In a few words...

**Two halls to close**

In an action related to a decrease in on-campus residence by students this fall, two of the University's residence halls will be closed with the beginning of the winter semester in January. The halls to be closed are Eicher-LeFevre in the Goldsworthy Complex on the West Campus and Vandercook on the East Campus.

**Paper Tech scholarship fund exceeds goal**

The Paper Technology Foundation has exceeded its goal of $500,000 in a scholarship fund that promotes study of paper science and engineering students at WMU. The funds are being invested, and only the interest is used for scholarships. In the 1981-82 school year, 93 students at Western received a total of $93,295 from the 25-Year Club scholarship fund.

**Western Herald wins newswriting award**

The Western Herald student newspaper recently received the highest newswriting award presented by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) at the annual meeting of the National Council of College Publications Advisers (NC-CPA) and ACP in St. Louis on Oct. 30. Daniel J. Klepp, now a reporter for the Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun and an April graduate from Rochester, Mich., and Michael J. Villrieu, a Grosse Pointe Woods senior, received the National Editorial Leadership Award for their series of articles investigating alleged racial discrimination in a Kalamazoo bar. Klepp served as Herald editor from 1980 to 1982, and Villrieu is the current editor.

**PA Program reaccredited**

ThePhysicians' Assistants (PA) program has been awarded continued accreditation for three years by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association.

**Powell excited about Project EXCITE**

It's safe to say that Dr. James H. Powell is excited about Project EXCITE (EXpanding with Computers and Information Technology), the new computer emphasis at Western Michigan University. "I decided to kid me about being 'EXCITEd,' but I don't mind," said Powell, who is on leave from his duties as chairman of the WMU Department of Mathematics to devote full-time as director of Project EXCITE.

"I am excited!" Powell declared. "With this new emphasis, that all students will graduate from Western with at least some computer literacy and facility, WMU is forging a leadership position in the state and in the nation."

Powell provided a progress report on Project EXCITE to the Board of Trustees on Nov. 19, explaining the status of the program since it was announced in September by President Bernhard in his "State of the University" address.

"We've made excellent progress," Powell said. "The project has received overwhelming support from faculty and staff members, from the administration and from students."

Powell presented trustees with copies of a new brochure on the project, Project EXCITE: Western, the Computer, and You, which is to be sent to any prospective student who inquires about admission. Copies are available from the Admissions Office.

Powell also described a 27-member Academic Advisory Committee, of which he is the chairman. Under it are organized 13 task forces designed to help implement Project EXCITE throughout the University.

One group of task forces will take a sort of "computer inventory" of the campus, determining where computer "hardware" (equipment) and "software" (computer programs) are located and who uses them, and what short-term and long-term needs exist.

Other task forces are to develop computer-literacy workshops for faculty and staff, to disseminate information about the project, to give advice on the distribution of additional computer equipment, to develop proposals for external funding and to serve as a resource for other task forces.

Powell also described a new University-wide computer literacy requirement that is nearing official approval; it would require minimum computer competence by all students through taking a course or the demonstration of competence.

And be described a new major, computer information systems, that is to be offered by the Department of

**State appropriates $1.2 million for pilot-plant expansion**

The state has appropriated $1.2 million for the expansion of facilities of Western's Paper Science and Engineering Pilot Plant, according to an announcement by State Senator-elect Robert A. Welborn of Kalamazoo.

Dr. Richard B. Valley, chairman of the Department of Paper Science and Engineering, said, "This expansion will allow us to begin major research and development efforts for the use of Michigan hardwoods."

The two-story expansion, to be located in the northeast corner of McCracken Hall, will replace a present one-story truck dock and loading area. The new space created will be about 44 feet by 67 feet in area.

William Fendow, a paper science and engineering graduate of WMU who is vice president for sales at Sault Delibrator of Minneapolis, Minn., announced that his firm will cooperate in the installation of a delibrator pilot plant unit for mechanical and high yield pulping in the new space created by the expansion.

That unit, valued at more than $500,000, will be installed sometime after the expansion is completed. The unit is described as "the ultimate in high yield pulping research" involving wood fibers.

Meanwhile, the gift of a valuable exact scale model of a new paper mill by the Mead Corp. to the Department of Paper Science and Engineering has been announced.

The 30-by-40 foot model of a major expansion project at Mead's Escanaba mill was valued at $2.5 million when completed three years ago. Built at a scale of 1/16, the model is ideally suited to instruct paper science and other engineering students.

**General Fund budget set for 1982-83**

The Board of Trustees has approved a General Fund operating budget of $74,205,800 for the current 1982-83 fiscal year.

That's $2,185,100 or 3 percent more than the 1981-82 budget of $72,020,700, said Robert W. Wetnight, vice president for finance. "We're in balance, but our 1982-83 budget is extremely tight," he said.

Wetnight pointed out that balancing the budget was made especially difficult because Gov. Milliken had issued four executive orders reducing Western's state appropriation by $5,503,193 since Sept. 30, 1981. In addition, an executive order of $6,308,200 was absorbed during the summer of 1982. That cut is being reinstated this fall.

Western's state appropriation is $46,339,700 and $96,100 more than a year ago. Another principal revenue source is tuition and fees, $25,151,100, an increase of $1,921,000, based on rate increases both in mid-year 1981-82 and for the fall of 1982.

Investment income is $750,000, down $350,000 or 32 percent from last year, due to lower interest rates and the lost income on the summer withholding of the state appropriation, Wetnight reported. The prior year carry-over of $1,100,000 is $725,000 more than last year.

Wetnight and Trustee Maury E. Parfet, chairman of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee, noted that spending allocations in all areas of the University have been reduced by $3,847,200. All of the reductions have been made programmatically.

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Different visions, different promises

Class of ’32: The Hilltop Era

Board of Trustee member and 1932 WMU graduate Fred Adams spoke to Western’s Class of 1992 on its golden anniversary, celebrated August 20 on campus. In this retrospect, Adams presents a picture of who the members of our campus . In this retrospect, Adams years ago our campus consisted of Class and this means of student conveyance were all about, reflects on the values WMU Western’s Class of 1932 on its golden acres lying east of the Michigan Central. Here is the story of the height of Davis Street. The cable cars ran from the Davis Street level to the hilltop, and on the way they passed McCaslin’s Boarding House in Davis, the Oakland Pharmacy, Mrs. McCaslin’s Boarding House in Bellevue Place, School of Brown and Gold Cafeteria on Walnut and Les Graybill’s “Little Michigan.” Down town there was the New Diana, Cade’s Bake Shop, the Chocolate Shop and the Chinese Oriental Inn and New Asia Chop Suey. A sign of the times is a look at the weekly Western Heralad advertisements. Indeed the prices were revealing in comparison to the inflated prices we are living through today.

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A date at the theatre meant a trip to the Fuller, Capital, State, Bijou, Orpheum or New. If we wanted to drop in for a bite to eat after the show there was always Kettlemans Hamburger across South Street from the Capitol for one of their “nickel hamburgers with pickle on top that makes your heart go flip-flop.”

Western’s faculty in our day numbered 113, but we had a distinct advantage. We had the privilege of sitting in the classrooms of the outstanding professors and teachers who are remembered today for their great contributions to Western: Smith Burnham, William McCracken, Paul Rood, George Spars, Bertha Davis, Lavina Spindler, John Hoeckie, Howard Bigelow, John Everett, Frank Ellis, First H. Wood, Robert Russel, Manley Ellis, Laura Shaw, Towner Smith and John Gill, to name a few. Dr. Theodore Henry used to pace up and down Davis Street at the foot of the hill just off the campus, puffing on his black cigar, which was in itself a reminder of the absolute campus taboo against smoking. Of course, no faculty member would have dreamed of throwing a cocktail party, and there was much concern among Dean of Women, Bertha Davis, Dean of Men, Ray Pellett, and President Waldo whether or not women students who dared to bob their hair (much less any of them caught dragging on a cigarette) should be certified for teaching. Tuesday morning at 9 o’clock meant compulsory assembly for students and faculty in the Women’s Gymnasium. We had no dormitory buildings in 29-32 so most of the out-of-town students roomed in private homes located on Lovell, Cedar, Walnut, Vine, Davis, Locust, Oak, Pearl and Bellevue Place at the foot of the hill.

Student activities

Women’s and men’s debating at Western attracted a large contingent from this class of ’32. The men’s schedule in ’32 included the largest number of debates held in a single year [37] as the question “Resolved that a Substitute for the Capitalist System Should Be Adopted in a single year.” Women participated in 22 debates on the question “Should Great Britain immediately Grant Independence to India.” The Players moved their center of activities from the Playhouse at Oakland Drive and Michigan to the newly built Civic Theatre downtown Kalamazoo. For three nights they presented their midwinter play “The First Mrs. Fraser.”

Western’s band with 85 members and orchestra with 47 members, both under the direction of George Amos, were the largest these two groups had been up to that time. We all know that class athletics 50 years ago! Where did anyone get the idea that to Western’s competition in 1932?

The 1932 baseball schedule included the University of Wisconsin, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, Michigan State and Iowa State. Football opponents numbered University of Detroit, University of Ohio, Western’s “B” Team, Notre Dame “B” Team, Iowa State, Western Kentucky. Basketball included University of Michigan, Loyola, University of Chicago, Manchester, Ball State, John Carroll and Central Michigan. Track of any calibre were on the track and tennis schedules.

Student parties were held in the Women’s Gym, the Men’s Gym and on special occasions in the newly decorated ballroom of the Columbia Hotel.

Composition of class

A few words about the composition of our Class of ’32. The 1932 Brown and Gold yearbook included 26 pages of pictures of our classmates for a total class of 312 graduates, while the Western Herald listed the names of 448. It is interesting to note all except 17 of our classmates were from Michigan. Those 17 had come to Western from Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Massachusetts and Illinois. We had no one in our class from foreign land. This is in contrast to Western’s present day enrollment with 5 percent from overseas, the largest group coming from far away Malaysia. Our 1932 grade included 93 from Kalamazoo, 36 from Grand Rapids, 12 from Detroit, 11 from Muskegon, 8 from Battle Creek and so on down the list. Those days we seemed to have drawn more from Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, a total of 13 from Vulcan, Norway, Ishpeming, Negaunee, Hancock and Iron Mountain.

In those days we all had to do practice teaching in one of the outlying “training” schools before we were eligible for our A.B. or B.S. degree or our Life Certificate. College bosses took us to Richland, Portage, Huron, Paw Paw and the Campus School. Class of ’32 Senior Day Exercises were held Tuesday morning, June 15, 1932. Honors were announced, ap preicition of the seniors was voiced by Dr. Waldo, the class poem was read and the class gift of $100 to the fund for the proposed alumni building was presented. By the way, would someone please bring us up to date on what ever happened to that “proposed alumni building” and our $100.00.

Promises for the future

I know that every class since that first in 1904 has had reason to believe that they lived through a time comparable to our College. However, I would like to stack up our four years against any other period in the history of our alma mater.

You may recall that two months after our enrollment in 1928, Herbert Hoover, with the promise of two cars in every garage and two chickens in every pot, was elected President in a landslide. A year later in our sophomore class, on a certain day in October, the bottom dropped out of our economy and many of our fellow students had to drop out of school for lack of money to meet college expenses. From our enrollment in 1928 as freshman to our graduation in 1932, Western’s enroll ment dropped from 2,316 to 1,388, nearly half our enrollment in the four year span. Young men and women simply did not have the money to go to college. When we entered Western in 1928 the Michigan legislature appropriation was $927,465, and in 1932 that appropriation had dwindled to $503,000, just about half.

As if Dr. Waldo didn’t face enough problems, it was during our junior year that a resolution was introduced in the Michigan State Legislature to close Western. To meet the pressure of the strong challenges, President Waldo was forced to reduce the college faculty by 20 percent and salaries were drastically cut.

New challenges

We all know that Western is currently faced with challenges, as are our sister institutions. Inflation coupled with drastically reduced state appropriations and financial pressures mount from week to week. This problem is nothing new to Western. When the Class of 1932 went through the University, they faced similar pressures. But due to the hard work of President Waldo and his associates, Western survived. And it
President Bernhard and his associates, we will meet today's challenges just as Magazine, source of pride for its alumni in the ago. will continue to survive and be a those challenges were met cle in the 1973 years wrote: status after World War II. President was also President of Sangren shepherded Western through the early served the institution. President Waldo difficult formative years. President Miller carried the heavy burden of con- he is faced with them daily. As alumni we laud Western's 76 years of history under the leadership of President Waldo, President Sangren with vision and foresight with vision and foresight presided over a period of diversification and rapid expansion to University status after World War II. President Miller carried the heavy burden of con- tinued expansion and need for stabilization and rampant change in the troubléd decades of the 60's."

[Editor's Note: Dr. Myron L. Coulter was also President of WMU from March 1973 to September 1974.]

And we know that the burdens of this day are no less for Dr. Bernhard as he is faced with the same problems today. As alumni we laud Western's 76 years of history under the leadership of President Waldo, President Sangren and President Miller and under the current administration of President Bernhard, leadership that has had the courage and the vision to meet the challenge of change necessitated by the demands of the day. These changes have signified the growth and development befitting our great University.

The legacy
As we respect that leadership, so we recall the thousands of alumni who left us a legacy on which we have had an opportunity to build the promise of the future.

We, each of us is steeped in our heritage. We, each of us is an integral part of the day in which we live. We, each of us is looking forward to the future upon which we build our hopes and dreams.

We, the Class of 1932 have added our dimension to this promise for the future. For we had an obligation to prepare ourselves for the years ahead, and in the process assume responsibility for those who have followed us and will continue to follow us in this place. The growth and development of Western Michigan University is dependent on the inter-relatedness of the past and the present making a composite contribution to the future. Nothing is for today alone. All of us represent the future. Remember, this is the first day of the rest of your lives.

Sons of the Polish Revolution:
The 50s and 60s...

The Sons of the Polish Revolution held away in intramural athletic circles on the campus from 1954 to 1969, not always victorious but always com- petitive. Among that group was John A. Fallon, BA '69. Because many of them left the University in a period not marked by institutional loyalties, these alumni tended to drift away. But at Homecoming 1982 some 50 members of the group returned to see a football game and then to gather at the Holiday Inn West for a gala dinner. Fallon chatted the group, and amid groans from his compatriots had an- nounced earlier that he would bring a prayer for the occasion.

The Westerner is privileged to print this very moving and heartfelt ut- tensity from Fallon, who is now Dr. John A. Fallon, professor of educational leadership at Ball State University. He has advanced degrees from Northern Michigan University and Michigan State University and devotes his major attention to Ball State's Institute for Community Leadership Development. His wife is the former Sidney Miller, EdD '77.

Lord
If you're really up there—and we latter day children of the 1960s have suffi- cient reason to wonder about that—we ask that you hear our not so humble prayer. Please consider what at first may appear to be anger and disappoint- ment as a measure of candi desnese sitting only the best of lifelong friends.

We here tonight are the same serene and peaceful students who peace-fully, shimmied and boggles in out of Western Michigan University 13 years ago. We were armed for life's time of tribulations with a used mortar board, an odd and amorphous collection of academic credits and experiences and an empty diploma case duly inscribed in the greatest tradition of academe.

"Your diploma is not ready yet. Please pick it up at the administration building room 105 next Wednesday." We were then, hopefully but not realistically as now, awe-struck and in- fatuated with altruism and idealism, precociously naive in the ways of the world and purveyors of a sense of mis- sion that could cut to the core of society's problems. We were ready then to deal with the world we had in- herited, and we looked it right square in the eye. We were ready, we ideological soldiers of fortune, but as mem- bers of the single largest graduation-year class in the history of the world, we were woefully un- prepared.

The unprepared
We were unprepared to deal with an escalating war that was being waged on another planet, for all we knew. Few of us had ever even heard of Hanoi, Danang or Hill Number 891 before, and not one of us had ever been there aside from daily vicarious voyages compliments of the major na- tional television networks.

There was real trouble over that war and some of us felt it firsthand and in a very personal way. Our reaction, like most of the world's, was one of un- precedented confusion—confusion between what we heard and thought and what we felt in our hearts. Malthusian theories be damned!

We were also unprepared to deal with other people: other people qua parents, as wives, as children and as neighbors. Our knee-jerk reaction in that "world is your oyster" of our lives was to be concerned about ourselves first and foremost, and all others second, if at all. After all it was dog-eat-dog and survival of the fittest, you know, and none of us had ever taken an undergraduate course in how to develop and maintain a lasting and loving relationship. Nor had we been trained beyond our instincts to deal with the hard questions of precious and innocent children.

Perhaps, most devastating of all, we had not been taught to effectively manage our own personal insecurity, fear and selfishness. We had gone from carefree kid to manchild literally overnight and experienced our own per- sonal version of your cursed refining fire. While some of us became stronger for it, as does iron in a forge, some of us became permanently and emotional- ly scarred. Our empty diploma cases became less coincidental and more pro- phetic as time went by.

Education for life
We're a lot smarter now. You should be able to see it in our faces. Part of it is because we've become even more adept at concealing our soft and tender spots, but part of it is also because we have come by our education for life the hard way—long after reporting one last time to AD 105. Some of us would even go so far as to say that that has happened in spite of you.

As we sit here tonight and reminisce by conjuring up elusive memories sprinkled liberally with equal measures of self-deprecation and face-saving, we ask that you be with us. We also ask that you help us to be as good for our families and others as we can possibly be. We beckon you to help us find that quick and inexpensive cures for male pattern baldness, overweight and the dreaded mid-life crisis. Finally, we ask that you help us and others to save: the baby seals, the economy, the postal system, the air we breathe, the bicameral system of government, the Knollwood Tavern, the captive and latent child in all of us, our cherished memories, and our fraternal love for each other.

And now, let this celebration go on. If you're really up there, Lord, we ask all of this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.
Mid-American Conference championship volleyball team (from left): Tracy Daniel, Candamn Homol, Ivan Forteta, Maria Carbonari, Heather Sawyer, Paige Paulson, Lisa Cancelli, Amy Timmers, Lori Nortn and Jackie Backus.

Sports

With Harbaugh (center) are the team's 1982 award winners (from left): Mark Kuchinak, most valuable and top defensive player; Mike Gary, John Gill Scholar-Athlete award; Dave Knapp, President's-Kevin Brogan award for leadership; Harbaugh; Bob Phillips, top defensive finish at the Central Collegiate Conference championships, a second at the Track Athletics Congress Midwest meet and a seventh place at the NCAA District IV meet and a seventh place at the NCAA.

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Sports Update

Men's Cross Country

The 1982 men's cross country team completed its season with a fifth place finish at the Central Collegiate Conference championships, a second at the Track Athletics Congress Midwest meet and a seventh place at the NCAA District IV affair.

Coach Jack Shaw's harriers were also 5-0 in duals and third at both the Purdue and Mid-American invitationals.

Women's Cross Country

The Bronco women's cross country team registered a third place finish at the Mid-American Conference championship, finishing just seven points out of the top spot.

Coach Debbie Hunt's team was paced by All Mid-American Conference performers Kayla Skelly, Chris Sharp and Melanie Decker. Skelly and Sharp, both freshmen, finished second and third respectively at the league meet, while Decker, a senior, was sixth in the individual field.

Soccer

Western's 1982 soccer team set school records for wins and goals (33) during a 10-8-2 campaign.

Senior Khami capped 'most valuable' honors for Coach Scott Ferri's squad, scoring 12 goals and eight assists, the latter figure matching a school mark. Sergio Marasco had 12 points, including eight goals.

Defensively, goalie Kyle Leonard tied another WMU standard with six shutouts and owned a 1.36 goals against average. Senior fullback Mitch Ginsburg was cited as the team's 'top defensive' player.

Men's Swimming

Coach Pete Lindsay's squad gets a big boost this winter with the return of Tony Ellett, who missed 1982 competition after winning the Mid-American 100-yard backstroke in 1981. Ellett is also the varsity recordholder in the 50 freestyle.

The diving corps will be led by Greg Huls, who was ninth in three-meter standings and 12th on the one-meter board at the 1982 MAC.

Women's Swimming

Miriam Lamp, the 100-yard individual medley varsity record holder, is the only senior Lindsay has on this year's team.

Other returning standard setters are Murray Smith, 200 freestyle; Rose Smyth in the 200 back and 200 fly; and Laura Conti, 200 breaststroke.

Football record is the best since 1941

First-year coach Jack Harbaugh has guided the University's 1982 football team to a 7-2-2 record, the school's best since a mark of 8-0 in 1941.

Moreover, the Broncos claimed second place in the Mid-American Conference, matching the best showing since a co-championship in 1966.

"I believe we've made a satisfying start, considering we had a first-year coaching staff coming into a new situation," Harbaugh said. "Our goal, of course, is to win the Mid-American Conference and represent the league in the California Bowl."

The Broncos' two losses came through a combined total of 11 points, and the club was ranked among the top 20 in NCAA Division I-AA polls for seven consecutive weeks.

The Broncos led all Division I clubs in scoring defense, giving up 7.1 points per game. On offense, WMU established school records for passes (255), completions (126) and passing yardage (1,598).

In reviewing key recruiting needs, Harbaugh listed "linemen with both size and speed" and tight ends as the main priority. The staff also will be seeking defensive backs since none was brought in this year and two regulars graduated. Depth at the linebacker position is another concern.

Your Special Gift Deserves A Special Gift

Your contribution is a significant gift that will...
Alumni

Dear Alumni,

Western Michigan University is not only a place, it is a tradition of excellence, concern and education. More than 105,000 persons have graduated, beginning in the early days with one-year certificates for teaching, then two-year life certificates and baccalaureate degrees, and then tentative steps into graduate study with a cooperative master's program. Finally came specialist and doctoral degrees, indicating that Western has reached a pinnacle of educational endeavor.

All of this growth was predicated by growth in numbers—and the growing was challenging. It was good. Everyone felt deeply about this newness that continued to change annually.

But then a cynicism that it might not last forever crept in. The baby boom went bust, and the visionaries knew that the balloon would no longer fly quite so high nor be quite so big. Some clung to the belief that it would remain forever at the heights it once attained.

Now the time has come, as reflected by today's enrollment of about 19,000, that Western will probably face some continued shrinkage. And while this comes in students, because the numbers are decreasing, it must also come in programs and people.

This becomes a time of long faces, worried countenances, less money for operation and the need to rethink what it is we are doing and how we are going about the total educational endeavor.

These forces have been at work, and tough decisions are being made. But while Western must turn back its clock a bit as to numbers of students, faculty, programs, support staff, etc., there is a concern that the quality that is in the University be preserved, that efforts be made to enhance the University in every possible way.

There is a proper role for alumni in this great venture, as well as for those on the campus.

At its annual meeting the board of directors of the Western Michigan University Alumni Association voted to prepare and conduct the greatest membership campaign the organization has ever made. It is hoped that in the months ahead every alumnus who is not now a member will receive a personal invitation to become a committed partner in the continuity and enhancement of Western Michigan University.

Fledge your loyalty to Western now through membership in the Alumni Association, through gifts to the Development Fund and by the expression of your concern as faith in a great educational institution, your alma mater.

Russ Strong

Nominations requested

Each year the WMU Alumni Association sponsors two prestigious awards: Distinguished Alumni and Teaching Excellence.

Nominations for these awards are submitted to a committee, and selections are made, with the approval of the board of directors of the WMU Alumni Association. The active faculty designated for Teaching Excellence awards are honored each October at an academic convocation. At that time they receive certificates and tax-free checks for $1,000. The stipends are made possible through alumni gifts each year to the Development Fund.

Distinguished Alumni awards are presented at a dinner following the activities of Homecoming on Saturday night in the University Student Center. In 1982 the awards consisted of anniversary clocks especially engraved for each of the honorees.

Now is the time for alumni to make any nominations they may feel appropriate for each of the awards. Names and supportive material should be addressed to the Director of Alumni Relations, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.

The alumni chairman for the two committees are Suzanne Geha Merpi, Teaching Excellence, and Dr. Jack Ryan, Distinguished Alumni.

Grand Rapids Gatherings

Members of the Grand Rapids alumni committee have scheduled alumni activities for the Grand Rapids area through the summer of 1983. A cross section of events for the outdoor and sports minded alumni and their families are on tap:
- January 15, 1983 Cross Country Skiing
- April 30, 1983 Tennis and Racquetball Party
- June 27, 1983 Annual Alumni Golf Outing
- For more information contact: Allen Emmons, 65, 364-6161 or 245-9866, or John Kennedy, 281-2220 or 452-6838.

Lansing Plans

Plans are now being made for WMU alumni in the Lansing area to gather at Munn Ice Arena on Saturday, January 22, as the Bronco hockey team takes on the MSU Spartans. Watch your mail for details.

Alumni Gatherings

Alumni questions

Alumni questions teaching of basics at college level

In response to an article appearing in the August issue of the Westerner, page 3, "Intelligent Skills Emphasizes 3Rs," Vicki Casperson Wretzky, BA '64, writes:

"I'm not (and never was) questioning the legitimacy of 'quantification', I do, however, question its use as a synonym for either 'arithmetic' or 'mathematics'.

"But beyond all this, its use in that context strikes me as exceedingly pompous. Perhaps the writer had his tongue-in-cheek!"

"While I'm on my soapbox, let me add that I don't believe it should be the province of a university to teach basic skills. What do we have elementary, junior and high schools for?

"Students who can't do their '3Rs' have no business in a university setting in the first place. I realize this is not considered a very democratic viewpoint, but then, I'm probably an educational snail darter, doomed to extinction, anyway. (What else can you expect of a liberal arts more than, say, courses in business management or 'sanitary engineering'?)"
**Alumnotes**

1972
Michael McKinely, BA '72, has been named anchorman by Satellite News Channel for its all-news cable channel. It is operated by branched office organizations and Westinghouse. McKinely had been with Mutual Broadcasting.

1974
David L. Kohnlauch, BS '74, MA '79, showed his artistic skills in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids after selection of his works for law degree from the University of Toledo in August. David L. Knoblauch, the juried Michigan Artists employee relations and Kalamazoo as a result of his works responsibility as personnel director for the August. He has joined the faculty at the Gary committed to the WMU Project.

1977
Theodore D. Apking, BS '77, MA '78, and William F. Ulman, IV, MA '77, both received their D. degrees in nursing from WMU's August commencement. Doris J. Cubbemuss, BS '74, MA '79, has been licensed as a CPA by the American Auditors Assistant. Sheila Hartman, BFA '78, has been named home care planning coordinator by American Broadcasting Co. and

1979
John A. Short, BFA '79, has received his juris doctor degree from the University of Toledo, with Arthur Andersen & Co., Grand Rapids.

1981
Jean M. Amlicke, BS '81, is now medical administration coordinator for Health Care Circle in Kalamazoo, a new health maintenance organization and a subsidiary of Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
Carolyn K. Kester, MSW '81, is the new coordinator of career counseling programs for the Center for Women's Services, WMU.

Jean Ann Zoschke, BA '81, has completed paralegal studies at Roosevelt University, Chicago, and is now with Francorp, Inc., Olympia Fields, Ill.

Christine Grigg, BBA '81, is one of the stage stars of the Algonquin Community Players, with which she has been affiliated for 12 years.

Thomas J. Witkowski, BBA '81, is the first marketing research analyst for Union Pump Co., Battle Creek.

Richard E. Sutton, MPA '81, has had his ceramics exhibited at the Upper Berth Gallery in Marshall.

Barbara Saari, MBA '81, has been promoted to assistant marketing development manager for the Kellogg Co.'s U.S. food production division.

Steve Winnor, BBA '81, won the Michigan state open tennis men's singles title in 1981.

Jeffrey M. Jonas, MPA '81, has been appointed city secretary for the city of Kalamazoo.

Christine Grieg, BBA '81, is one of the Ceramic Gallery in Marshall.

Mike R. Smith, MBA '81, has had his ceramics exhibited at the Berth Gallery in Marshall.

Thomas M. Kline, BS '81, and Margaret A. Sutton, MSW '81, have been appointed to Western in addition to touring the campus.

1969

James A. Porenta, BBA '69, and Valerie Ernst, BS '72, MA '77, April 24 in Grand Haven. She is with the Ottawa County Justice Court choice program, and he is a partner in Porenta's Grand Haven Furniture Co.

1971

Barbara Schilling, BA '71, and Paul Deja, June 12 in Dowagiac. She is a teacher at Eau Claire, and they live in Berrien Springs.

Shirley Eccles, BS '71, and John M. Hayward, June 18 at Gull Lake, Richland. She is with the Comstock schools.

John L. Master, BS '71, and Jill Machow- sky, June 26 in Muskegon. He is an industrial engineer at Howmet Corp.

1972

Susan E. Seelheimer, BS '72, and Reginald Jerolimova, June 26 in Kalamazoo. She has an MA from Texas Woman's University and is associate director of the Kalamazoo Ballet Company.

Lynne Eisenbach, BA '72, MA '76, and Glenn W. Rychlik, BS '72, MA '78, Aug. 7 in Kanley Chapel. Both teach at Paw Paw, and they live in Portage.

Thomas P. Morin, BA '72, and Judith DeLima, Aug. 14 in Kalamazoo. He is with the V & A Bootery, Kalamazoo.

Cheryl L. Archibald, BS '72, and Steve Ryan, Aug. 14 in Holt. She teaches in Williamston, and they live in Okemos.

Edward J. Somerville, BA '73, and Lillian Campbell, May 22 in Holly. They live in Southfield, and he is with the Upjohn Co., Dearborn.

Diane M. Corradini, BS '73, MLS '81, and Dee L. Clement, June 12 at Glen. Gregoire J. Daggett, BS '73, and Holly Hill, Aug. 14 in South Haven. He is with Comstock Schools.

Ronald L. Reisterer, BA '73, and Elizabeth Hammond, Aug. 28 in Kalamazoo. He is with the Comstock schools.

1974

Richard L. Hyde, Jr., BS '74, and Deborah J. Williams, June 19 in Plainwell. He is operations manager for Communications, Inc., Kalamazoo, and they live in Climax.

Katie J. Signam, BS '74, and James K. Powers, Dec. 19 in Dearborn. They now live in Madison, Wis.

Dann K. Ferres, BS '74, and Rebecca Burgess, June 26 in Midland. They live in Hope.

Linda S. Rowe, BA '74, MA '79, and Richard N. Sciolite, July 24 in Paw Paw. She teaches in Kalamazoo's Winchell school.

Kathleen M. Konish, BS '74, and Michael L. Putton, BS '74, MBA '76, July 24 in Muskegon. She teaches in Kalamazoo, and he is with James River Corp. They live in Plainwell.

Judith E. Sadler, BA '74, and David Steigmann, June 27 in Winchester, Mass. She is a special education teacher, and they live in Boston.

John C. Schumacher, BS '74, and Martha Wegner, July 24 in Portage, Ill. He is with Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan of Kalamazoo.

Stephen J. Schanz, BBA '74, and Jennifer Caroselli, Aug. 6 in Kalamazoo. He is an attorney.

Brian M. Nichols, BS '74, and Nanette M. Friedle, Aug. 8 in Kalamazoo. He is studying geophysics at Wright State University, Fairborn, Ohio.

Brown & Gold—Among the more than 1,000 high school and transfer students and their guests who attended Brown & Gold Day Nov. 13 was Nina Williams (right), a senior at Bronson High School, shown talking with Dr. David Chaplin, chairman of the Department of Sociology. In addition, high school and community college administrators also attended. Students could obtain counseling and information on admission to Western in addition to touring the campus.

1975

Anne Fedeaux, BBA '82, and Edward C. Schmidt, BS '75, June 5 in Portage. She is with Main, Hardin & Cruston, Lansing, and he is with the Leslie school, where they live.

Larry Mikk, BBA '75, and Florence Broeck, BS '79, July 3 in Kalamazoo. She is a senior in the MSU College of Human Medicine, and he is a computer support specialist for the Upjohn Co.

Jeffery T. Henderson, MA '75, and Mary D. Reuterdorf, June 26 in Benton Harbor. He is with Kalamazoo Valley Community College, and they live in Mattawan.

Alan L. Smith, BBA '75, and Elisabeth Action, BS '77, MA '80, Aug. 28 in Kalamazoo. He is a display ad salesman for the Kalamazoo Gazette.

1976

Leslie M. Yealin, BBA '76, and Robert K. Buck, BA '71, July 10 in Kalamazoo. He is project expediter for the Palisades Divi- sion, Bechtel Power Corp., and they live in Plainwell.

John A. Dubois, BS '76, and Kimberly setOpen, Aug. 7 in South Haven. He is with the Plainwell schools, and they live in Kalamazoo.

Paul G. Caron, BS '76, and Susan L. Taylor, July 27 in Holland. They live in Caledonia.

Alan G. Lewandowski, BS '76, and Mary Jo Swanson, BS '79, Aug. 28 in Blacksburg, Va. He is completing his doctorate at Virginia Tech, and she is a unit manager for Process & Gamber.

Thomas W. Fogleman, BS '76, and Linda K. Minckler, Aug. 21 in Kalamazoo. He is a varsity football coach at Three Rivers high school.

1977

Richard W. Mayer, BS '77, and Joy P. Ziemke, BBA '82, June 11 in Kalamazoo. She is with Alexander Grant & Co. and he teaches in Gobles. They live in Kalamazoo.

John D. Guilleroy, BS '77, and Twila Milton, Jun 13 in Bloomfield Hills. Both are students in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University.

William T. Luley, BBA '77, and Dorothy Depta, Sept. 11 in Kalamazoo. He is with H. S. Coover Co., San Francisco, where they live.

Allan P. Behnke, BS '78, and Jeanne B. Z immigrants, Aug. 28 in Kalamazoo. She is with the Ottawa County Juvenile Court choice program, and he is a unit manager for the Upjohn Co.

1978

Pauline Van Bell, BS '78, and Scott Kogut, May 22 in Cassopolis.

James R. Dougherty, BBA '76, MBA '80, and Maureen Sheedy, May 25 in Kalamazoo. He is a CPA with Bernard, Lovning & Co., Denver, and she is with Bernard, Loving & Co.

Pamela Sue Harwood, BS '78, and Mark D. Wilkinson, Aug. 6 in Paw Paw. Both are members of the Ottawa CountyMos. Hospital, Kalamazoo, where they live.

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Wilton D. Brooks, TC '08, died October 19 at his Cloverbale home.

Myrtle I. Tushelle, TC '10, died Sept. 26 in Kalamazoo. She had been employed at Bronson Methodist Hospitals.

Mrs. Tarbell leaves two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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1981

Elma Robinson Newman, TC '18, died Jan. 25 in Kalamazoo.

He had taught in the Argo-

She leaves her husband, two sons, five grandchildren and five great- grandchildren.

Ernest A. Gjerke, TC '23, BA '38, died in early 1982 in St. Clair. He leaves his wife.

Miriam Birdsell Beegle, TC '24, BA '45, died July 21 in Bellevue, Wash.

Ruth Chamberl Havens, LC '26, died Sept. 30 in Kalamazoo. She was a vision technician, and leaves two daughters, two grandchildren and her mother.

Golda L. Crisman, TC '27, BA '29, a member of the University of Michigan high school faculty from 1947 to 1972, died Oct. 9 in Ann Arbor. She was an assistant professor of education emerita, and leaves two daughters, two grandchildren and her mother.

1982

Lawrence P. Bittner, BS '81, died Oct. 5 in Plainwell. He was a senior at Bronson High School.

Mildred Hill Wilson, TC '31, BS '38, died Sept. 30 in Kalamazoo. She had taught kindergarten in Kalamazoo for many years and was a member of the Kalamazoo Education Association. She leaves a daughter and two grandchildren.

James R. Dougherty, BBA '76, MBA '80, and Maureen Sheedy, May 25 in Kalamazoo. He is a CPA with Bernard, Lovning & Co., Denver, and she is with Bernard, Loving & Co.

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The Politics of the First Christmas
By Paul L. Maier

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. ... And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

LUKE 2: 1-5

The first person mentioned in Luke’s familiar story of Christmas was neither Palestinian, nor Jew, nor shepherd, nor wise man. In fact, he would seem to have had nothing at all to do with the story, for he was the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus. And yet it was his decision, 1,500 miles away in Rome, which started the train of events that finally led to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Under normal circumstances, Jesus would have been born in Nazareth, the home of Joseph and Mary. But as Luke explains, Augustus decreed an enrollment or census of his vast empire, and all subjects of Rome had to return for registration at their ancestral homes. Since both Joseph and Mary were distant descendants of the much-married King David, they prepared to travel down to David’s city, the sleepy little town of Bethlehem in the sere and arid Judean hills six miles southwest of Jerusalem.

Was This Trip Necessary? Their Mary was about to endure the rigors of this eighty-mile journey on the back of a jogging donkey while in a state of very advanced pregnancy has been doubted by some scholars. Rome never required her subjects to return to their original homes for such enrollments, they claim, and Luke must have garbled his facts. But this view has been disputed by the discovery of a Roman census edict from 104 A.D. in neighboring Egypt, in which tax-payers who were elsewhere were ordered to return to their original homes for registration.

An obscure Galilean couple had to obediently check into the census office in Bethlehem because of their decision to take the eighty-mile journey from Nazareth. The census mentioned in the Christmas story is adapted from the first chapter of Paul L. Maier’s book, First Christmas: The True and Unfamiliar Story, (Harper & Row). Dr. Maier is a professor of ancient history at WMU. His latest book, The Flames of Rome (Double-day and Signet paperback), deals with the question of why Nero persecuted the Christians so horrendously after the great fire of Rome.

Maier is also the author of First Christmas, First Easter, and First Christians, which have just been published in a boxed trilogy set in paperback. An earlier documentary novel, Pontius Pilate, has been purchased for television.

Augustus himself, the grandnephew and adopted heir of Julius Caesar, was Rome’s first emperor. His fascinating career began in the bloody civil wars of the late Roman republic, continued beyond a victorious showdown with his arch rival Mark Antony, and culminated in a lengthy era of peace and prosperity, well styled the Pax Augusta, for Augustus created and preserved the happy concord of Christmas. (Jesus was not born in 1 A.D.)

At the time of Augustus’ death in 14 A.D., Jesus was about 19 years old, an apprentice carpenter in Nazareth, and the emperor still could not possibly have heard of him. He would have been astounded to know that later ages would assign his own death to the year 14 A.D. (“in the year of the Lord”) rather than the Roman date, 767 A.U.C. (ab urbe condita, “from the founding of the city”) all because of that unknown subject, born in Bethlehem. And he would have been amazed that future generations would wish each other a “Merry Christmas” rather than “ho Saturnalia!”—that great end-of-the-year festival in Rome which featured pagan delights and many of the holiday trappings of our secular yuletide, including holly, mistletoe, and evergreens, the exchange of gifts, and much feasting and drinking.

But the successors of the emperor and of the baby would discover each other soon enough.

Augustus followed this bluster with legislation designed to reverse the tide by making promiscuity a crime, while conferring political advantages on a father of three children. Bachelors who shirked “the duty of marriage” were penalized in their right to inherit, and they could not even secure good seats at the games! The bachelors, of course, tried to circumvent such penalties by “marrying” infant girls, but Augustus quickly countered by setting the minimum age for engagement at ten for girls, with a two-year upper limit for length of courtship.

Perhaps it was to gauge his success in raising marriage rates that Augustus was so concerned about the imperial census, and he took several, as in the Christmas story, during his lengthy reign. Such enrollments, of course, were also the basis for the Roman system of taxation. Later census returns showed a considerable increase in population, though this may have been due as much to the return of peace and prosperity after all the bloodshed of Rome’s civil wars as to Augustus’ legislation. But the emperor was pleased enough with the results that he proudly mentioned his censuses in eighth place among the 35 “Acts of Augustus” for which he wished to be remembered, items that were later engraved on two bronze plaques outside his mausoleum.

Unfortunately, he reported figures only for that privileged group in the Empire known as male Roman citizens: • The census of 18 B.C. showed 4,063,000 Roman citizens. • The census of 8 B.C. showed 4,233,000 Roman citizens. • The census of 14 A.D. showed 4,937,000 Roman citizens.

At this time, however, the entire Roman Empire—like Luke, the Romans also hyperbolized it as “the whole world”—would have numbered almost 50 million people.

The census mentioned in the Christmas story was probably a provincial enrollment associated with the citizens’ census of 8 B.C., but apparently the machinery necessary to take it in far-off Palestine was not prepared until about 5 B.C., since 8 B.C. is some three years too early for the birth of Christ. Jesus was not born in A.D. 1.