In a few words . . .

- Innovative computer use cited
  The American Chemical Society cited WMU in the January issue of CAS Report as the first of seven institutions to participate in an experimental program offering CAS ONLINE computer services for teaching courses in chemical literature.

- Robert E. Harmon, professor of chemistry, and Hardy Carroll, associate professor of library and information science, collaborated to produce the computer instruction for Western's course. The effort is part of Project EXCITE, the program designed to increase use of computers across the campus.

- Scott wins writing fellowship
  Herbert S. Scott, professor of English, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship Grant of $12,500. Scott, who has taught creative writing at Western since 1980, is the author of five books and has written poems for several periodicals.

- In January, Scott was also named as one of five Michigan artists to receive a 1984 Michigan Foundation of the Arts award.

- Ziring named visiting fellow at Oxford
  Lawrence Ziring, professor of political science and director of the Institute of Government and Politics, has accepted an invitation to serve as a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University in England this fall. Ziring is the first WMU faculty member to earn this honor.

- He is an expert in the affairs of South and Southwest Asia, Ziring will conduct tutorials with graduate students and serve as a research associate at Oxford's Center for Commonwealth Studies. He will also spend time in London doing research at the Institute for Strategic Studies, a leading private research organization that focuses on national security questions.

- Students participate in Manuscript Day
  Seventy-seven students from twenty-one high schools across the state attended the twelfth annual Manuscript Day at WMU in March. The students, who attended with their English teachers, were invited to submit manuscripts of poetry and prose fiction earlier this year. These were reviewed in workshops as part of the day's activities.

- Science and math education committee formed
  A Committee on Science and Mathematics Education has been established "to define and implement how Western can best respond to the pressing need for improved instruction in science and mathematics."

Bernhard announces retirement as president

Dr. John T. Bernhard has announced his intention to retire from the presidency of Western Michigan University as of June 30, 1985. He made the announcement at the April meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees.

In speaking to the Board, Bernhard said he had "mixed feelings" about the decision, but indicated that he will be sixty-five years old and will have served as WMU president for more than a decade by June 1985.

Paraphrasing St. Paul, Bernhard said, "I have given the presidency my very best, but today it's time to turn the page!" He added, "... let me emphasize that retirement from the presidency will not be retirement from life. With appropriate approvals, I hope to return to teaching at the University." A tenured professor of political science, he has taught an introductory course each fall for the past few years.

He promised, "I will not serve as a lame duck president between this moment and June 30 next year. I intend to remain an active chief executive in substance as well as in title."

Bernhard continued, "It will not be easy to leave the college and supportive association I have enjoyed with the Board, my colleagues in central administration, and the many faculty, staff, and student leaders I have known and worked with over the years. Thanks to their personal commitment, Western is a fine institution and will continue to be so. Their dedicated efforts on behalf of the University have always been greatly appreciated by me."

Now, however, Western must place a new leader at the helm—one who will design different directions for the future.

Bernhard is only the fourth person to hold a permanent presidential appointment at Western in its eighty-one-year history. The other three were Dwight R. Waldo, Paul V. Sangren, and James W. Miller.

Dr. Alfred L. Edwards, a faculty member at the University of Michigan and current chairperson of the Board of Trustees, said, "I understand why President Bernhard wants to return to teaching, but it will be a great loss to the Board of Trustees, to the University, and to me, personally."

Charles H. Ludlow, a WMU alumnus and current vice chairperson of the WMU Board of Trustees, called Bernhard "an effective leader" and cited his sensitivity to the needs of University faculty and staff. Ludlow has been named to head a search committee for Bernhard's successor.

In reviewing his tenure in office, Bernhard cited development programs, the Dalton and Fetzer Centers, affirmative action, town-and-gown relationships, an open atmosphere on campus, and the maintenance of financial stability as a few of the highlights. Other achievements he noted included the phenomenal growth and success of the women's athletic program, the continued growth of international programs, the success of the Intellectual Skills Development program, and the "very progressive step" represented by the Project EXCITE computer literacy program.

Eames pilot certification—Linda Reineke, a student from Henrietta, New York, who graduated in April, was the first woman in the 47-year history of Western's Aviation Technology and Operations Program to earn the Air Transport Pilot Certificate, the highest rating certification level offered in the field. To achieve the rating, Reineke completed written and oral examinations and a practical flight test with a Federal Aviation Administration inspector. To qualify for the test, she had to accumulate 1,500 flying hours in various categories including instrument flying, cross-country flying, and night flight. The certificate indicates to the aviation industry that Reineke has reached the "terminal-degree" stage. The certification combined with experience will qualify her to work as a commercial airline pilot—her career goal. Western's flight program is the only four-year degree program in the state.

Fred W. Adams of Grosse Pointe, the only charter member of the WMU Board of Trustees still on the governing board, was recently honored by his colleagues for his twenty years of dedicated and outstanding service to the University.

At the ceremonies he was also recognized by State Representative Mary Brown of Kalamazoo, who presented him with a concurrent resolution from both houses of the Michigan Legislature, citing Adams as an "exemplary citizen and stalwart advocate of higher education [who] has played a significant role in making WMU the highly regarded institution it is today." The resolution also cited his "abiding commitment to enhance the school's educational standards and to foster a spirit of cooperation between faculty, administration, students, trustees, and the community." The tribute concluded, "We are most fortunate in having such a capable gentleman provide his leadership."

A native of Kalamazoo, Adams has had a close association with Western for thirty-seven years. It all began sixty-nine years ago when he was only twelve years old; he attended the Campus Training School for grades K-8, the Campus State High School from 1924 to 1928, and received his B.A. degree from Western in 1932. He was appointed to Western's first (Continued on page 2)

John Bernhard

Charter trustee Adams honored
Brinn named vice president for University relations

Chauncey J. Brinn, secretary to the Board of Trustees, has been appointed vice president for University relations and secretary to the Board as part of a reorganization of institutional advancement at the University.

Two other administrators received new titles as part of the reorganization. Martin R. [redacted], executive assistant to the president, becomes associate vice president for University relations, and executive assistant to the president, and Russell L. Gabier, assistant vice president for alumni affairs and development, becomes assistant vice president for University relations. Gabier also retains his title of senior development officer of the WMU Foundation.

Three appointments, which are effective immediately, were approved at the March WMU Board of Trustees meeting. Brinn's new position replaces the vacant position of vice president for governmental relations, resulting in one less position in the University's central administration.

The alumni/development shuffle

A major shift of assignments in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development was approved in February by the Board of Trustees. Four of the current professional staff members have been given new titles and new duties.

Helen J. Flaspohler, who has been director of the Development Fund since 1975, is now executive director of development. Doretha E. Mortimore, assistant director of the Development Fund since 1979, is the new director. M. Jamie Jeremy, assistant director of alumni relations since 1979, has been reassigned as alumni relations director. Finally, Russell A. Strong, director of alumni relations since 1979, is the new senior development officer and director of alumni and development research.

Flaspohler will have administrative responsibility for the Development Fund, corporate and foundation relations, planned giving, and research. Strong will head alumni and development services, which include accounting, alumni records, development records, and data processing, as well as all research activities for the WMU Foundation, development, and alumni relations.

Mortimore assumes leadership of one of the most successful annual giving programs in the United States, with contributions to the University totaling more than $2.8 million in 1982. Jeremy becomes director of an alumni relations program that serves more than 10,000 active alumni of the University. She will also assume editorial responsibility for alumni news in the Westerner.

Adams honored (Continued from page 1)

The Board of Trustees recently approved a recommended 4.9 percent increase in 1984-85 room and board rates. The change increased the cost for a typical academic year (fall and winter semesters) by $111, from $2,239 to $2,350. Citing an institutional commitment to keep rate increases as low as possible, Robert W. Wenzel, vice president for finance, said that the increase is driven primarily by cost increases for food, labor, and maintenance.

Room and board rates increase

The office of the vice president for University relations will be directly responsible to the president for the coordination of efforts to advance external understanding of, and support for, the University and to develop effective communications. Specific areas of responsibility will include affirmative action, alumni affairs and development, governmental relations, intercollegiate athletics, public information, and public relations.

Brinn came to WMU in 1961 as coordinator of special programs in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. He became assistant to the vice president for academic affairs in 1965 and was assistant vice president for academic affairs from 1977-79. He was named assistant vice president for governmental relations in 1979 and in 1981 was named secretary to the Board of Trustees and assistant vice president for governmental relations.

Goldfarb new associate dean

Clare R. Goldfarb, professor of English and immediate past chairperson of the Department of English, has been appointed associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Goldfarb, who joined the faculty at Western as an instructor in 1961, replaces Susan B. Hannah, who was recently named assistant vice president for academic affairs.

"I am extremely pleased at the appointment of Dr. Goldfarb as associate dean," said A. Bruce Clarke, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Her previous successful administrative experience, her distinguished scholarship, and her broad understanding of the college and the University will assure her success in this new challenge.

"As associate dean, Goldfarb will have a wide range of responsibilities, with particular emphasis on curriculum and program development." Goldfarb earned her Ph.D. at Indiana University in 1964. She also has a master's degree from New York University and a bachelor's degree from Smith College.
Honorary degrees granted at April commencement

At the winter commencement exercises, three honorary doctor of laws degrees were awarded by the Board of Trustees. They went to the 1981 World Book Encyclopedia Scientist of the Year, one of the most influential leaders in American higher education, and a noted civil rights leader and humanitarian.

The recipients were: Ronald L. Graham, director, Mathematical Sciences Research Center, AT&T Bell Laboratories; Allan W. Osar, president, American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU); and Bayard Rustin, president, A. Philip Randolph Educational Fund.

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Noted scholar appointed to Upjohn Chair

The first person to be seated in The Upjohn Chair of Business Administration at Western will be Dr. Ralph L. Day, distinguished professor of business administration at Indiana University, Bloomington, and full-time executive writer and researcher, and 1975 Marketing Educator of the Year. Day is a fellow of the American Institute for Decision Sciences, past vice president of the American Marketing Association, and past president of the Association for Business Simulation and Experiential Learning.

"We at Western are delighted to receive this very generous chair endowment from The Upjohn Company," said President John T. Bernhard. "The support of such an outstanding corporation for our business administration programs is greatly appreciated. This endowment is the first gift of its kind in University history, and we are pledged to maintain the high standard of academic excellence which the Upjohn Chair truly deserves."

Joseph A. Rustin, left, Sanjay Kalani, far left, and Ralph L. Day, center, cut the ribbon to open the May 24 opening ceremony of TECH EXPO, the annual technology exhibit by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, featured a 'HERO' cabaret, for left, cutting the ribbon to kickoff the March event. Left: Two members of the Sky Bravos, from left, Samsay Kalani 24 from Kalamazoo and David J. Argovas from Canton, demonstrate their exhibit of an airplane simulator to Timothy E. Felt and his daughter Helen. The goal of the annual event is to not only showcase student achievement in the College, but also to provide the campus and community with an opportunity to learn about technological advances that affect their lives.

Ralph L. Day

R.T. Parfet, Jr., chairman of the board and chief executive officer of The Upjohn Company, commented: "The Upjohn Company is very pleased to have this opportunity to help enhance the academic reputation of Western Michigan University. This corporate gift is further demonstration of this company's steadfast commitment to excellence in education and business development. We are delighted to

writing has supported the work of the abstract expressionists for many years. Svoboda is a professor of architecture in the College of Fine and Applied Arts in Prague and an adjunct professor of theatrical design at Juilliard. He is the chief designer and technical director of the National Theatre in Prague, producing fifteen to twenty new shows each season.

Greenburg, Svoboda receive honorary degrees

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were, from left, Ronald L. Graham, director of the Mathematical Sciences Research Center of American Telephone & Telegraph Bell Laboratories, Bayard Rustin, president of the A. Philip Randolph Educational Fund, and Allan W. Osar, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The WMU Distinguished Service Award recipient was Claude S. Phillips, right, member of the political science faculty for 27 years.

Phillips receives service award

Claude S. Phillips, professor of political science and a leader in its programs of international education, has been named this year's recipient of the WMU Distinguished Service Award.

The award recognizes the contributions of faculty and staff members to the University, and carries with it a plaque and a $1,000 honorarium.

The Carnegie Foundation grants totaling nearly $150,000, Phillips established and directed Western's Institute of International and Area Studies, with its master's and specialist's degree programs. He brought leading scholars to the campus and established an area studies library of more than 3,500 specialized volumes. Phillips, a noted international economist, has been named this year's recipient of the WMU Distinguished Service Award.

Book Nook

Modern Business Law

By F. William McCarty—a business law textbook intended for use by undergraduate business students.

Intrepretive Costume Design

By Dan J. Fleischhacker, illustrated by the late Rose Netzorg Kerr, who directed the art department from 1913-1921—a quick reference for costume history up until 1850.

Economics

By Wayland L. Gardner and Werner Sichel, in cooperation with a leading economist and a professor at Duke University—designed to better explain difficult economic concepts to college students, this book has a strong international bent.

A Seminar...

Kalamazoo area readers: a seminar on "Financial and Estate Planning for Women" will be held Thursday, May 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the John E. Fetzer Business Development Center on campus. Sponsored by WMU's Division of Continuing Education, this seminar will feature financial, tax, and legal professionals who will discuss personal finance and estate planning. For more information, please call the Office of Conferences and Institutes at (616) 383-0795.
Western Michigan University proudly recognizes the following distinguished group of alumni, friends, and businesses whose interest in the University is extraordinary and who contribute substantially to its growth and success. These are people who are inevitably good ambassadors for the University to the communities and regions in which they live, and in giving to Western in an exemplary manner, they serve as an inspiration to others to act with similar generosity. Increased membership in all Donor Clubs last signifies the growing awareness among our friends that continued educational excellence at WMU depends increasingly upon generous private support. To made to assure accuracy. We apologize for any errors.

We invite you to share your pride for Western Michigan University by joining one of our Donor Clubs. How? Clip and mail to: Doretha E. Mortimore: Director Development, University Club 10 State St. Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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Dear Alumni

On February 17, I was appointed director of alumni relations at Western. As this is the first Westerner published since that appointment, I thought it most important to write a letter to the alumni members.

So, I walked into my office four hours before the deadline for copy for this April issue, sat down, and put the words, “Dear Alumni” on a clean sheet of paper.

The morning disappeared. It was two hours past the deadline and to look at my one office I would think I was trying to write a great American novel instead of a letter. There were pieces of crumpled paper everywhere, and, for the fortieth time, I wrote the words, “Dear Alumni” on a clean sheet of paper.

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Association awards nominations sought

Each year the WMU Alumni Association presents Teaching Excellence awards and Distinguished Alumni awards to deserving individuals. Teaching Excellence awards recognize members of the WMU faculty who have demonstrated a high degree of proactivity in classroom instruction and who have made a major contribution to the general welfare of students and the University. Nominations for Distinguished Alumni awards are based on an individual's special achievements in a particular field or endeavor, contributions to humanity, and service to Western. Alumni nominations for both these awards are an important portion of the award selection process. Interested WMU alumni are encouraged to submit nominations for both of these awards using the nomination forms below.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM

Remember: Teaching proficiency is the main criteria for this award.

Name of Nominee

Department

Your Name ____________

Graduation Year __________________________

State __________________________

Alumni are encouraged to submit nominations for both of these awards as an important portion of the Alumni Association. Russell A. Strong will again guide a group from Kalamazoo through Amsterdam and into Germany, traveling by motorcoach along the Rhine and into Bavaria. While the play is the main attraction, the travelers will see such great German cities as Cologne, Munich, West Berlin, and Hannover, as well as see Mad Ludwig's castle and the great gardens at Ludwigburg. An afternoon in the Lorelei region of the Rhine will offer an exciting boat trip as well.

The cost of this trip is $1,839 including air fare from Chicago, all transportation on the continent, two meals a day except for the period in East Germany when three a day will be the rule, and other incidental expenses. Travelers will have the opportunity to go from the campus to Chicago by bus, as well as returning this way. Parking will be provided on campus from August 7 to August 21.

ALUMNI NOMINATION FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Name ____________

Graduation Year __________________________

City __________________________

State __________________________

Professional Title __________________________

Address ____________

Phone __________________________

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: (Please use additional sheet if more space is needed)

Awards, Honors, or Activities

Other Information

Your Name ____________

Graduation Year __________________________

State __________________________

Phone __________________________

Homecoming committee honored-The 1984 WMU Student Organization of the Year Award was recently presented to the Student Homecoming Committee for their work in planning the 1984 Homecoming celebration. In addition to working year-round with students, faculty, administrators, and alumni on plans for this annual campus-wide event, committee members involved the Kalamazoo business community in their efforts as well. Members of the 1983 committee, pictured, are: seated L to R Co-chair Lee Bahlman; and Archie Watson.

Homecoming..."Live from Western..." It's Homecoming '84 has been selected as the theme for Western Michigan University's 1984 Homecoming celebration Sunday, September 30, through Saturday, October 6. Detailed information about Homecoming activities, and a reservation form, will appear in the August Westerner.
2016
Beulah Whalen Lybrook, TC '16, celebrated her ninetieth birthday in January with a trip to the Lybrook School in Eau Claire. She taught for forty-eight years, forty-four of them in Eau Claire, and the school was named for her in 1964. She is extremely proud of her family of one daughter, two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

2024
Althea Austin-Reames Young, TC '24, BA '54, is considering selling her collection of more than 325 dolls. A teacher for nearly forty years in Cassopolis and Dowagiac, Mrs. Young began collecting dolls seriously in 1958.

2025
Homer Arnett, BA '25, has been elected vice president of the Kalamazoo-Numazu Sister City committee.

1927
Pauline Brown Harris, TC '27, has won top prize in a competition sponsored by the Lansing Art Guild. She is a member of Zeta chapter, Alpha Beta Epsilon.

1939
Dr. Nathan L. Nichols, BA '39, lectured on campus in January on "Optical Diffraction, Space Filtering, and Image Processing." He retired from the WMU physics faculty in 1981.

1947
Robert P. Bott, BA '47, MA '54, is the new personnel and communication coordinator for Dow Corning Co., Midland. He had most recently been manager of communications.

1948
Val Bleech, '48, retired December 31 as corporate affairs manager for Michigan Bell Telephone in Southwest Michigan.

1949
David L. Olson, BA '49, principal of Roncalli High School for the past twenty-six years, has announced plans to retire in June.

Jazz recordings donated
An outstanding collection of more than 2,000 jazz recordings has been donated to the Harper C. Maybee Music and Dance Library by Phyllis Parmatter of Plainwell. The collection is broad in scope, including music from early New Orleans through contemporary jazz. The collection is named the Richard Lee Parmatter Memorial Jazz Collection in honor of Parmatter’s late husband. A 1951 graduate, he received a B.S. in secondary education with a major in English. He was former owner of the Little Professor Bookshop in Kalamazoo. WMU jazz faculty members who have reviewed the collection praise it for the wealth of listening material it will provide for students. It will also be of particular use in the WMU jazz studies program.

The collection is of special importance because it goes far beyond Western's existing jazz collection, particularly in the area of lesser-known bebop recordings by Charlye, Miles Davis, and Bud Powell. It also includes some obscure progressive jazz recordings featuring performers who later became big names, such as Chick Corea. Many of these recordings are no longer available.

Other recordings in the collection include old Riverside Thelonius Monk albums, Ellington, Basie, and Goodman sets, and vocal jazz ranging from Bessie Smith and Billie Holiday to Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan.
1969

Randall C. Arnt, BA 69, is now director of corporate security for Whirlpool Corp. He had been with Standard Oil of Indiana.

Michael R. Beck, BS 69, has been promoted to product manager at the Industrial Truck Division, Clark Equipment Co., Battle Creek. He lives in Marshall.

Donald L. Decker, BS 70, has been elected president of the Kalamazoo-Numazu Sister City committee. Three years ago he and his wife, Florence Fonwick Brenner, BA 54, MA 60, visited Numazu, Japan.

Lucetta Bevis Johnson, MA '60, SD '76, was elected president of the Kalamazoo-Numazu Sister City committee. Three years ago she and her husband, Brenner, BA 54, MA 60, visited Numazu, Japan.

Larry L. Leatherwood, BS 69, MPA '82, was appointed head of the Michigan Department of Transportation's minority business enterprise liaison office in December.

Robert G. Stromayer, BBA '69, became dean of the division of cooperative education, career planning, and placement at the University of Denver in December.

Q. Terry Wilber, BBA '69, MBA '81, has become vice president-consumer loans for the First of America Bank-Michigan at Coldwater.

1970

Sandra Whiler Germin, BS 70, MA 74, is currently president of the Martin Lions Club.

Stephen Hart, BBA '70, opened a new business in Benton Harbor in December: the Two Cities Orthotic and Prosthetic Services. He formerly operated such a business in Huntington, WV.

Mark F. Ovarey, BS 70, became head basketball coach at Lake Erie College.

Pamela K. Schaefer, BS 70, was named assistant director of the Small Business Assistance Center of the Flint Area Chamber of Commerce. She formerly had been real estate coordinator for the City of Flint.

Roger N. Swing, BBA 69, has been appointed vice president of marketing for Fabri-Kal Corp., Kalamazoo. He had previously been director of sales for the company.

He is also chairwoman of the State (Michigan) Chamber of Commerce.

The Rev. Grant A. Washburn, BA 67, was appointed pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Bay City, in December.

Virginia Whitmore, BS 71, MA 71, is teaching Japanese in Kalamazoo this winter for WMU's Division of Continuing Education.

1968

James L. Allen, BM 68, is an elementary music specialist at Wiesbaden, West Germany.

Pamela Bayes, MS 68, has been appointed resource recovery coordinator for Ottawa County. She is also chairwoman of the State (Michigan) Chamber of Commerce.

William L. Decker, BA 68, has been promoted to chief operating officer for the T J Division, Aeroquip Corp., Jackson. He formerly operated the division as northern district manager for the Marshall Music Co., Lansing, and lives in Elmiria. He is also chairwoman of the State (Michigan) Chamber of Commerce.

David Heininen, BM 68, spent the fall in Japan as an exchange student for the University of Denver in late November. He is a law student at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Frank Mitchell, Jr., BBA '68, has joined a Port Huron law firm after serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam for the last six years.

Equity B. Obermiller, BBA '68, is now vice president, sales and marketing, for TM Travel Associates, Inc., Grand Rapids.

Tale listed in Radcliffe Quarterly

Dr. Merze Tate, BA '27, is among the women of achievement in America published in the March issue of the Radcliffe Quarterly. Professor emerita of history from Howard University, she has appeared in WMU lists of outstanding alumni for years. Dr. Tate was among the major contributors to Western's first capital funding drive. On June 6 the Merze Tate Graduate Research Center of the College of Education will be dedicated in her honor.

In the Radcliffe listing she was cited as "the first black American woman to earn a doctorate in government at Radcliffe and bachelor of literature degree at Oxford University."

Her doctorate is also listed as being from Harvard University, as well as Radcliffe.

Dr. Tate was honored in 1981 by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, receiving its national "Distinguished Alumnus Award." She had been so honored, as well, by the University of Michigan.

Besides the Research Center in the College of Education, Dr. Tate has also funded four undergraduate scholarships for students who show academic excellence and a potential for community service.
Father John Espir, BA '75, was ordained to the priesthood December 3 in a Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Detroit. He is stationed at St. Augustine Parish, Royal Oak, MI.

Kevin N. Flynn, BS '75, has been elected to a four-year term on the Portage Board of Education.

Roy W. Kempainen, BS '75, has been named engineer for the number six paper machine at Westvaco, Covington, VA.

Lt. John R. Kopecky, BBA '75, has joined the board of directors of the Branch County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. He commands a pilot training unit at Edwards AFB, CA.

Barbara Maddox, BS '75, has become director of a program to develop "competencies of economic excellence" in Michigan. She works in the state's department of commerce and was originally in training for WMI.

Dennis R. Martin, BS '75, has been named program director of WQLR-FM, Kalamazoo.

Allan J. Meyers, BBA '75, MBA '78, has become assistant vice president for the Bank of St. Joseph.

Marjorie A. Meyers, BBA '75, MBA '83, is the new controller for Fletcher Broadcasting Co., Kalamazoo.

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Kim S. Rhodes, BS '76, has been named an accounting office in Clinton.

Ellen Kissingher Roth, BS '76, has been named manager of the Coldwater Center City Housing, Inc. in Kalamazoo.

Donna J. Baker, '71, has received the Dr. William E. Upjohn Award from the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, for "superior performance and推 for the agricultural division credit management unit. She was recommended for the award for "consistently displaying outstanding professionalism and demonstrating significantly to the Division's efforts to control its investments in accounts receivable."

Bronwen Haelner Gradey, BS '77, has been promoted to financial analyst at the Allegheny plant of Rockwell International.

Jo Ann Lemos, BS '77, has become art director of Ash Advertising, Inc., in Elkhart, IN.

Randy C. Leuth, BS '77, has been promoted to group controller for Inca Plastics Inc., and Mid-American Electronics Corp., Middleburg, IN.

Randy A. Musgrave, BS '77, has become an account representative for Inca Plastics Inc. and is working out of their Philadelphia office, having formerly been a stockbroker in Annapolis, MD.

William D. Upson, JD '77, has joined the law firm of Reinschmidt & Forry, Traverse City.

Robert C. Bobb, MS '78, is the new city controller for Kalamazoo.

David W. Delbeck, BS '78, has graduated from John Marshall Law School, Kalamazoo.

Lt. (jg) Beth Rossman Forsyth, BS '78, has become an associate in charge of the counseling and assistance center at the Memphis Naval Air Station.

Randall L. Johnson, MS '78, is now a certified coach counselor-instructor with the Airline Academy of California, Livermore, CA.

Jeff R. Carroll, BA '79, a doctoral candidate at Indiana State University, was the 1983 winner of the Roche Memorial Award for academic achievement.

Debra Harves, BM '79, has established a clinical counseling program for Michigan State interns at Friendship Village, Kalamazoo, where she is the activity director.

James C. Hook, JR., BS '79, has been appointed branch administration manager by Midwest Professional Bank, Battle Creek.

Judy L. McKenzie, BS '79, has become commissioner for the middle and elementary schools in Marshall.

Thomas H. Miller, BS '79, has become chair of the Orange County Friend of the Court, moving from Battle Creek.

Victoria Ware, BS '79, is now word processing manager at the Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Denise Champlin, BSW '80, MSW '83, has joined the staff of Chemical Dependency Resources, a division of Psychological Consultants of Battle Creek.

Diane Lewis Fisher, MSL '80, in January took up residence in Battle Creek.

Victoria Ware, BS '79, is now word processing manager at the Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

George T. Goucher, BS '80, has retired from the Michigan State Police after twelve years as a trooper.

John Kingsnore, BS '80, has been named principal of South Elementary School at Dowagiac.

Richard J. Dwyer, BS '80, has graduated from Michigan State University as a mechanical engineer and is now a Japan program assistant at the University of Aizu.

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Alexander M. Cameron, MA '77, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. He is an operations officer for the 3rd Signal Brigade at Ft. Hood, TX.

Elizabeth A. Chubb, MA '77, joined the Dowagiac High School faculty in January to complete the year.

The Rev. Bruce D. Dempsey, MA '77, has been assigned to the Woll Lake United Methodist Church near Muskegon, moving there from Edwardsburg.

Ronald J. English, BS '77, has become assistant sports information director at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Ill.

Sherry Dihaglio Garner, BBA '77, is a new account executive with Corbett Advertising, Rochester.

2nd Lt. Fred M. DeSantis, BS '81, has graduated from USAF pilot training and is now with the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC.

2nd Lt. Kevin R. Dingman, BS '81, has completed USAF pilot training and is now serving at the 6th Tactical Airlift Wing at MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL.

2nd Lt. Richard S. Dooley, BS '81, has been assigned to the 86th Military Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, CA, after completing pilot training.

Wendy Roberts Griffin, BM '81, has earned her master's degree in voice at the University of Michigan and is principal oboist for the Lansing Concert Band.

Cynthia Heidrich, BS '81, has joined Sport Obermeyer in Aspen, CO, as a designer of winter sportswear, after studying fashion design in New York.

Douglass M. Kleiser, BBA '75, has been promoted to senior assistant, auditing staff, by Coopers & Lybrand, South Bend, IN.

Roy W. Kemppainen, BS '75, has been elected president of the Harris County Bar Association.

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Gerald Bayual, BS '81, and Janice Scolaru BBA '82, October 9, 1982. They are living in Allendale, MI.

Susan Bescutta, BS '81, and Marty Foley, September 10 in Dearborn. She is a research associate in surgical research at Beaumont Hospital at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit.

Jeffrey Dash, BS '81, and Kendra Krahn, December 18 in Kalamazoo. He is attending the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, IA, where they are living.

1982

Thomas H. Christensen, BBA '82, and Alice Mehl, August 13 in Big Rapids. He is with Los Colinas Sport and Golf Club and they are living in Bedford, TX.

Linda L. Januzi, BS '82, and Timothy Vanecko, August 23 in Kalamazoo. She is with Gattos stores.

Margaret Mertchen, BS '82, and Kenneth, November 26 in Greenville. She teaches in Komoka, IN, where they live.

1983

Catherine R. Foster, BS '83, and David M. Rawson, November 26 in Dowagiac. They are living in Davenport and they teach in Lawrence.

Joanne M. Koenig, BBA '83, and Gary L. Bengtson, January 28 in Kalamazoo. She is a computer programmer for the City of Portland.

Joan M. Peeters, BBA '83, and Michael Erickson, BS '83, January 20 in Kalamazoo. She works at Comerica Bank, and he is with Service Master.

Ronald R. Adams, BS '83, and Linda Gowell, December 17 in Cheboygan. They are living in Petoskey.

Jeffrey A. Teller, BBA '83, and Lisa M. Mix, December 17 in Caro. He is with Ford Motor Co., King of Prussia, PA, and she is living in Auburn, PA. Lisa is completing her WMU Business teaching experience through Temple University.

**Deaths**

Dr. Leonard C. Kercher, founder and professor emeritus of Western's Department of Sociology, died April 9. He was appointed as an instructor at Western in 1938 and released the department in 1945, serving as its head until his retirement in 1971. During his tenure as department head, he developed and released the Department of Anthropology and the School of Social Work to pursue their separate growth. Kercher helped create the Center of Sociological (now Social) Research in 1952.

Kercher was a supporter of student scholarships and, in 1972, received a special honor from the WMU Department of Sociology. He continues the Leonard C. Kercher Scholarship Fund. He leaves his wife, Dorothy Kercher.

Laura E. Oesterberg, BA '27, assistant professor emeritus of chemistry, died March 10 in Kalamazoo after a long illness. He earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago and joined the Western faculty in 1948 after WWII service as a naval officer. He had also taught previously in Hastings, Cudahy, WI, and West Allis, WI. He leaves his wife, Helen Parks Osterberg, TC '25. During their two children, two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

E. Kimbark Peterson, associate professor of mathematics emeritus and head tennis coach, 1940-49, died in Carlsbad, CA, where he had lived since his retirement. He was a member of the mathematics faculty at WMU from 1947 to 1973.

Marguerite Stuart, a member of the language department faculty from 1946 to 1949, died April 4, 1983, in Saranac. She was a graduate of the University of Illinois. She leaves one daughter, Marion Stuart, BS '22, MA '60, in Chicago.

Katherine Carroll Coughlin, TC '15, died February 3 in Kalamazoo. She leaves two daughters, Malinda Coughlin McBreide, MA '52, and Connie Coughlin Marlet, BS '51, both of Richland, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

William R. Gorham, TC '20, died December 27 in Kalamazoo. He had been a sales agent and land developer. Gorham leaves his wife, Ruth Nichols Gorham, TC '20, a brother, and two sisters, including Elizabeth Gorham LeFere, TC '26.

Cecil P. Randall, TC '20, BS '34, died January 29 in Elmhurst. He introduced vocational printing instruction in the Lansing schools and spent forty-three years teaching there. He held an MA degree from Michigan State University.

Marcia Hoxie Fisher, TC '24, died December 29 in Ludington. She taught for many years in the Berrien County school system.

Luella Fitzgerald Rhodes Huse, TC '21, March 13, died January 19 in Cassopolis.

Bennie J. Dornbesch, BA '23, died December 13 in Grand Rapids, where he taught at Grand Rapids Christian High School for forty-three years. He was its athletic director for thirty years, while also heading the commercial department. He leaves his wife; two sons, two daughters, thirteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Esther Bogue Hall, TC '24, BA '34, died January 28 in Jackson. She was a teacher for forty-two years at Jackson's Trumbull Elementary School, retiring in 1964. She leaves a sister, Kathryn Bogue Leslie, 24A, of Jackson, and a brother.

Mildred McDowell Keider, TC '34, died March 8 in Bloomingdale. She was vice principal of the Vicksburg schools at one time.

Elizabeth Denier, TC '33, BA '34, died February 22 in Mount Clemens. She had taught in Mamo, South Haven, and Ann Arbor, retiring in 1967 from the Mount Clemens schools.

Clarence Fleck, TC '35, former secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Envelope Co., died January 8 in Laguna Hills, CA. He leaves his wife, two sons, including Robert, BS '39; Longmeadow, MA, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Cornellius H. Ippel, TC '25, BA '34, a pioneer in Christian education in Kalamazoo, died March 9. He was principal of the Ebenezer Christian School from 1921 to 1946 and became the principal of Kalamazoo Christian High School in 1939. He leaves two children, six grandchildren, including Jayne Ippel Mayer, BA '71, and six great-grandchildren.

Maurine Stuart, a member of Western's faculty from 1947 to 1973, died March 9 in Kalamazoo. She leaves one daughter, two grandchildren, including Jayne Ippel Mayer, BA '71, and six great-grandchildren.

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Sports

Stevens named "W" man of the year

Fred Stevens, whose association with WMU as an athlete, coach, and teacher has covered part of five decades, is the 1984 recipient of the Alumni "W" Club's "man of the year" award. He was honored during half-time ceremonies of the February 11 basketball game between the Broncos and Central Michigan. A native of Hart, Stevens was a 1980 inductee in the WMU Athletic Hall of Fame. As a undergraduate, he earned varsity letters in football (1941-43), basketball (1942-43), and baseball (1942-43, 1946) in between service as a naval lieutenant in World War II. In 1946, he captured a .330 batting average and a 22-18-1 record for the Mid-American West Division crown.

Buck picked coach of year...

The 1983 WMU volleyball team put Kalamazoo on the national collegiate volleyball map with a season many will remember. The mastermind and architect behind the team is Rob Buck, and his efforts were rewarded when he was recently selected Volleyball Monthly's 1983 "Coach of the Year." Buck, who just completed his sixth season at Western, unleashed a team this past fall which went undefeated through the regular season, and in the process, captured a second straight Mid-American Conference championship with a perfect 18-0 mark. Since his arrival in 1978, Buck has posted a 149-82-9 mark for a .632 winning percentage.

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Men's gymnastics
The best way to measure the success of the 1983-84 gymnastic season for the men's team at WMU is to point out that five new team and fourteen individual school records were set over the course of the year. The Broncos placed second at the Great Lakes League championships for a third year in a row and finished with a dual meet record of 7-6. Jim LaHaie qualified for the NCAA meet on the horizontal bar.

Women's gymnastics
Coach Kathy Beauregard's club had a highly successful 6-1-2 dual meet record and was fourth in the Mid-American Conference championships. During the year, it had a win over eventual league champion Kent State and a tie with second place Bowling Green. In the process, Western broke nine of twenty school records.

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