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Partners in Progress

FACULTY RECOGNITION DINNER
JUNE 7, 1980
WELCOME

The Faculty Senate and the University Administration are delighted that you could attend the 1980 Recognition Dinner tonight.

This special occasion is intended to express our sincere appreciation to the new group of Emeriti, who have served Western long and well. In addition, it is also an opportunity to welcome back many other beloved Emeriti.

The theme for this year's program, "Partners in Progress," recognizes your key role in Western's past achievements and your continued support and interest in future years!

Sincerely,

John T. Bernhard
President
PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies . . . Frank Jamison

Welcome ........................................ Frank Jamison

A Toast: To Our Honorees ........................ Frank Jamison

Invocation ........................................ June Cottrell

Dinner

Greetings from the Faculty Senate ................. Roger Bennett

Recognition of Honorees: President's Awards ...... John Bernhard

Welcome to the Ranks of the Emeriti ............... Zack York

Honoree's Response ............................... Dominic Leonardelli

A Few Remarks .................................... Frank Jamison

Daisies from the Field of Memories ............... Charles A. Smith

Brown and Gold .................................... Sung by All
(Accompaniment by Margaret Beloof, assisted by Elmer)
Punch and Wine Reception

DINNER

Chilled Juices
Cranapple       Tomato

Molded Salad

Chicken Breast Filet with Sweet and Sour Sauce

Blended Rice

Italian Mixed Vegetables

Assorted Relishes       Rolls and Butter

Assorted Cakes

Beverages
HONORED GUESTS

Tonight we honor sixteen of our esteemed colleagues who are achieving emeriti status. They have been partners in the progress of Western a total of 374 years. May they have a happy, full and challenging future, and may they continue to feel they are still partners in the University's future.

"The best is yet to be"
ELSA ALVAREZ
Associate Professor of Modern and Classical Languages

Elsa, with her lovely Spanish accent, could never possibly be mistaken for an English-speaking American born. To Elsa, Georgia will always be pronounced Yeoryia.

Elsa has always distinguished herself by her dignified, soft-spoken manner, and by her generous dedication to her discipline, her department, and her students. Students in her Spanish conversation classes benefitted from her painstaking, individualized correction of errors in their tape presentations.

Elsa holds a Ph.D. from the University of Havana, and was a professor at the Universidad Central in Cuba from 1955-61. After coming to the United States, she taught at Fort Dodge (Iowa) Community College, joining Western's faculty in 1964. She received a master's from the University of Iowa in 1966, and a doctorate from Michigan State University in 1971.

Elsa taught an incredibly interesting course on the life and culture of Latin America—a course she perfected over many years. The extent of her knowledge of Latin American geography and of the origins of a wide variety of plants was admired by her colleagues.

Elsa has bought a condominium near Miami, Florida, away from Michigan's winter snows. While she serves her excellent arroz con pollo to new friends there, we hope she will remember the friends who miss her here.
IRENE S. BIBZA  
Assistant Professor of Home Economics

Irene came to Western in 1965, after teaching in the home economics departments of North Texas State University and Mansfield State College, and serving as assistant coordinator at the University of Cincinnati for a year. She holds a B.S. degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology and an M.S. from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University).

Irene, who taught courses in clothing and textiles at Western, has the distinction of turning out students who can sew not only a fine seam, but coats, suits, dresses, and even wedding outfits which really fit. She lists inspiring students to learn and working with them on their special projects as the most rewarding part of her years in the profession.

Besides her service to her department on various committees, Irene has been active in the American Home Economics Association and in the Michigan Home Economics Association, serving on the latter's executive board for two years and chairing the clothing and textiles section.

Irene's hobbies and interests include reading, playing the piano, swimming, sewing and designing clothing (now there's a surprise), travel, theatre and drama, creative cooking, entertaining friends, and current cultural history. She says that after retiring she plans to keep involved in professional activities, volunteer her expertise to those who "want it, need it, ask for it," volunteer teach, keep active in AAUW, and keep up with community and world events.

Irene, as you pursue your hobbies and interests and your future plans . . . excuse us, but—when do you plan to rest?
LAWRENCE J. BRINK
Associate Professor of Industrial Education

You needed an eye-catching leaflet or brochure? an interesting booklet to present your pet project? mimeographed forms? a special cover for a program? For over forty years, Larry was the one to see. Larry came to Western as a student in 1935, and started to work as a printer in 1936. He earned his B.A. degree from Western and was appointed to the faculty in 1940. While teaching printing courses and handling production printing (with time out for three years as an officer in the Navy) he also earned an M.A. from the University of Michigan.

In 1968 his work with production printing claimed his full time, and he no longer taught formal, scheduled classes. Many of the booklets, bulletins, brochures, etc. which you see at the University are examples of the work of Printing Services, which Larry has been responsible for building from a student-manned operation using handset type and handfed presses to the present modern, well-equipped plant which keeps twenty-three regular employees as well as part-time student workers busy.

Larry started the printing management program at Western, has served on many university committees, has been a member and chairman of the Western Herald board, served as trustee and co-trustee of the Epsilon Pi Tau fraternity, and is an active member of the Kalamazoo Valley Craftsmen's Club.

Now, "to get a vacation and do some other things than meet 'unreasonable deadlines'," Larry says he is retiring and planning to spend more time in numismatic study, in woodworking, and with the fish. He's not turning his back on printing entirely, however, for he plans to be available as printing consultant. By the way—take another look at this program you're holding. It too is an example of the work Larry's Printing Services turns out.
MERCEDES CARDENAS
Associate Professor of Modern and Classical Languages

Mercedes was always amazed at how accurately everyone (100 out of 100 times) identified her voice over the phone. She was never quite sure how they did it. The secret? Mercedes has the unique distinction, with her very deep and pronounced manner of speaking, of sounding just like Tallulah Bankhead—in Spanish, of course.

Mercedes was born in Cuba, and holds a doctor of education degree from the University of Havana. She taught English to students at a junior high school in Havana until 1960, then she started teaching Spanish to students in the Portage school system in Michigan. While serving as a consultant and teacher at an NDEA institute held at Kalamazoo College, she was “introduced” to Western by Herb Jones, who was also teaching at the Institute. She joined Western’s faculty in 1966. She earned a master’s in 1967 and a Ph.D. in 1972 from Michigan State University.

Mercedes was usually in an excited rush to get to class—and she had a penchant for forgetting her keys. So much so that her chairman developed the habit of automatically opening her office door with his submaster when he saw her getting off the elevator, knowing she would have left her office keys at home.

Our cheerful colleague-emerita, who is the mother of three daughters and has several grandchildren to her credit, now lives in Miami, Florida. And by the way, Mercedes, have you stopped smoking—again?
JAMES H. GRIGGS
Professor of Education

Combine an A.B. from Harvard with an M.A. and Ed.D. from Columbia University's Teachers College and you might come up with a pretty good example of an Eastern Stuffed Shirt, a species which is fairly common in its native habitat, the northeastern seacoast. But, in the case of this specimen, there is not only a well-developed sense of humor, but a good measure of personal charm topped off with a disarming and impish grin. His academic record and experience before he came to Western in 1948 must have been outstanding, too, because Dr. Sangren wouldn't have settled for anything less. After all, Western was Western Michigan College of Education, generally recognized as one of the top half dozen teacher's colleges in the country and Paul Sangren intended to keep it that way.

At any rate, Jim Griggs came on and saw his department develop into a College of a university which was still one of the top professional teacher education institutions in the country with special recognition in elementary education. He says that bringing an outstanding faculty to the College of Education with the subsequent improvement in the quality of teacher education was probably the most satisfying experience over his years here. However, he has also taken special pride in the development of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

He knew when he came that he might be faced with moving to a new building on the undeveloped West Campus at some future date and the establishment of this prospect as a certainty was the most significant event in his first year on campus. First, as Head of the largest department in the College and later as Dean of the largest College in the University, he served on all the obligatory committees that siphon off a top administrator's time and energy: Educational Policies Council, Graduate Studies Council, Administrative Council, and so on and on.

Then, of course, there were those contributions to education that are expected of a leader in a field: National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education—at least nine visitations for accreditation purposes; a trip to West Germany to visit German Universities and Hochschulen with an American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education team, and attendance at meetings of the NEA, MEA, ASCD, AACTE, and NCATE. He has been honored locally by being selected for the Fabri-Kal Foundation Committee.

And now he'd like to be free to rest, fish and travel.

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JOSEPH T. HOY
Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Joe—Jovial Joe—started at Western in 1952 as head basketball coach and assistant football coach, and in 1967 became Athletic Director.

In 1942, Joe completed his B.S. at Western and went to war as a gunnery officer aboard aircraft carriers. After his discharge, he taught at Ohio University and in 1948 he completed his M.A. at the University of Michigan. He resumed teaching at Wisconsin State at River Falls until he joined the faculty at Western. In 1966 he earned an Ed.D. at Indiana.

During his tenure as Athletic Director, Western added hockey, soccer and gymnastics to its men's intercollegiate program and undertook a scholarship program for ten women's sports. Joe also supervised the renovation and building of several athletic facilities.

But retire? Not Joe. He's just begun to work. He now lives in Miami, Florida, and is teaching at Biscayne College . . . and loving every minute of it.

"Regards to all," says Joe.
WILDA LARGE
Associate Professor of Social Science

"I've got a great idea for you!" says Wilda bursting with enthusiasm. Creative energy has run high throughout her thirteen years in Michigan high schools and fifteen years at Western. She's a "pro" in using people and materials in the field of social studies. Hired by Western in 1965, she taught an education methods class, supervised student teachers and later taught Teaching of Social Studies, working with the Department of History and the College of Education. Two years ago, she joined the W.M.U. Center for Adult Education and created a variety of workshops for adults in the community.

She's a scholar. In 1963 she spent the summer in Japan and India on a Fulbright Scholarship. She's a world traveler too—Soviet Union, China, Scandinavia and the British Isles. She's interested in a million things! Did you know she played flute in high school and basketball? Today she is studying Chinese paper-cuts as a part of Chinese culture and restoring the tower and fifteen rooms in the house in which she was raised.

She will not stay in her tower in South Haven for long, however. Wilda is too much a "people person" for that. She enjoys friendships with others from all walks of life. Once a teacher, always a teacher. She will be back in the classroom next fall to teach a women's history course at Western.

Where does she get all her energy?!
DOMINIC LEONARDELLI
Assistant Professor of Education and Professional Development

After getting his B.S. from Northern Michigan University in Science Education, and teaching it for one year, Dic decided that there was something lacking in the formal, rather impersonal nature of science, which didn’t go well with his own talents and interests—personality, perhaps. So he grabbed at a chance to try teaching social science in the Battle Creek school system. This was where he felt he should be, although it meant doing a lot of extra work making up credits in social science. Ordinarily a person who had started a teaching career by teaching math and science in the Campus School at Illinois Normal, and who had an M.A. in biology from the University of Michigan wouldn’t consider making such a radical change in his life, but those of us who know him well, know that Dic is not an ordinary person.

After the shift to social studies Dic continued graduate study at the University of Wyoming and Columbia University. His first assignment at Western was at the Campus School, but when he had a chance to go into the Division of Continuing Education he saw a new challenge he couldn’t resist. That was in 1956, after four years in the Campus School, and he was to stay in the business of organizing conferences and short courses until 1977, when he returned to teaching in the College of Education.

Dic says that, “Discovering after some twenty years in administration that I could still excite students with the joy of learning and that students were interested and eager to learn” was one of the most satisfying experiences in his career.

Since coming back to education he has served as Chair of the 301 section of Teacher Education, and has been a member of the Student Services Committee of the Department.

Dic’s statement of what he remembers most and best is: “The social events where we gathered as a family and knew each other as friends. Those were the days that need to be recaptured and could be, but it takes effort, planning and time.” To which we can only add that somebody has to care enough to make the effort, do the planning and take the time.
CARL A. LINDSTROM
Associate Professor of Education and Professional Development

Carl Lindstrom—teacher, educator/administrator, nature lover. Carl began his career in education as a student at Western. Upon graduation he began a teaching career which took him to a one-room rural school in Wexford Co., Michigan, then to Midland, to La Grange, Illinois, and to Battle Creek (Lakeview Schools) where he became a junior high school principal in 1951. Along the way, he earned a master's from the University of Michigan. He joined Western's faculty in the fall of 1959.

Carl directed the internship program in Muskegon until 1963, and taught basic courses at Muskegon Community College as well as teaching on Western's campus. He helped the Directed Teaching Office develop the participation program and the professional education sequence. He and Mike Sebaly visited many of the school systems in the state—contacts which resulted in the establishment of the off-campus centers.

Coordination of student teaching became a full-day assignment. There was rapid growth in early years; in 1971-72 for example, 3,198 student teachers were assigned by a staff of fifty full and part-time coordinators. At the time of Carl’s retirement, the numbers have dropped to about 750 students and a staff of fifteen. Carl served through a time of rapid growth, and then drastic decline.

Carl was always willing to give of himself as a teacher, as a colleague, as a consultant, and in various organizations, and was known as an effective worker with the young people with whom he came in contact.

Carl and Alitha live on a farm just south of Battle Creek. Their son Tim is an attorney in Virginia. They have a cat and a dog—and had a horse that was allergic to hay! Alitha is keeping busy writing books and articles, while Carl spends much of his time outdoors—riding a tractor at times, we hear. Both are protectors of the land and wildlife. Carl keeps his watchful eye upon local matters, always alert to zoning changes and school happenings. Of late, he has been substitute teaching in the Lakeview school system, which keeps him knowledgable about the current status of education.
JOHN H. McBeth
Associate Professor of Business Education
and Administrative Services

If you listen to “Mac” talk you will hear a touch of the South and not an Irish brogue. After all, the South has been good to him. If you have any doubts, talk to his wife, Grace.

John came to Western in 1955 with a B.S. from Indiana and an M.A. from Alabama. Since then he completed his Ed.D. at Michigan State. During that time he was “on the road,” first as a supervisor of student teachers and later as Director of Advising for the College of Business. (Advising students has been his most satisfying experience at Western, he says.)

During his first year at Western, the most significant event he recalls was the faculty picnic at Kanley Field and the entertainment by several faculty members. No names mentioned, but one wonders . . .

Mac’s activities are varied and numerous on both the state and national level in the area of business education and certification. In addition he has remained active in the Air Force Reserve and has risen to the rank of Colonel.

Mac’s plans for the future include winters in the warm climates—the South again—with more time devoted to his favorite hobbies of fishing and golf, and continued activity in the Air Force Reserve.

Keep ’em flying, Mac!
JOSEPHINE NICOLETTE  
Associate Professor, Counseling Center

Jo Nicolette has dedicated her professional life to helping young people. She has influenced literally thousands of students of all ages. Starting as an elementary teacher in Grand Rapids, moving to Western as a supervising teacher, and then to the Counseling Center, her gracious sensitive response to students has earned her a *summa cum laude* degree in Assistance and Support. The Teaching Excellence Award she received in Grand Rapids and the joint Michigan House and Senate resolution which lauded her efforts in helping students attest to this.

Jo has always involved herself in self-improvement projects. Her B.A. degree from Western in 1939 was followed by an M.A. from the University of Michigan in 1950 and an Ed.S. degree from Western in 1963. She has also involved herself in workshops, seminars, group activities, music, arts and crafts, public service activities, departmental and university committee work, professional organizations and program development and supervision. She is listed in the *Who's Who of American Women*.

Her most recent accomplishment is the design and development of the Carver Exploration Media Center, named for her and housed in the Counseling Center.

Jo’s plans for the future include traveling, spending more time with her family and friends, and being of service to others.
LEON D. NOBES
Assistant Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences

To the hunt! One of Leon's intentions during his retirement is to go on a wild boar hunt! Fishing is another activity he will enjoy, as is his work in the Masonic Lodge.

Leon is a magna cum laude graduate of Western, where he also earned his M.A. degree. He joined Western's faculty in 1966; his main academic areas are in business and professional speech, and in oral interpretation. He has written a book of poetry titled Snow, Wind, Ice, and has given numerous readings of his published poems and other works. He directed the production of In White America, which deals with the racial problem.

A student of military affairs and the author of "Protracted conflict with the Soviets and our alternatives," Leon was one of the founders of the Center for International Security Studies, and recently received a citation recognizing his support of national security studies at Georgetown University and the Pentagon Education Center in Washington. He was an infantry captain with the Michigan State Troops and public relations director of the Muskegon County Defense Council during World War II. He also worked at the Continental Aviation and Engineering Corporation and with the U.S. Navy Department.

Leon is a member of six national honorary societies; a life member of the Lovell Moore Lodge No. 182; a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; a member of the Shrine, Saladin Temple; a patron member of the FOE Aerie No. 668; a member of the Humane Society; and a member of the Michigan Speech Association. He has been listed in International Who's Who of Intellectuals, Who's Who in the Midwest, Biography of American Patriots, International Who's Who in Education and other publications.

Leon is making his home in Muskegon, now that he has retired. He plans to remain active, and his retirement is sure to be anything but boar-ing (?)!
LEONARD ORR
Associate Professor of Marketing

“Dal” Orr spent the first seventeen years of his professional life in business and industry in several capacities. He began as a metallurgical engineer, switched to life insurance and moved from agent to supervisor to manager. Then he changed career paths once again, and in September, 1964 he began teaching marketing and finance at Western.

Starting with a B.S.E. from the University of Michigan in 1939, he progressed through his M.B.S. from Michigan State University in 1963 to his Ph.D. in 1967 — also from Michigan State.

Dal has spent much of his time constructing. “I love to build things,” he says, and indeed he has done just that. He builds not only in the sense of physical construction, as evidenced by his new residence, but also builds skills and character in students he has come to know. “I always felt good when some graduated student would return and say in effect, ‘You told us like it is and it helped.’ ”

His thoughts of the future specifically refer to “Monday mornings.” Dal plans to remain in Kalamazoo and continue “building things” while he maintains his contact with professional associations and community projects, and spends time with his family—three children.

“It was fun!” says Dal.
FRANK ROBINSON  
Professor of Speech and Audiology

Horace Greeley said, "Go west, young man," but Dr. Charles Van Riper said, "Leave here, Frank; go learn more and then come back and help me run things here." At that time Frank was a student of Dr. Van Riper and serving as an assistant. Frank followed his mentor's advice, and sure enough, in 1966 he was asked to return to Western and be the head of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. So the time he served at Western was in two segments: August, 1944 to June, 1947 and August, 1966 to January, 1980. He earned an A.B. from Western, an M.S. from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Frank's professional memberships include the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (he's a Fellow), and the American Psychology Association. In the former organization, Frank served on several committees and actively participated in several conventions.


Among the many rewards that came with his teaching Frank puts at the top of the list his being able to relieve Dr. Van Riper so he could recuperate sufficiently from some heart attacks to contribute additional major publications for the benefit of his profession. Another great reward has been receiving "Thank You" letters and phone calls from former students and clients.

Frank's non-academic interests include golf and fishing. As to the future, he has a one-word answer—"Enjoy!"
VERA JEAN RUSSELL
Assistant Professor of Education and Professional Development

A bonnie lass is our Jean in both appearance and in accomplishment. She has graced Western's campus as student and faculty member for a span of over forty years. She says she has been around so long that she can remember most of the original faculty at Western. Jean received her B.S. from Western in 1942 and her M.S. in 1963. In 1954 she was appointed to the faculty of the Campus School and in 1969 to the Education and Professional Development Department. She served on the Senate Affirmative Action Committee as well as on many departmental committees. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Secretary), the Kalamazoo Chapter of the Michigan Association of Teacher Education (Board of Directors), and the Michigan and National Association of Teacher Education.

Jean's background as a teacher in a one-room school in St. Joseph Co., in the Kalamazoo Public Schools as a kindergarten teacher, and as a nursery school and kindergarten teacher in Western's Campus School supplied her with a rich background for her involvement in the Psychology Department's development of a pre-school based on behavior modification, and subsequently her move into teaching, placing and supervising student teachers. All of this background and her experience has added up to many years of personal reward as she has watched her students develop into responsible adults.

Her greatest success in life—along with Norman's help—has been that of raising three beautiful, wonderful, responsible children who have married fine mates and "from two of the marriages, we havefour beautiful grandchildren."

Needlepoint, gardening, bridge, travel, grandparenting and all growing things—plant and animal—make up her extensive list of hobbies. So, what with looking forward to more time for church guild, garden club, volunteer work in Bronson Hospital's Gift Shop, going on conference trips with Norman in addition to other trips, Jean will need at least two hitches at retirement to work everything in.
CHARLES A. SMITH
Professor of English

Charlie Smith—noted speaker, humorist and professor of English has appeared before banquet and convention audiences throughout the United States as well as at many local do's. Phil Denenfeld, acting v.p. for academic affairs, commented “He may be the best good-will ambassador that Western has through his many speaking engagements around the state and nation. He is as much an institution at Western as was the former trolley on the East Campus and, happily, still going strong.”

Charles was born and raised in Paw Paw, and attended Western as a student, graduating in 1932. He was director of the former Sturgis Freshman College when he joined the faculty at Western in 1935. He took courses at the University of Michigan and Northwestern, and earned an M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1937.

Charles is a member of the International Platform Association and a member and former director of the Mystery Writers of America. Among his many accomplishments he has written and conducted a weekly radio show which won both national and state awards, conducted a communications seminar for General Foods executives, written the script for an industrial motion picture, and written articles on “Transportation dilemma of greater metropolitan areas” and “Airport transportation in the Chicago metropolitan area.” He received a Teaching Excellence Award from the Alumni Association in 1978; this award is presented on the basis of recommendations of students and alumni for “superior classroom teaching skills and professional expertise.” An understandable choice—many students and alumni must have a special memory of hours spent in the classroom with Professor Smith.

Charles has been on the campus for forty-five years, served under five presidents (Dwight B. Waldo, Paul Sangren, James Miller, Myron Coulter, and John Bernhard), and has seen the progress of Western from a teacher's college to a University. His wife Dorothy, who is also a writer, is a member of Western’s faculty with the Reading Center and Clinic; he’s raised four children in Western’s environs, who’ve given him nine grandchildren to keep him young.

There will be many daisies to pick from Charlie’s field of memories.
ALMA MATER
(Brown and Gold)
Western Michigan University

Western we sing to you, Brown and Gold
Western we bring to you, faith untold.
You challenge and inspire;
Your hope is our desire;
We sing to you our Alma Mater,
Brown and Gold

(James Bull '57 and Walter Gilbert '64)
THE FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE SENATE

Ellen Cha, Beth Giedeman, David McKee, Charles Shull (Chairman), Mary L. Taylor; and Emeriti Elmer Beloof and Margaret Beloof.

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