the radically revised curriculum were interspersed with many lighter moments, not the least of which was the break for delectable meals prepared by the skilled hands of Dr. Osterhaven, famed tour guide of canoe expeditions to the north, and accomplished camp cook.

The program of Western faculty retreats was inaugurated when the men of the Midland Reformed Church who are employees of the Dow Chemical Company undertook a project called the "Midland Faculty Scholarship Fund" designed to underwrite the costs of these activities. The Cran-Hill experience follows earlier memorable occasions of a similar nature at the University of Michigan and at the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Western is grateful to this group of enthusiastic supporters whose far-sighted wisdom has enabled the faculty to achieve a new sense of its fellowship in commitment to the important task of preparing young men and women for Christian ministry in these challenging times.

FACULTY CONVOCATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON WESTERN’S CAMPUS

The Faculty Convocation, a biennial meeting under the auspices of General Synod in which the faculties of the two seminaries meet together, was held in conjunction with the October 21, 22 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The faculties convened on Friday evening, October 18, and concluded the day before the Board began its sessions. The Program Design Committee of the Board also met on October 21 in preparation for the meeting of the Board.

The reason for the two meetings in close conjunction was so that the faculties could consider the preliminary report of the Program Design Committee to the Board of Trustees. The essential aspect of the proposal was a two-level, two-site program of theological education for the RCA. The concept received general approval as a "viable option" by the faculties and a "creative possibility" by the Board of Trustees.

The principal result from both meetings was an action in which a Curriculum Committee was drawn up to work under the direction of the Program Design Committee. The committee is composed of the Deans of the two seminaries, three faculty members from each school (Cook, Bruggink and Nykamp from Western and Beardslee, Fries and Wissink from New Brunswick), plus two students from each of the student bodies. Dr. Eenigenburg was named chairman of the committee.

The purpose of the committee will be to explore further the possibilities of the two-level, two-site proposal by seeking to present a complete program as to how it might be carried out.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for January 27 and 28 at which time a preliminary report of the committee will be presented to the Board.

Student Begins Catechism For Special Education Children

Professor Garret Witterdink and Mr. William Paarlberg, a second year M.C.E. student at Western, have arranged a catechism program for special education children in the Holland area. Children with many types of handicaps and up to 15 years of age will meet weekly for one hour beginning November 7 in the classrooms of the Third Reformed Church in Holland. Mr. Paarlberg who has eight years of professional work in the education of handicapped youth will direct the program. Interested high school and college students will assist him, so that the work will be done on a one-to-one basis. Meeting the expenses of this new program would be an appealing project for some Guild or Men’s Brotherhood for this year.
PAR INSTITUTE GIVEN NEW FORMAT

Following several successful years of PAR Institutes, Western this year joined with Calvin Seminary and Bethesda Hospital in Denver to hold "Seminary in the Rockies" as a cooperative venture.

It was held at the YMCA Camp in Estes Park, Colorado during the last week in August, 1968. About 55 Reformed and Christian Reformed ministers, together with their families, participated in the seminar with President Ridders and Professor Koops of the Christian Education Department representing Western's faculty. Serving from Calvin were Dr. Andrew Bandstra and Dr. Carl Kromminga, while Bethesda staff members included Chaplain Frank Koeningk and Dr. William B. Scholten.

Theme of the conference was "Ministering in a Tangled World," with study groups searching for methods of untangling individuals, families, Christian groups and society at large. Western's faculty team guided the institute in considering the subject "Witnessing in a Tangled World" while Calvin Seminary's faculty team discussed "The Biblical Message in a Tangled World." The Bethesda Hospital team guided the group through the sociology and psychology of the subject matter being discussed and studied by the entire conference.

Many conference attendants included entire families, some of whom used tents or travel trailers, while others were housed in the camp lodge. Structured activities were designed for children and wives as well as the ministers who attended the conference.

The PAR Institute held in Pella, Iowa on July 8-12 was led by Dr. Donald J. Bruggink and Professor Robert A. Nykamp of Western's faculty, on the campus of Central College in Pella. The group of twelve delegates with its faculty members met in the one week conference to consider "Church History and Church Merger" and "The New Model in Pastoral Counseling." Each day began with worship, followed by a class session in each discipline, with fellowship meals, study, recreation and integration seminars held throughout the week. The seminars provided an opportunity for dealing with actual case situations using the principles studied in each morning session.

The enthusiastic response of participants in "Seminary in the Rockies" was so great that Western has agreed to hold a similar conference there on July 21-25, 1969. Tentative plans call for a PAR institute in the state of Wisconsin at some other period during the summer of 1969.

Fellowship Grants Offered

Western Seminary is a participant in "The Parish Ministers' Fellowship Program" which offers fellowship grants up to $6,000 for continuing theological education. The program is underwritten by the Fund for Theological Education, Inc., and is financed by the Sealantic Fund, Inc., of New York City, established in 1938 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The purpose of the program is to encourage and assist younger parish ministers to develop specific abilities for their tasks that will bring additional focus to their ministries. Graduates holding the B.D. degree obtained not less than five nor more than ten years ago are eligible to apply.

Western alumni interested in this fellowship must make application directly to the faculty of an accredited theological seminary, which has the privilege of placing in nomination a limited number of persons for enrollment in this program. The fund will send application blanks directly to the candidates and will make decisions concerning the granting of fellowships. Pastors interested in engaging in an academic project under the supervision of a theological faculty for a period of anywhere from one month to one year should indicate their interest to Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan 49423.

Pastoral Care Program Set at Western

This year an intensive pastoral care program was begun under the direction of Professor Robert A. Nykamp, Director of Counseling. The seminary student body was divided into a number of groups comprised of eight families in each group. One faculty member was given responsibility for one such unit of eight couples, for the various needs that will present themselves in the general area of pastoral care. The faculty approved nine guideline principles for the new pastoral care program for the year. In commenting on this new undertaking, President Ridders said, "Under the direction of Professor Nykamp, and with his additional resources to lean on, I feel that this will be a much needed improvement over earlier efforts in this direction."

Faculty and Students Become Speedy Readers

Seven members of Western's faculty and four seminary students have enrolled in the Evelyn Woods Reading Dynamics course offered for eight weeks in the Holland area. Designed to train its participants in increased speed of reading as well as increased comprehension, the course promises to help its students achieve at least a triple speed of reading rate together with increased comprehension of the material read. Because the faculty participants will be greatly aided in processing the voluminous reading material required of them, the administration has authorized the use of the Midland Faculty Development Fund as a resource to underwrite their participation in the program. The Midland Fund is provided by dedicated laymen from the Midland area who are also employees of the Dow Chemical Company.
Western Alumnus Inaugurated At Dubuque

Dr. Karl Hanhart of Western's class of '49 was inaugurated as Associate Professor of New Testament at the theological seminary of the University of Dubuque on October 8 in the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Hanhart became visiting professor of New Testament in the fall of 1964. His B.D. work at Western was under a scholarship from the World Council of Churches. A graduate of the University of Amsterdam, he also earned his doctorate at that institution. He served a twelve-year tenure as missionary-pastor among Dutch immigrants in Alberta and Ontario, Canada, in Reformed Church congregations.

Zwemer Kitchen Remodeled

During the summer vacation, Mr. Frank Gunneman arranged for the construction of new kitchen facilities in the Zwemer Hall basement where single seminary students cook their meals. About twenty single students are housed in Zwemer Dorm, along with fifty Hope College students in the north sections of the building. Kitchen privileges are offered to the seminary students only. Appliances include three refrigerators, one large freezer, and a gas stove with oven. The newly-installed equipment includes adequate cabinet space for the storage of foodstuffs and staples for each student, together with cabinet top working space. The kitchen is adequately lighted and roomy enough to accommodate tables and chairs for a small group at a time. Apocryphal tales of delectable meals produced by creative cooking groups occasionally leak out from the dormitory residents. Here is a worthy project for guilds or men's brotherhoods to undertake in the current year: namely, an offering to help defray the $2,500 cost of this kitchen renovation. Western especially appeals to guilds of churches whose single student members are residents of Zwemer Hall this year.