April commencement: another beginning

An estimated 9,000 persons filled Read Fieldhouse April 19 for the university's winter semester commencement exercises. A total of more than 1,750 students received bachelor's, master's, specialist's or doctoral degrees. An estimated 1,350 of them actually participated in the ceremony.

The floor house was overflowing with young—and not so young—men and women, dressed in the traditional black robes of academic. The mortar boards of some were festooned with sentiment, parting shots written in white tape on the black panels: "At Last," one said. "Thanks, Mom and Dad," said another.

One young man—Walter S. Polk of Detroit, who received a bachelor's degree in flight technology—wore a miniature airplane attached to his mortar board with a wire.

For the record, the university awarded 1,310 bachelor's degrees, 424 master's degrees, three specialist's degrees and 19 doctoral degrees on that bright, early spring day.

It was a time of bright dresses for women and pressed suits for men, some of them the parents of students who would be the first in their families to earn a college degree. Commencement, after all, means "a beginning," it is the academic equivalent of the Easter Parade.

Many more than one graduate accepted a diploma cover from President John T. Bernhard or Trustees Chairman Maury E. Parfet and then raised it arm's-length toward the roof in a gesture of triumph and, for some, relief.

It was a great and tender moment, mixed at once with sadness, pride and promise. None of them would ever pass quite this way again.

Witnesses to the event included members of the administration, headed by President Bernhard; members of the Board of Trustees, headed by Mrs. Parfet; and emeriti trustees Alfred B. Connable, Dorothy Upton Dalton and Philip N. Watterson.

It was an important moment for others, as well. Three distinguished persons received honorary degrees and a fourth was recognized with the university's first Distinguished Service Award.

The honorary-degree recipients April 19 were Dr. Fred S. Keller, 81, of Aiken, S.C., a psychologist who retired in 1976 from Georgetown University and who had been a visiting or adjunct professor here between 1968 and 1973, community leader Duane L. Roberts, 62, of Kalamazoo, a 1950 graduate of the university who is employed by the U.S. Postal Service; and Dr. Myong (Turn to page 3)

The University has adopted a logo. The logo, or popular symbol, is best described as a contemporary configuration of the letters WMU, which is intended to stand for the university in a wide variety of situations.

"The new logo, whose uses include letterhead for all official university correspondence, does not replace the University seal," said Martin R. (Joe) Galg, executive assistant to the president. "The seal, however, will be reserved for use on official documents, such as diplomas, transcripts, certificates, legal documents and the like."

The seal, adopted in 1957 at the time Western was designated a university, was designed by John G. Kemper, professor emeritus of art.

The logo is intended to serve as the touchstone of a university-wide identity program.

"We want the logo to heighten the sense of community and to enhance the image of the university, not individuals, departments, areas or colleges—just the university," Galg explained. The University Publications Office in the Information Services area developed the program.

The logo and guidelines for its use were approved by President John T. Bernhard, upon recommendation by the president's cabinet. The cabinet is made up of executive-level administrators, including the university's four vice presidents.

Elwood B. Ehrle named vice president for academic affairs

The appointment of Dr. Elwood B. Ehrle, 46, as vice president for academic affairs and as a tenured professor of biology was approved March 21 by the Board of Trustees, effective July 1.

Ehrle, vice president for academic affairs at Indiana State University (ISU), Terre Haute, but has been on special assignment since last August to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in Washington, D.C. There he has worked with a national center for planned change in higher education and has pursued ISU requests for federal support.

Ehrle also has worked with Service to Opportunity Colleges (SOC), an AASCU-sponsored project funded by the Department of Defense, SOC's 411 cooperating colleges and universities facilitate higher education opportunities for members of the armed forces. He has been redeveloping SOC's membership criteria to ensure a higher quality of programs.

He replaces Dr. Cornelius Loew, who resigned Dec. 31 to return to full-time teaching. Dr. Philip S. Denenfeld, associate vice president for academic affairs, is serving as acting vice president.

Ehrle assumed his ISU vice presidency on July 1, 1976. Previously he was vice president of the University (Turn to page 3)

Canoe trip poses problem

Transportation from Kalamazoo to Eagle, Alaska, might pose a greater problem for two women students at Western than a proposed 1,400-mile canoe trip this summer on the Yukon River from the city of Eagle westward to the Bering Sea.

Pamela G. Torbico, 31, a graduate student from Farmington, and Beverly M. Feldpausch, 27, a Lansing senior, said difficulties keep cropping up as they work out details of the canoe trip, which they expect to begin on the river by June 30. Feldpausch said the river expedition, planned to take 40 days, should not present any insurmountable obstacles for them and their Kevlar canoe, which is stronger than fiberglass and can be repaired with fiberglass and resin.

"There will be no portaging required," she said, "and there are only two sets of rapids and we can shoot them."

But the 3,000-mile auto trip to Alaska is their biggest concern. Feldpausch said, "I have a 1974 van which might not hold up over the rough roads between Dawson in Canada, where paved roads end, and Eagle. They cannot ship the customized canoe to Eagle by air "because of possible damage in crating and transporting it," Torbico observed.

(Turn to page 10)
An alumni luncheon will begin at 11:15 a.m. Kickoff time for the Homecoming football game is 1:00 p.m. The WMU Broncos will host the Falcons of Bowling Green State University.

A number of colleges and departments are planning post-game receptions for their respective alumni. The WMU Alumni Association will host a dance in the University Student Center starting at 9:00 p.m. with Bob & Davidson's band providing the evening's musical entertainment. This "AFTERGLOW" is designed to provide returning alumni an opportunity to come together at day's end to visit with former classmates.

All WMU alumni and friends are invited to return to campus for "BROWN AND GOLD ONWARD!" October 3-4, 1980. Details regarding Homecoming activities and reservation forms will appear in the August issue of "The Westerner.

Homecoming Show
Mel Torme and Buddy Rich will perform together at Western's Miller Auditorium Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 4. There will be one show at 8:00 p.m.

Vocalist Torme, a famous recording artist, has performed at major hotels and clubs in Las Vegas in recent years as well as starring in movies and television productions. "The drummer is Buddy Rich," he said. "He is a headliner with most of the big bands and his jazz at the Philharmonic tours. Rich's 15-piece big band will join him and Torme for this WMU appearance.

$8.00, $7.00 and $5.00 tickets are available and may be purchased by phoning the Miller Auditorium ticket office (616) 383-0933. MasterCard and VISA are accepted.

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April commencement (continued from page 1)

Won Suhr, 60, who has been president of Chungnam National University in Korea since 1977.

Jay Van Andel, 55, chairman of the Amway Corp., Ada, Mich., received an honorary degree from Western Apr. 14 in a ceremony at the annual meeting of the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Yousef Alavi, professor of mathematics, was presented with a plaque and an honorarium of $1,000 as the recipient of the university’s first Distinguished Service Award. The award, established by President John T. Bernhard and administered by a committee headed this year by Dr. Visho B. Sharma, is intended to recognize significant contribution to the university and larger community by a faculty or staff member. Alavi has been on the faculty at Western since 1958.

The entire ceremony, which lasted about an hour and forty-five minutes, had the musical emphasis of the Symphonic Band under the direction of Dr. Richard D. Suddendorf, professor of music. The evocation was given by the Rev. Roger E. Gereaux, minister of the People’s Church in Kalamazoo.

Honorary degree recipients—preparing to participate in April 19 commencement exercises, from left, Maury E. Parfet, chairman of the Board of Trustees; honorary-degree recipients Dr. Fred S. Keller, Duane L. Roberts and Myong Won Suhr; and President John T. Bernhard.

Board names department chair

Dr. Eugene M. Bernstein, professor of physics and head of the Van de Graaff Accelerator Laboratory at Western, has been named Department of Physics chairperson by the Board of Trustees.

He joined the faculty in 1968 after teaching at the University of Texas in Austin, the University of Wisconsin and Duke University. Bernstein received B.S., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke in 1953, 1954, and 1956, respectively.

He is an elected fellow of the American Physical Society, member of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honor society, and has been an investigator on research grants valued at more than $73,000 awarded to the university in the past 10 years. Bernstein is the author of more than 55 research papers published in scientific journals.

Bernstein’s appointment is effective July 1, replaces Dr. Larry D. Opgen, who will return to teaching.

Ehrie named to academic affairs post (continued from page 1)

Dr. Fred S. Keller, professor of psychology.

I am in a difficult position here today. For the past 10 years or more, I’ve been predicting the collapse of Western Michigan University and all the other universities in this country as we know them now...

I’ve been telling anyone who’d listen that our educational system was failing in its function, that in passing along our culture—our knowledge and our knowhow and ideals—from one generation to the next.

I have said that every student should be guided, encouraged and evaluated individually, and privately, at every step throughout his study...

I’ve said that teachers should be managers of learning, rather than orators, reporters, debaters or entertainers; and that administrators ought to be relieved from duties of arbitration, money-getting and repairing all the damage done by inefficient teaching, in order that they might devote themselves to educational concerns.

You can see the situation I am in. How could I possibly have said what I’ve been saying and still accept the honor I’ve been given here today?...

I have decided to select some progressive and prestigious university... to serve as the model institution and the training ground for personnel to bring about the revolution I’ve predicted.

So, in recognition of the recognition of my radical position, I herewith grant to Western Michigan University this great honor—this pioneering privilege, and this token of my high esteem.

Our globe is shrinking, and therefore, it is becoming more complex everyday. Unless mankind learns how to live peacefully, with understanding and cooperation, human civilization might perish within a few years. There cannot be East or West. Unfortunately, however, we do not yet fully understand each other.

Eastern nations are now struggling very hard for social and economic development.

Naturally, we are learning or copying Western civilization, especially its science and technology. Unfortunately, however, Western civilization is misinterpreted as material culture in spite of its highly spiritual and humane nature. Unless we, the Eastern people, fully understand this basic core of Western civilization, it will be impossible to develop our nations. Your love of vertices, rather than mere knowledge and skills, should be imported to all.

Through my limited experience in the United States as a student, research scholar and visiting professor, I have found that, in spite of apparent differences between the East and West, there are no fundamental differences in human nature.

The university in any nation is, or should be, an idea-polis and value-creating institution. Through the exchange of professors and students between our two universities, not only mutual academic advancement may be achieved, but also better East-West understanding, which is sine qua non for global progress and world peace.
Few if any Western Michigan University coaches have had a more distinguished athletic career than Fred Orlofsky, who started the men's gymnastics program on the varsity level in 1967.

Since the squad began competing for Great Lakes League championship honors in 1971, he has produced six title winners including the men's gymnastics program on the varsity level career than Fred Orlofsky, who started the coed gymnastics program at WMU.

Also accounted for 34 individual crowns, while another six have qualified for NCAA championships.

Orlofsky was a member of the 1960 United States Olympic team and also represented the USA at the 1963 Pan-American Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and at the 1965 World Championships in Prague. In 1974 he was a judge at the World University Games in Moscow, and in 1978 he was a judge at the Golden Sands Invitational in Varna, Bulgaria.

He and his team have also made trips to Europe for competitions and exhibitions from funds raised through its gymnastics school program.

A native of North Bergen, N.J., Orlofsky attended Southern Illinois University where he was an all-around star on three teams that placed second in NCAA standings. He was a three-time NCAA individual all-around runner-up and won the 1961 rings title. He also won three 1960 NAAU titles and later earned selection into SIU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Gymnastics has had its most rapid growth during the 70's. A large percentage of its popularity is due in part to the superb television coverage of championship events and the Olympic Games. Many sports fans will not easily forget the tiny, 4' 11", 84 pounder who won the hearts of millions of T.V. viewers during the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Who could have predicted that a 17-year-old Russian named Olga Korbut could have had such a positive effect on the popularity of a sport? What probably caught the public was not what she had accomplished, but what she failed to do. During the early part of the competition, an unfortunate error in her uneven bars routine caused her to lose all chances of winning a medal in the all around event. As the T.V. camera moved in, disappointment was evident as tears rolled down her cheeks. Everyone who saw the performance was emotionally moved by her misfortunes.

She became an instant heroine. In the individual event finals, the crowd cheered her every move and booed their disapproval if the judges underscored her. She eventually won four medals, three gold and one silver, in the very event she had missed earlier in the week. Young girls could identify with her. All had the potential to become another Olga.

After the 1972 Olympic Games the Soviets toured the United States and other parts of the world highlighting Olga. Every show was a sellout, further increasing the popularity of gymnastics.

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**U.S. gymnastics**

**The Struggle for Olympic Recognition**

by Fred Orlofsky

Gymnastic Training in the U.S.

As a result of Olga's popularity and the televising of the Olympics, the gymnastics boom had begun. Gymnastics clubs throughout the country found they had long waiting lists of girls wanting to learn. Many new clubs and organizations opened to meet the demand. Children from 6 to 16 had dreams of being an Olympic gymnast.

Now most of the early training and development of young girls in the U.S. comes through the various private gymnastic clubs. High school programs throughout the country are also growing by leaps and bounds. At the recent World Championships the average age of the U.S. women was 16 years of age. The life of the elite woman gymnast begins early and is short lived, however. The women's events are designed to highlight grace rather than upper body strength, one reason they can adapt to it at such a young age.

In contrast, the men do not start world class gymnastic competition as early as the women. They mature later and peak while they are in college or beyond. The greatest problem seems to be keeping their interest and training level up after they graduate from college. If the male gymnast is able to do postgraduate work, this is to his advantage.

**U.S. Involvement in Gymnastics**

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popular male performer was Nikolai Andrianov from Russia. In 1979 the Soviets finally dethroned the Japanese at the XX World Championships held in Fort Worth. At the same competition, the Rumanian women won the team competition, which had been dominated by the Russian women since 1952.

The only international competition our earlier teams had was the World Championships and the Olympic Games, alternating every two years. The main reason was the lack of financial support in our country compared to the government subsidies to athletes in Eastern European countries.

One of the major reasons for recent successes in our U.S. programs has been the sponsorship by various companies. In 1977 the makers of Dial soap signed a three-year contract worth a million dollars with the U.S. Gymnastic Federation. This money has been used to help pay for training camps, expenses for transporting competitors to competitions, foreign travel, and staging international meets.

Our junior and "B" teams have had more opportunities to compete internationally than ever before.

Opportunities to compete internationally have kept our "grass roots" program growing. This is of prime importance for future successes. The final goal has been to prepare the strongest U.S. team ever for the Moscow Olympics.

It was not until the 1978 World Championships held in Strasbourg, France, that the United States emerged as a world power. Kurt Thomas won the gold medal in the floor exercise to claim the first title won by a U.S. gymnast in world or Olympic events since 1932. Also in France, 15-year-old Marcia Frederick defeated Nadia to win the gold on the uneven bars.

In light of our current political situation, however, these dreams may never come true this year for the U.S. gymnastics team. The hard working, dedicated athletes and the fine direction of our coaches under the U.S. Gymnastic Federation. Perhaps the next king and queen will be from the United States.

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Former head and university interior decorator, Lydia Siedschlag, dies

Shen explains Chinese cuisine

"The diner should seek a balance among taste, texture and presentation," says Dr. Phil Shen, BA '66, MA '68, PhD '72, and proprietor of Dr. Shen's Restaurant in Chicago.

In the March issue of Cosmopolitan magazine, he also says, "In addition to choosing difference among different regions of China and various degrees of spiciness, select at least one showy dish—like a whole sea bass or duck." Phil has also been featured in a recent issue of Host magazine, where his culinary and logistical expertise won high praise. On one occasion, he was asked if he could prepare a 12-course dinner for China's minister of defense. He surprised by the practicality of the principles and theories he observed. He witnessed all super.

Shen is a graduate in the class of 1915, Miss Siedschlag returned to the faculty in 1921, became head of the art department, and served for a number of years as the first dean of the College of Applied Sciences. With Kohrman (right) at the dedication of the WMU Homecoming Student Union in 1974.

BROWN & GOLD ONWARD

Plan ahead for Homecoming

As it is always best to plan ahead, make your lodging reservations for Homecoming weekend today.

The Kalamazoo County Convention and Visitors' Bureau has a lodging assistance telephone number. Simply call (616) 381-4073 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and the Bureau will make your advanced registration at the Kalamazoo hotel/motel of your choice. A confirmation and hotel/club guide will be mailed to you.

The Kalamazoo Hilton offers a "ConvexVacation" package. The price of $39 per day for the entire family includes a deluxe room, champagne upon arrival, free use of the Health Club patio, whirlpool and saunas, complimentary wine with any meal in the Metropol, the hotel restaurant.

When making your Hilton reservation indicate you are WMU alumni returning for Homecoming as they are holding a block of rooms.

The Kalamazoo Hilton phone number is (616) 381-2310.

Make your Homecoming lodging reservations now.

Michel Molinier, 24, a former student of Dr. David McShane of the First Presbyterian Church, with remarks by Dr. Paul Maier, professor of history and Lutheran Student Pastor, President John Bernhard, and Miss Gwen Frostic BA '29. Doctor of Humanities, was named for her in 1949.

William E. Paden, an associate professor in that department, said department members hope to attract more international students, thanks to publicity from students like Molinier.

During the past four years, six Japanese students have also studied under Western's food distribution program, part of the Department of Distributive Education. William O. Haynes, an associate professor in that department, said department members hope to attract more international students, thanks to publicity from students like Molinier.

In Kalamazoo to gain his participation experience, a requirement in the food distribution program.

Molinier graduated from the Ecole Superieure de Commerce de Marseille, before beginning his studies at the Western LSA editors interviewed Molinier in Paris during his 1979 Christmas break from Western classes.

For more information: For more information on the Lydia Siedschlag Memorial Fund may be sent to the Western Michigan University Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.
Phonathon sets
record pledges

Two hundred and 40 WMU
volunteers-emeriti, students, alumni and faculty—launched Western's 1980
Phonathon and collected a total
pledge of $22,634 in pledges col-
lected during the month of February. Pledges included financial support
for Western's scholarship and loan
funds, departmental and college pro-
grams, as well as unrestricted support.
Volunteer phonathon workers con-
tacted 2,289 WMU alumni and friends over the four-week period.

The largest pledge total by a student
was served in the Army Air Corps in
western University, and took his ad-
vanced degrees at the University of
Chicago. Before joining Western's
lege. He held this position until June
November as professor emeritus of
classroom, before retiring that

Dr. Joseph M. Wepman of Palm
Springs, Calif., has received a
Distinguished Alumni Award.
A 1935 graduate, Wepman has been
cited as one of the first scientists to
recognize the need for comprehensive rehabilitation in the field of aphasia.
He organized and developed the
Language Modalities Test for Aphasia
and the Wepman Auditory Discrimina-
tion Test.

In addition to a bachelor's degree in
speech from Western, Wepman receiv-
ed a Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin and Ph.D. from the
University of Chicago.

Thomas G. Tallman, Tunst, Calif.,
executive committee member of the
WMU Alumni Association, made the
presentation to Wepman at the gathering
of WMU alumni from Southern California in February.

Wepman and his wife, Ruth, live at
2480 Durango Circle, Palm Springs,
Calif.

First dean of
General Studies dies

Dr. Robert M. Limpus, 72, first dean
of the College of General Studies, died
March 10 in Kalamazoo.

He came to Western as an associate
professor of English in 1947, and held a
variety of teaching and administrative posts before heading up the new col-
lege. He held this position until June
1972, when he returned to the
classroom, before retiring that
November as professor emeritus of
humanities.

Dr. Limpus was educated at North-
western University, and took his ad-
vanced degrees at the University of
Chicago. He also taught at Michigan
State and Eastern Michigan Univer-
sity, and Muskingum College, as well
as serving in the Army Air Corps in
World War II.

He leaves his wife and two
daughters.

Buszek: the berry connection books author

There is no apparent connection
between psychology and cranberries,
but Beatrice Ross Buszek has formed
one—and it also extends to blueberries.

From her days as a undergraduate
at Western, RA '62, then a mother
with three small children, she has pro-
gressed to a doctoral candidacy and the
successful authoring of two specialty
books, "The Cranberry Connection" and
"The Blueberry Connection."

Both are filled with lore of their
respective berries and collections of
definitions of hundreds of alumni who volunteered
their time or made a thoughtful
pledge.

Wepman receives
alumni award

1955 class sets reunion

A Silver Anniversary Reunion will be held on Friday evening, October
3, in Kalamazoo for 1955 graduates.

A committee of 1955 class members is currently being formed to
advise the WMU Alumni Office on reunion details.

Information regarding the upcoming reunion will be mailed to all
class members later this month.

1955 graduates interested in serving on the reunion committee
should contact the alumni office.

$5,000 gift to WMU-Pictured from left are
H. E. Klein, turbocharger and emission
systems engineering manager with the Ford
Motor Co., Dearborn, presenting a $5,000
check to Western for the College of Applied
Science engineering division and accepted
by Dr. Harley D. Behm, transportation
technology chairman. The gift will be used
for programs to encourage and assist women
and minority students to enroll in the
engineering curriculum here.
Margaret Perry has 'hand-in-glove' careers: librarian and author

Margaret Perry says that even if she suddenly came upon a million dollars, she would probably continue her work as a librarian. 'When I walk into a library, it's like putting a hand into a glove.'

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1934

Maurice Wexler, AA '34, reports recent perfor-
mances of his works, "Serenity," for chamber orchestra, and "Symphonic Brevi,
by the Asheville, NC, Symphony, and "Jesus Is Come," a Christmas carol, by the
Western Carolina Community Chorus. He resides in Waynesville, NC.

1939

Dale Clark, BS '39, a Reed City High School
coach, begun his 34-year career, has been named to the Michigan Coaches Hall
of Fame. He coached track for 59 years, from 1941 to 1970, football and basketball
from 1941 to 1980, and 15 years of cross
country.

1940

John Linden, BS '40, has been teaching art
in the Midland school system for nearly 40
years. Linden, who will soon retire, started
his art career at Vestaburg and is now residents of Gaylord.

1942

Dr. Kenneth W. Proctor, BS '42, chairman
of the department of art at the University of Texas, Austin, represented WMU at the
inaugural ceremonies for the new president of Trinity University, San Antonio, in
February.

1943

William Kersten, BA '43, is president of Risk
Treatment Services of Colorado and was recently named president of Risk Treat-
mant Services of Bermuda. He is also presi-
dent of the Hanseatic Insurance Company of
Bermuda. He divides his time between his
home in Colorado and Bermuda. He resides in Waynesville, NC.

1948

Barbara Wilson, BS '48, was named to the board of trustees of the University of
Washington. She is the daughter of three children.

1950

Roger Semroz, BA '50, was named Grower of
the Year by the Michigan State Florists
Association. He grows a variety of flowering
plants in his greenhouse in Adrian.

1951

Robert Bradley, BS '51, MA '57, was nomi-
nated for the Kansas Master Teacher
Education Association of Pittsburg, where he has been a longtime
professor of industrial arts education. He is
known throughout the U.S. as a specialist
in foundry education, has taught seminars
across the country, and is a visiting professor at universities.

David Freeborn, BS '58, a U.S. Coast
Guard graduate, is a competitive fisherman in the Bering Sea. Freeborn is the commanding
officer of the cutter Suits, homeported in
Kodiak, Alaska. After three days of efforts, the Suits' crew caught one fish from the
ice, and a week later, the other ship was broken free to join us.

1956

Kenneth Dyer, BBA '56, was appointed superintend
nt of the Bath public schools. He was formerly superintendent of Union
City schools.

1959

The Hon. Ronald Taylor, BBA '59, was
elected to a two-year term in the Court of
Appeals for the Berrien District Court. A former county
prosecutor, Taylor was elected to the bench
in 1975.

1960

Raymond Clark, BA '60, MA '63, was ap-
pointed the community relations director for the
Cross Plains Area. He is the director of community affairs and urban
development at the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

1961

Judith Wise, BA '61, MA '71, is currently the
director of field services and voluntary
development with the Michigan Trails Girl
Scout Council in Grand Rapids. In the past
she has served on the faculty at Indiana
University and the University of Wisconsin.

1962

Mary Zeherbo, BS '62, a home economics
teacher at Frankenmuth high school, has been
named to the advisory board of Home
Economics magazine. She reports on issues
of concern to home economics educators
and keeps the editors informed of local
trends in home economics.

1963

Clay Veid, MA '63, retired after more than
28 years of teaching at Baldwin High
School, and was honored by the Student
Council, the National Honor Society,
and fellow students during a special retirement
program.

1964

Larry Winkop, BBA '64, was appointed the
general manager of the Du-Wel manufactur-
ing facility in Bangor. He has been plant
manager at Bangor since 1976, and has
been with Du-Wel since 1969.

1966

LaVerne Hill, BS '66, teaches and coaches at
Mount Pleasant High School. She and her
wife Margaret, have three children.

1970

Ken McCarley, BBA '70, MBA '76, was
designated Citizen of the Year by Three
Rivers Lightning Club. Her community
activities have included the Girl Scouts, the
board of directors for Three Rivers Hospital, the
St. Joseph County Family Service Board, the
NAACP, the Three Rivers Philharmonic
Association and the American Association of
University Women.

1974

Jim Westvall, BS '74, opened a part-time
psychological services center in the
Saugatuck-Douglas area. Besides counseling,
Wentzel offers personality assessment and
vocational testing for persons contemplating
lifelong change.

1976

Michael Kopke, BBA '76, joined Acme
Building Components as the sales manager
for their new ceramic products in Waukegan.
He comes to the firm from Lifetime
Building, a Lake County, IL company. He has
also spent several years in the real estate business with Philips
Management, Inc.

1980

Ralph LeBlanc, BS '80, a retired Newerco
teacher who spent 32 years coaching high
school sports, was inducted into the Michigan
High School Coaches Hall of Fame in Mar-
ch. He began his career at Vestaburg and ended it at Newaygo.

1983

Robert Moore, BA '83, was named the
coordinator for Battle Creek's Sesquicenten-
narian activities. She also serves on the
Historic District Commission, studying
structures of historic or architectural
significance in Battle Creek.

1984

June Noyelle, TC '84, is a music teacher
at Vicksburg elementary school, and the
part owner of a gift shop. She recently
devoted some of her "spare time" to an-
choring the piano for the rehearsals and performances of a Rotary musical presenta-
tion.

1987

Dale Spriks, BS '87, earned a master's degree
in economic geography at the University of
Michigan. He will be working for a Des
Plaines, IL, consulting firm that specializes in
urban development and they are recogniz-
ing pioneers in the field of industrial rela-
tions.

1989

Sherrill Sampson, BA '89, teaches grade
4 English and senior high German in Three
Rivers.

1991

Gene Miller, BS '91, MA '95, was ap-
pointed the executive director of the Kent
County unit of the American Cancer Society. He was employed by a 4-year
youth agent for the MSU Extension Service for the past 13 years.

1993

Bill Munson, BBA '93, is conducting
research at the European Nuclear
Physics Research Center in Geneva, Swit-
zerland.

1995

Stephen Kaiser, BS '95, MA '96, was nomi-
nated to regional commissioner for the northern
region of A. H. Robins Company, the
manufacturer of pharmaceuticals.

1997

Carol Wick, BS '97, was appointed the
physician education director at the St. Joseph-
Bridging the Gap.

1999

Dr. Janet Branch, BS '99, was appointed
acting dean of the School of Education and

Athy's Inc. Elays is responsible for daily
reinforcement of new stores.

1964

John Woods, BBA '64, was appointed ad-
ministrator for their new ceramic products in Waukegan.

1966

Charles Welling, BBA '66, was appointed
assistant vice president at the Kent
County unit of the American Cancer Society. He joined FMN in 1977 as a com-
munity relations director.

1968

Richard Fluke, MBA '68, was appointed to
the Board of Directors of the Hartun
Mutual Insurance Company. He is the direc-
tor of Pennoak Hospital and also serves as a director of Hartung City Bank and
Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan.

1970

Clein Trench, BS '70, received a doc-
toral degree from Wayne State University

1975

LaVerne Hill, BS '75, teaches and coaches at
Mount Pleasant High School. She and her
wife Margaret, have three children.

1977

Ken McCarley, BBA '77, MBA '80, was
chosen as the chairman of Northville
Township Planning Commission. He is the
general manager for business services for
Michigan Bell.

1979

John Stoner, MA '79, was appointed the
director of the King County unit of the American Cancer Society. He was employed by a 4-year
youth agent for the MSU Extension Service for the past 13 years.

1981

Dr. Thomas Marshall, BS '81, is conduc-
ting research at the European Nuclear
Physics Research Center in Geneva, Swit-
zerland.
Allied Professions at Miami University, Ohio. Current professional activities include chairing the Teacher Education Redesign Project and serving as a member of the statewide research team for the Ohio Study Council for Research and Evaluation in Teacher Education. She recently presented two papers at the annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Wisconsin. James Kanary, BS '65, was named branch administrator for the Colorado River Basin in Grand Junction in 1968 and has served as branch manager before moving into the commercial loan department. He is currently the manager of the Silverton Bank of the Saginaw School District Board of Education. James J. LaRue, BS '65, is a Latin-American consultant in the Michigan Department of Rights, based in his home town of Port Huron. He is working on a doctorate in higher education administration at Michigan State University.

George Jacob, MA '65, was named assistant superintendent of business and personnel for Lowell Public Schools. He has spent five years teaching and has 11 years of administrative experience.

1966
Robert Dixon, BBA '66, was promoted to manager, retail account marketing for the Whirlpool Corporation. He joined Whirlpool in 1963 as a sales representative of Frigidaire products. He began his career with GM in 1966 at the Fisher Body plant in Kalamazoo as a clerk, production control section. He transferred to the Special Products Division in 1971 as an assistant engineer, material and production control, and he most recently served as senior engineer, industrial engineering at Whirlpool.

Judith Hall, BA '66, MA '71, was appointed director of youth services for Van Buren County. She has been a teacher in Kalamazoo schools for 11 years and has served as a counselor for the Youth Services from 1971 to 1977.

Roger Vandersheid, BS '66, is the director of the Kalamazoo County Mental Health Services Department. He was formerly the director of the mental health program in Cedar Hill.

Stephen Cloud, BA '66, was promoted to executive vice president and general counsel of the American Movers Conference of American Trucking Associations. Before joining AMC in 1977, Cloud worked for four years as a staff member at the Thomas Cooley Law School. He has been active in the American Bar Association and the Michigan State Bar Association.

Russell Cannon, BS '66, MA '79, was elected Teacher of the Year at Western Michigan University. He teaches in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, where he has taught Latin since 1969, been a teacher of Latin, and has been a teacher of Latin in Kalamazoo since 1970. Van Gunderson, BS '66, MA '74, is an instructor in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Michigan. He has been a teacher in the Flint Community Schools since 1970, and has taught mathematics at the Flint Community Schools since 1970.

John Hartman, '66, was promoted to vice president and director of the First American Bank of Florida. He has been with the bank since 1966. Ronald Nettro, '69 Steve Broome, '70

Fred Foster, BBA '67, opened a new law practice in Gaylord. Formerly an associate of Remmery and Foster, he has practiced law in Gaylord for the past seven years, specializing in plaintiffs' workers' compensation and disability insurance. He is also working for two years with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

David Keefer, MBA '67, was promoted to manager of employment for the western United States for American Airlines. He has been with United since 1966.

Allan Bellware, BBA '67, MBA '68, was promoted to vice president and director of marketing at the First American Bank Corporation, Kalamazoo.

Carol Upham, MA '67, opened a music store in her home at Albion and offers group lessons on rhythmic, music theory, singing and the development of vocal technique. She has been teaching music since 1965.

Jerrold Lawless, BA '67, was appointed as a consultant for a new water treatment system for the Flint Board of Control. He is a former Marine Corps officer and has served as a teacher in Alton, Illinois.

Wendy Bogus, BS '67, has been appointed as assistant for a grant to write a radio series on nutrition. The grant was made available through the Nutrition Education Program, the USDA, the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction and the South Bend Community School Corporation. The series was written by Bogus and is broadcast to the area's group of second graders. While a student at WMU she worked as a secretary for the marketing and sales department.

John Yellick, BA '68, has been appointed to the Flint Community Schools, where he is a counselor in the special education division. He has been a counselor for the Youth Services since 1970.

Charles Cherney, MBA '69, vice president and controller of the Hanimex Manufacturing Corporation, Battle Creek.

George Lauer, BBA '69, a Melvindale area manager for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, has been promoted to the special projects division of the orchestra. He has been active in the arts community since 1967.

Alan Norris, BA '68, is employed by the American Foundation for the Blind and is area manager for the American Foundation for the Blind in Michigan.

Janice Hamilton, BA '68, was hired as the food service manager for the South Haven Public Schools.

Patrick Decker, BS '68, MA '71, MA '75, will take up his appointment as assistant superintendent of Stockbridge community schools in August. He joined the school district three years ago as a principal and was appointed assistant superintendent in 1977. He has been a learning disabilities consultant and teacher with the Holland Public Schools and prior to that he taught for four years with the retired postmaster in Fort Myers, Florida.

John Yellick, BA '68, has been promoted to director of human resources and personnel for the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

Tom McCullister, BBA '68, has been promoted to director of personnel for the Thomas Cooley Law School. He has been a member of the Thomas Cooley Law School faculty since 1969.

John Yellick, '68, has been promoted to director of exploration manager-Great Lakes, 8000 Energy Corporation. He will be working out of offices located in Fort Wayne, Indiana and was most recently responsible for the exploration of the Berrien County area.

Jerry Collins, BS '69, was promoted to the Flint Community Schools, where he is a counselor in the special education division. He has been a counselor for the Youth Services since 1970.

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1969
Dale Gaumer, MD '69, Kalamazoo, is a member of the Westland Family Counseling Services and serves as the director of the Westland Family Counseling Services.

Linda McKinney, BBA '69, MBA '76, is a consultant in the Flint Community Schools, where she is a counselor in the special education division. She has been a counselor for the Youth Services since 1970.

Barbara Huber, MA '70, is currently president of the Kalamazoo Chapter of the League of Women Voters and has been involved with LWV for the past nine years.

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Eric Werner, ’71
Patricia Fanberg, ’75
Richard Pratzer, ’71

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1976
Barbara Evans, BBA '76, was promoted to trust officer in the employee benefits division at Traverse City State Bank Trust Department. She joined the bank in 1976 as personnel marketing assistant.

Janet Warz, BA '76, joined Wenzel school, Saginaw, as Randi, teacher. She previously taught first grade in Colon for three years.

Paul Hershein, MPA '76, is serving as a local consultant to the Alcoholism Rehabilitation center at Tri-City Community Hospital. Mr. Hershein served as the director of an outpatient treatment program for two years and for the last five years has been coordinator of an outpatient program for substance abuse services.

Richard Barta, BBA '76, of Lansing, was made a member of the life insurance million dollar sales club.

Tony Lavender, BM '76, is a singer, drummer and percussionist in the Miami area. He has a busy schedule of clubs dates in the Palm Beach area and studio recording dates in Fort Lauderdale. He is also teaching percussion at the University of Miami, Coral Gables.

Deborah Whirl, BS '76, is a special education teacher at Farnsworth Elementary School, Holly.

Richard Boy, BA '76, is teaching elementary school in Sturgis.

Mike Ross, BA '76, is teaching at Crystal Lake School, Franklin.

Anthony Pandel, BBA '76, has been promoted to the rank of inspector with the City of Portage Police Department. He serves as second in command of the department. Pandel has 23 years of police experience with the Downriver Industrial and Michigan State Police.

Kathleen April, MPA '76, was promoted to plant controller of Container Corporation of America's folding carton facility in St. Paul, Minnesota. Kathleen previously served as controller for another division, a control team in 1976, and in her new position she is responsible for all accounting functions and office management.

1977
William Josephson, MA '77, was given a distinguished service award and named an Outstanding Volunteer by Marshall Jaynes for his civic contributions and charitable work. Jaynes is also a vice president of the Calhoun County Intermediate School District's Vocational Education Center and is a part-time real estate salesman.

Mark Gillings, BBA '77, was promoted to operations manager at the General Telephone Company, Three Rivers. He joined GenTel as a communications specialist in 1975.

Carol Allen, BS '77, is a speech therapist and teacher of pre-school handicapped for the Gogich-Ontonagon Intermediate School District. Prior to her work with GenTel for two weeks she worked as a summer speech therapist with Leep Language and Learning Center, a summer program speech therapist in the Carmel School District and is a substitute elementary teacher.

Morton Jones, MA '77, was promoted from personnel assistant to personnel manager at Auto Specialties Manufacturing Company, St. Joseph. Before joining Auto Specialties last year she was an employment counselor with Sculling and Scullling and a personnel representative with Barker & Son Finishing Company, Otsego.

Pamela Almstrom, MA '77, is with the Chicago Community Counseling Center in Grand Rapids.

1978
Edie Wurtzhalter, BS '78, is now a varsity coach at Vickburg high school. She was formerly engaged at the Helen Cooper Center, Kalamazoo.

John Gottlieb, BBA '78, is in handling the night desk at the Ionia Sentinel-Standard.

Bill Miller, BS '78, is associated with Miller Brothers Oil Company of Allegan, an independent company active in developing Michigan oil properties.

Richard Roy, BA '76, is teaching elementary school in Sturgis. He joined the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District as a third grade teacher. He was formerly employed at the Helen Coover Elementary School, Benton Harbor. Both are married to nurse practitioners and are involved in volunteer work with the Community School of the Lakes, a violence counselor for the school's new sexual abuse program.

Deanna Couin, BS '67, a flight attendant with United Airlines, was married to Galen O. Sebena, in Monroe. They live in Garden Grove, CA.

1979
Clarence John Batts, BA '71, and Linda Nderdevile were married at the Second Reformed Church, Kalamazoo. Mr. Batts is employed at Balkema Inc.

Janet Lynn Adams, BS '71, and Marvin Vanderlaan, BS '71, were married in Kalamazoo Memorial Chapel. The couple live in Fruitport, where he is a financial analyst for Teledyne Continental Motors, Muskegon, and the groom is an engineer for the same firm.

Faye N. Bolez, BS '72, became the bride of Robert DeMarte of Hancock's Apostolic Lutheran Church. The bride is a teacher at Parkside school and lives with her husband in Midland.

Verl John Flanders, BS '73, married Patricia Spoon at First Baptist Church of Otsego. The couple now live in Grand Rapids and Mr. Flanders is employed by Swift & Company, Holland.

1980
Exchanging nuptial vows in Kalamazoo were Janet Hick, BS '74, and Richard A. Oviatt. They reside in Kalamazoo and she is a teacher with the Kalamazoo public schools.

Janice Marilyn Kidd, BS '75, was married to Gary Lee Slater in Traverse City in April. They live in Kalkaska and she is a secretary at Cheyenne Growers, Inc.

Karel Ellen Hall, BS '75, and Joseph Guen, were married at the United Methodist Church of South Haven. The bride is the director of nursing services at the Community Hospital, Medical Park, Waterview.

Judith Sophia Rybinsky, BS '75, was married to John Norman Onuchich at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kalamazoo. She is a mathematics planner for Chrysler Fan Company.

Linda Bliven, BS '75, became the bride of Robert R. John's Lutheran Church Three Rivers.

Andy Conner, BS '76, and June Ellen Buckwell, BS '77, were married at First United Methodist Church, Benton Harbor. The bride is the director of Lincoln Drive Care Center and the groom is employed by the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Gary Stephen Conder, BA '76, and Rhonda Jane Ferguson, were wed at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo. He is a tool design engineer for the Eaton Corporation.

Sheerie Ann Terrel, BS '76, and Jack Slater, BS '71, both of Southfield, were married at Communist United Methodist Church and now live in Southfield. The groom is employed by Sylvania and Associates.

Larry Preston Silver, BA '76, married Mary Lou Moody at St. Margaret Catholic Church, Otsego. The groom is a construction technician for General Motors Hydramatic.

Debra Rae Harsch, BS '76, and Ross Woodham, were married at the First Congregational Church of South Haven. The bride is a teacher in the South Haven public schools.

1977
Wendie Lynn Wagner, BS '77, and Al Fisher were united in marriage at Hudson First Methodist Church. The couple live in Hudson. She is an elementary teacher in the Walden school area.

Stephen Michael Fry, BS '77, was married to Paula Ann Post at Sterson Chapel, Kalamazoo College. Fry is a student at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine.

James Douglas Hyde, BS '77, and Marcia Ruth Pen Long, BS '77, were married at Spring Valley Wesleyan Church. He is a teacher at Gull Lake Christian School.

Robert C. Hall, BS '77, and Eudora Slayton were married at South Haven's First Congregational Church.

Susan Mary Niemiec, BS '77, and David E. Wild, were married last December in Grand Haven. The bride is a programmer analyst at the Hewlett-Packard Company of Colorado and the couple live in Forest Hills.

Francesca Annette Skalski, BS '77, married Ronald Chester Nelson at St. Monica's Catholic Church. Nelson is on the faculty of the University of Michigan, and she is a teacher with the Kalamazoo public schools.

Kathleen April, BS '77, married John Flanders at First Baptist Church of Otsego. The couple make their home in Chicago, where he is employed by the Hechele Company which he is a senior programmer.

Kathleen Jo French, BS '78, was married to Donald Lee Brown last February. The couple live in Shrewsbury and Mrs. Brown teaches third grade in Quincy Community Schools.

Kathy Jo Keshner, BA '78, became the bride of Jerome McAdull last February and the couple live in Benton Harbor.

Ruth E. Fauwson, BS '78, is now Mrs. Robinson, and lives in Flint.

Susan Kay Holt, BS '79, and David Roy Jackson, were married at the First Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek. Mrs. Jackson is employed at a hospital in the Kellogg Company.

Robert R. Roberts, BS '79, and David William Spencer, BS '79, were married at the Methodist Church and now live in Plainwell. The groom is employed by Safety Services and the bride is a substitute teacher and works at the Un-Winder Restaurant.

Craig Yoeman Cakmak, BS '79, married John Ryder at the Agape Christian Fellowship, Kalamazoo.

Deaths
Charlotte Boh Steen, TC '11, of Fullerton, CA, died April 2.

Ruth Turlen Chilson, TC '12, of Duluth, MN, died in January, 1979.

Freda LeRoy Long Cunic, TC '30, died in March, in Union City.

Louise Goodchild, TC '21, BA '30, of Birmingham, died in March, 1980, after a long illness. She was a former superintendent of Holt schools, instrumental in changing the school system into one that offered grades K-12. He retired as assistant principal of Birmingham public school in 1962.

Margaret Dumond, TC '23, BA '26, E. Grand Rapids, died in February.

Irene Barber, TC '23, BA '27, of Battle Creek, died in January. She taught in the Battle Creek school system from 1927 until her retirement in 1964.
Robert Shumaker, TC '25, of Ionia, died in January. He was a member of the Class of 1925 and a past president of the Alumni Association.

Ronald Hibbard, BS '37, baseball All-American in 1935, died in Minneapolis in April. He earned baseball letters at Western from 1935 to 1937 and played on a U.S. team that played exhibition games as part of a summer Olympic program in Germany in 1936. He was inducted into WMU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978.

Helen Tavener Gridler, TC '24, BA '34, of Ocean Ridge, FL, died in October. She had served as president of the WMU Alumni Association.

Dimondale, died May, 1979. She had served as president of the Guild.

She was a member of the Class of 1925 and a past president of the Alumni Association.

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Dwarikesh, who has been at Western since 1968, is a native of Agra, India. A research team he headed first located the network of previously unexplored caves in March 1979. The caves, containing many paintings, were entered after Shri Ram Sharma, a civil engineer and friend of Dwarikesh, told of a complex of water-cut caves near the village similar," after Shri Ram Sharma, a civil engineer in India are being directed by a Department of Linguistics and Critical Languages faculty member, Dr. D. P. S. Dwarikesh, from his office here some 7,000 miles away.

Dwarikesh observed that the oldest cave paintings previously found in India are those in Bhimbetka, 250 miles south of Pahargarh. "Because the geography of the two areas is similar," Dwarikesh said, "I believe the caves at Pahargarh may contain similar paintings."

Dwarikesh, who has recently been interested in the linguistic aspects of the find, said he believes some of the abstract drawings may be ideographs and part of the prehistory of language and the origins of writing in India. He observes that considerable research and future study of photos being taken of the paintings may determine if these paintings are related to the early writing system of India.

Ethel E. Parish, administrative secretary in the Counseling Center, has received the 1980 Office Worker Award. She has been a secretary here for the past three years and is a graduate of Albion College. She moved to the Counseling Center in 1962. She was chosen top office worker from among nearly 160 persons nominated for participation from across the country. Up to four fellowships will be awarded.

Irene Stroshenko, assistant professor of sociology, was awarded a $2,500 grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to attend a June 15-8 summer seminar at Cornell University on "Russian Modernism." A native of Russia since 1964, she was graduated from Kiev State University in Russia and received her master's degree from Indiana University.

Dr. Chester L. Hunt, professor of sociology, was presented with a plaque and an honorarium of $1,500 as the recipient of a Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award. The award, which recognizes outstanding professional achievement and wide recognition in the academic community beyond Western, was presented at a colloquium last month at which Hunt spoke. Hunt, who has taught in the Philippines and in Japan under Fulbright grants, has been on the faculty at Western since 1948. The appointment of Barbara S. Liggett as manager of personnel services has been agreed to by the Board of Trustees.

Liggett, a 1972 honors graduate of Hope College, has done graduate work at the University of Michigan's Bureau of Industrial Relations. Her professional experience over the past six years includes two years each in personnel administration as director of management analysis for Genesee County, at the City National Bank of Detroit; and as a private consultant in personnel at Flint, primarily for social service agencies in Michigan.

Jewell M. Street, 28, has been promoted to the position of affirmative action officer. She has been the assistant affirmative action officer since March 1979. A native of Detroit, Street received her B.B.A. degree from WMU in 1974. She joined the Bongs Medical Center staff in Kalamazoo and served as employment interviewer, 1974-76; employment supervisor, 1976-78; and assistant personnel manager, 1978-79. As an undergraduate student here, Street was the first female and minority president of Systems, Performance and Management, an organization for management majors.

Dr. Clyde R. Willis has been appointed acting director of the university's new Center for Human Services. The center is an effort to promote interdisciplinary clinical work, research, teaching and service to professional communities in the nation. Willis, who joined the faculty in 1965, has been director of the Oral Cleft Clinic at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids since late in 1978 in addition to his teaching position here as professor of speech pathology and audiology. A graduate of the State University of New York (Geneseo), he received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University.

Allene Dietrich, director of the Center for Women's Services, and two former CWS staff members received first-place awards for their project titled "Exanding Vocational Options (EVO)" from the National University Extension Association (NREA), Division of Women's Education.

Rudolf J. Siebert, professor of religion, directed the fourth international conference on "The Future of Religion: Crisis and Response" at the Inter-University Center for Academic Research and graduate studies in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, in April.


President John T. Bernhard has been awarded a two-year term to the board of directors of the Interamerican University Association (IAUA). The organization promotes and develops new solidarity and friendship between American and North American universities among other goals.

Dr. Kenneth A. Dahlberg, associate professor of political science, has been appointed a member of the United States National Commission for Man and the Biosphere (MAB). The committee, established in 1972, is composed of members selected from universities, private organizations and government.

Edward R. Murrow—The War Years," a book written by the late Dr. R. Franklin Smith, associate professor of communication arts and sciences, has been nominated for the Theatre Library Association (TLA) Award. Smith died unexpectedly seven years ago at the age of 43 before finishing the manuscript. It was completed by friends and published by WMU's New Issues Press in 1978.

Dr. Albert E. Castel, professor of history, has written a book titled "The Presidency of Andrew Johnson." The book was published last year by Regents Press of Kansas as a volume in its American Presidency Series.

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Bronco Sports

Softball team places fourth nationally

After becoming a Midwestern power over the past few seasons, Western Michigan’s softball team established itself in 1980 as a national power. The Broncos posted a fourth-place finish at the AIAW Division I Women’s College World Series at Norman, Okla., over the Memorial Day weekend. WMU entered the tournament as an at-large selection after sweeping a third straight state AIAW title and finishing third at the smallest regional event.

The Broncos dominated the all-championship team with three selections, while no other team could land more than two players on the 13th-berth roster. Junior third base standout Patti Rendine of Southfield, second sacker Linda “Louie” Berndt of Dearborn and pitcher Bonnie Kinne of Grand Ledge were named to the team. Kinne and Rendine had been named along with catcher Roxanne “Rocky” Rubleiski, Portage sophomore, and Worden to the all-state team three weeks earlier.

After dropping a wild 5-4 decision to fifth-seeded Oklahoma State in the opening round, Western came back to post four straight wins to eliminate seeded teams. Kinne pitched a no-hitter in the first game of the string to oust New Mexico, 1-0. She came back that same day to defeat Cal State-Fullerton, 5-0.

Western was eliminated from the tournament by eventual third-place finisher Texas A&M, 1-0. Utah State was the winner of the title and Indiana was second.

Swimmers in best MAC finish since 1969

First-year Coach Pete Lindsay directed the men's swimming team to second place in the Mid-American Conference, the highest Bronco standing since 1969.

At the league meet, WMU won nine of 18 events and also established 14 new varsity records. Western won six of ten dual meets during its regular season schedule.

Junior Tom Schmitz of Fremont and freshman Mike Schmitz capped two of the top three MAC individual awards.

Slocum, who qualified for the NCAA championships in the 1,650-yard freestyle, was the "outstanding swimmer" of the championship meet, while Schmitz was the recipient of the "outstanding senior swimmer" award, presented annually by the Miami University Men’s Aquatic Club.

Record-setting center fielder Ken Scarpace has signed a contract with the Cincinnati Reds after being selected in the fourth round by the National League club in the 1980 professional baseball draft.

The junior from Westland and Livonia Franklin High School set Western career records for hits (150), RBIs (102), and triples (15).

Second baseman Billy Heilmach has signed a professional baseball contract with the San Francisco Giants. He was drafted in the 28th round and will initially report to Great Falls, Mont.

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Smith retires with emeritus status; building named for L. J. Brink

Charles A. Smith, noted speaker, humorist and professor of English who has been on the faculty longer than any other current member, 45 years, was granted retirement with emeritus status by the Board of Trustees last month. Smith, who joined the faculty in 1935, received a Teaching Excellence Award in 1978 from the Alumni Association, based on recommendations of students and alumni for "superior classroom teaching skills and professional expertise."

A 1932 graduate, Smith received an M.A. degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1937. Before joining Western's faculty he was director of the former Sturgis Freshman College in 1934-35. He also taught at Michigan, where he did further graduate work from 1944 to 1946. In recognition of his 40 years of service to the university, the Board of Trustees has saluted the retiring Lawrence J. Brink by naming the Printing Services Building in his honor. Brink, who retired May 30 as director of printing services, also received special tribute from the Kalamazoo area's four state legislators: Sen. John A. Welborn and Reps. Mary Brown, Donald H. Gilmer and Robert A. Wellborn. They presented him with a joint resolution recognizing his many career achievements.

He was cited by the trustees for "his quiet but untriting efforts to enhance the image of this institution, his exemplary skills and efficiency in printing instruction and production, and his enviable record of service to this university."

A native of Grand Rapids, Brink was granted early retirement with emeritus status as an associate professor of instructional education last December. Brink received a B.A. degree in 1940 from Western and an M.A. in 1948 from the University of Michigan.

Canoe trip (continued from page 1)

She said it is believed that they will be the first women to make the Yukon River journey alone. In preparation they have taken long canoe trips on Midwest waters the past several months and have done special physical conditioning to build up their stamina to make 35 miles a day on the Yukon River.

Coming back from the Bering Sea they must paddle 100 miles or so against the current to the town of Holy Cross, where sea planes can land. Then they will fly back to Eagle.

Their trip plan, developed over a number of months, includes mailing food packages in advance, addressed to themselves at three towns along the Yukon River. "This will really lighten our load," explained Feldpausch. The women have received some financing from nine sponsors, which will cut the estimated trip cost of more than $4,000 in half, Torbico said, but "finances will be a major concern."

Consequently, contingency plans to cut costs and a June fund-raiser organized by friends at the Kalamazoo restaurant where Torbico works are important elements in the trip preparations. Feldpausch is employed as an exercise leader in the cardiac rehabilitation unit at the Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Torbico has been taking art classes as an education major at Western while Feldpausch is a physical education-coaching major.

Display cited

A display booth designed and constructed by automotive engineering students won first prize over booths from 11 other institutions at the national Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) congress and exposition at Detroit's Cobo Hall this winter.