New office aids nontraditional students

Western has established an Office of Evening and Weekend Programs to better meet the needs of its nontraditional students.

Jane C. Vander Weyden, a former teacher and most recently coordinator for Women's Education, has been appointed director. The office is part of the Division of Continuing Education.

More freshmen are attending Western

The number of freshman students at Western this fall is 3.7 percent greater than it was last year, despite a slight decrease in total enrollment.

Nearly 135 more freshmen registered for fall classes this year but overall, the University has 305 fewer students this year than it did in 1983-84. Total enrollment adds up to 18,237 students. Out-of-state residents accounted for 9.2 percent of the total.

When continuing-education figures are reported later in the semester, the combined on- and off-campus enrollment is expected to be more than 20,000 students.

"We're most encouraged," President John T. Bernhard said. "These figures mean we've more than held our own in the face of decreasing student populations in the state and elsewhere."

However, a new three-year contract calling for compensation increases of 7 percent, 7.5 percent, and 8 percent respectively had not been ratified by press time.

Bargaining teams for both Western and the union ratified the tentative agreement September 14, however, during a meeting with its membership, the union leadership recommended it be rejected. The union membership failed to ratify the agreement in an October 3 election.

Classes for the fall semester began August 29 and the previous three-year contract expired September 5. All faculty members continued to teach until a strike by an estimated 50 percent of the faculty began September 10.

The University remained open during the strike under a contingency plan implemented by the administration. Some faculty members have objected to the University's position that persons who struck will not be paid if they did not meet their normal responsibilities to the University.

President John T. Bernhard has said any funds remaining after strike-related costs are recovered will be used primarily for student financial aid programs.

"The creation of the office and the appointment of Ms. Vander Weyden represents a significant new thrust for Western," President John T. Bernhard said. "It represents a continued, emphasized commitment to meet the educational and educational-support needs of nontraditional students."

"Increasingly," Bernhard said, "our clientele at Western will be those students who are older than age twenty-five and who represent women and minority groups. This new office reflects our awareness of that fact and our determination to be a comprehensive and responsive institution for all of the people of West Michigan."

Faculty contract still not ratified

A four-day strike by some faculty members ended September 13 when these instructors returned to work.

Proposal C: 'A dagger in the heart of higher ed'

'A dagger in the heart of higher education' is the way Gov. James J. Blan- chard describes Proposal C, the so-called 'Voter's Choice' amendment to the state constitution that is on the November 6 ballot. WMU President John T. Bernhard says, "The effect of Proposal C on higher education would be disastrous."

The impact of Proposal C on higher education is described in detail in a special section in this edition of the Westerner. "Readers are urged to share it with others who care about the quality of life in our state," Bernhard said.

No state funds were used in producing this section.

"Not since the notorious and soundly defeated 'Tisch Amendment' has there been so great a threat to public finance in Michigan, and to the treasured concept of representative government," Bernhard said. "'Voter's Choice' isn't, and must be opposed in every appropriate fashion."

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Gallegos named education dean

Dr. Arnold M. Gallegos, dean of theArizonaCollege of Education at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, has been named the new dean of Western'sCollege of Education.

"We are fortunate to have found and attracted a person of Dr. Gallegos'background and experience," Dean Philip Denenfeld, vice president for academic affairs, said. "The reaction of both the faculty and staff who met him was positive and enthusiastic, with mutual respect and a shared confidence in the future of the College of Education."

Gallegos replaces Dr. John E. Sandberg, dean of the college since 1971, who resigned effective June 30 to serve as a tenured faculty member in the college.

U.S. official honored—Dr. Vincent M. McGowan, left, a U.S. Department of State regional education officer for Latin America, received an honorary doctor of public service degree from Western on September 7. The degree was presented at a dinner in honor of Dr. Arnold M. Gallegos, right. Western's new dean of the College of Education. McGowan was cited as "outstanding record as a foreign service officer and as an ambassador of education."

The former teacher, principal, and superintendent has devoted his professional career to educational excellence in Michigan, the United States, and Latin America. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from WMU and a doctorate from Michigan State University.

Job market for teachers showing improvement

The job market for Kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers has improved significantly from a year ago, Western's University Placement Services officials say.

"We noted a dramatic increase in teacher job listings in June," Bonnie M. Truxa, assistant director for educational placement, said, "and a lot of the openings are in Michigan."

Admissions adds toll-free numbers.

Prospective Western students across the Midwest may now place toll-free calls to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Recently installed telephone lines enable Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and western New York residents to call the admissions office free of charge.

The toll-free admissions number in Michigan is 1-800-DIAL WMU (1-800-342-9494). The toll-free number for callers in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and western New York is 1-800-PLAN WMU (1-800-752-6968).

Requests from school district administrators for direct referrals of recent Western graduates and alumni have risen just as dramatically as the number of openings.

Truxa said teachers in the fields of mathematics, science, foreign languages, special education, music, and English stand "much better chances" of finding a job in 1984 than in 1983. She said prospects for elementary teachers—the largest group of teachers trained out of schools of education in Michigan—are "better.

Out-of-state listings for teachers also are up.

Alumni: We need you

How about sending a student our way?

Undergraduate admissions needs your help in identifying prospective students. If you should come in contact with or know of a prospective student who is interested in Western, please fill out the form below. We will then forward all important information to the student.

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Name of student

Address

City State Zip Phone

High School Graduation Year

Academic Area of Interest

Name of Alumni/Alumnus

Graduation Year

Please send to:

Western Michigan University
Undergraduate Admissions

Seabright Administration Building
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3899
Being the president's daughter isn't all fun

"It's not always much fun to grow up as the president's daughter," says Mrs. Barbara Waldo Brown, one of four daughters and one son of late Dwight Bryant Waldo, Western's first president.

Brown, who is a member of the President's Club of major donors, attended Western in 1931-33 (her junior and senior years) "so I could get my diploma from my father." She attended the University of Wisconsin during her first two years of college and was delighted to discover that the teachers at Western "were every bit as good as the ones in Wisconsin."

"To this day, I don't know what we said to one another when I received my diploma," she said recently. "But whatever it was, we grinned like two fools. I'd give my teeth to know what we said.

So being the daughter of the president..."

But it kept Brown on her toes. "It puts you in kind of a spot," she said, in her strong and engaging baritone. "You don't go to class without your lesson, believe me. You better know anything your teacher might ask, from first grade on up.

A man of kindness, honesty.

As for her father, "He was a man of kindness, and of honesty—at any price," Brown said with a chuckle. "His mind was always on his business. I can remember walking down the hall in the ad building and saying, 'Hi, dad.' And he wouldn't even see me or recognize me. I'd have to poke him and say, 'Hey, don't you speak to your daughter nowadays?"

An historian by education with bachelor's and master's degrees from Albion College, Waldo taught at Beloit and Albion colleges and was the first president at Northern State Normal School in Marquette before coming to Western as president in 1904. The school had been established by the Michigan Board of Education a year earlier—the year the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk taught the world how to fly. Western Through the Great Depression, was quoted in Western—A 20th Century University by the late Dr. Leo Stine. Both Kercher, a sociologist, and Stine, a political scientist, died this year.

Western weathered Depression

Western, which reached its peak college enrollment of 2,316 students in 1927-28, was severely tested by the crash of the stock market in 1929 and its aftermath, when enrollment dipped to 1,300.

"But," Kercher wrote, "served by a progressive faculty and a dynamic president, it had kept in the forefront of these developments and had, by 1933-34, achieved a position of leadership among the nation's teacher-training institutions."

During that time, Brown could remember people telling her, "Oh, you're Dwight Waldo's daughter! If it hadn't been for your father, I never could have gotten through school."

"He could always find a job for someone who needed it," she said. "If you were cold, he always could find an extra coat or an extra sweater. That's kind of thing I remember about him."

Phenomenal growth

Western began with 107 students, a far cry from the more than 18,000 students who now attend the University.

By 1934-35 Western had 140 faculty members in twenty-one departments and the Campus School, considerable growth from the original eleven teachers who initially offered courses in history, civics, sciences, mathematics, psychology, methods, English, drawing, manual training, domestic science, and physical education. Today, the College of Arts and Sciences alone has more than twenty departments.

According to Kercher, Waldo "could evoke a wide spectrum of emotional responses, ranging from venomous enmity from bitter political foes to devoted affection from close associates."

Could he be overbearing?

"I would imagine it would seem very much so to some members of the faculty," Brown said, "but not with his family. You've got to remember that there were a few sour apples then. He probably did seem overbearing at times, but I don't think he was."

Brown and her sisters, Elizabeth and Dorothy, went to Western's Campus School as well as to its college. Berry lives in Hilton Head Island, North Carolina, and Dolly lives in Maine. Ruth, a halfsister by Waldo's first wife, lives in Eugene, Oregon. "We call Ruth at least once a week," Brown said. A halfbrother, Herbert, is deceased.

Kalamazoo is home for Brown

Brown has lived most of her life in Kalamazoo, except for the time she was in sixth grade when her father spent a year helping Western Washington University reorganize, and except for a few years in Columbus, Ohio.

"When my first husband, Russell McBride, died in 1951, I decided it would be much simpler to raise two children alone back home, where I knew more people," Brown said. "It was a smaller town. Back then, it was a small town. My mother, Lilian, was still alive here, and the children, Barbara and Dwight, still remembered many of their friends."

Twenty-two years ago, Brown married Robert J. Brown, a retired manufacturing executive, a former executive director of the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce, and a former star center for the University of Michigan football team.

Barbara, or Bobbie, now lives in Kalamazoo as a member of the staff at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. She is the only Waldo grandchild to graduate from Western.

Being the president's daughter isn't all fun

Dwight Bryant Waldo, Western's first president "It puts you in kind of a spot," Brown says of her role as the president's daughter.

New aid director says plan ahead...

John A. Kundel, a former associate director of student financial aid at the University of Iowa, has been named director of Western's Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. He replaces Dr. Edward W. Harkenrider, who retired last January.

Kundel's responsibilities involve annually overseeing the dissemination of approximately $22 million in aid from various financial assistance programs to about 72 percent of Western's 18,200 students.

Kundel, who has a particular interest in a student services emphasis in financial aid, recommends students start looking for 1985-86 scholarships immediately.

"Especially for high school seniors, now is the time to begin searching for a variety of scholarship funds that do exist in the corporate and private sector," Kundel said. "We've heard many times about parents and students interested in applying for a scholarship in May, but that's too late 99 percent of the time."

In searching for scholarships, Kundel suggests students turn first to their high school counselors, then local service organizations, their parents, employers, and their churches.

Application materials for college-based financial aid should be available from high school counselors in November. These materials also may be requested directly from the financial aid office of the university or college the student is planning to attend.

Aid is available if a student is willing to assume a debt, Kundel said, adding there are work programs that are generally available and the federal Guaranteed Student Loan Program is available to many families.
Sports

Coach Payne hopes past experience will pay off this season

Coach Vernon Payne is looking for improvement in Western's basketball fortunes because of the experience gained over the last two years. The new season starts November 25.

Payne's first two Bronco teams went through seasons of 5-23 and 4-22. Freshmen accounted for almost half of the playing time and this inexperience in part accounted for the fact that Western was 1-6 in games decided by five or fewer points.

Payne has improved the team's size and experience through the addition of three incoming freshmen and a like number of transfers, and he has eight returning lettermen.

Women cagers may be contenders this year

Third-year coach Jim Hess looks for Western's women's basketball team to move up to the contender class in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) during the 1984-85 season, which starts November 25.

Hess' initial Bronco team of 1982-83 had a 3-33 record and was winless in all seventeen league games. Then the 1983-84 edition forged a 13-12 mark to become the nation's fifth most improved team and shared sixth place in the MAC at 8-10.

Four of five starters return from that club. The upcoming team figures to have much stronger depth because of the experience gained through seasons of 5-23 and 4-22.

Payne said, "We'll be able to play a more wide open game in regard to using an increased-pressure defense and pushing the ball up the court faster."

Top non-MAC teams on the Bronco schedule are National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament representative Louisville, Big Ten runner-up Wisconsin, and Michigan State, the fourth-place finisher in the Big Ten.

Student commutes from Oregon for unique program

Most students attend summer school only to catch up on work missed during the regular academic year. But one Western student has not only completed most of his degree in a unique summer program, but has commuted from Oregon to do so.

Klamath Falls, Oregon, expects to complete his bachelor of science degree in health studies in August 1985. This is the fourth summer he has attended Western's summer health studies workshops, which enable students to earn up to twelve credit hours in two intensive workshop sessions.

Dr. Carolyn R. Collins-Bondon, director of Western's Upward Bound program, since 1981, has been appointed assistant to the vice president for university relations. Collins-Bondon replaces Barbara Maddox, who is now director of business and community development for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Her responsibilities include maintaining contact with members of state government.

In addition to attending classes at Western, credit can be obtained by taking courses at other higher education institutions, by taking correspondence courses, and by attending certain conventions.

Classes are designed to provide a broad background so students can move up in their professions, or even move out of a profession and into a different career.

Collins-Bondon's background includes excellent organizational ability, keen insight, and leadership of a successful campus program.

Icers in good shape to face 1984-85 foes

In looking back at Western's 1983-84 hockey season, a lot of good things happened.

The Broncos qualified for the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) playoffs for the first time since the 1976-77 season. The team made good use of the opportunity as it knocked off eventual National Collegiate Athletic Association champion Bowling Green to reach the finals of the tournament.

A major reason why last year's icer's were so successful was the turn-around in total points. Two years ago, the Broncos scored only 303 points while allowing 417. In 1983-84, the Brown and Gold tallied 504 points and allowed 453.

When the year ended, Coach Bill Wilkinson's squad had turned a 1982-83 output of 11-23-2 into a winning 1983-84 campaign of 22-18-2. Wilkinson, beginning his third year at the helm, hasn't stopped smiling since the weekend at the Joe Louis Arena last March. The reason could be that all but one player from that team returns this season.

A total of twenty-three lettermen return to the ice for the first game of the season October 12. The Bronco stall has added six incoming freshmen to the roster, under forwards, two defencemen, and one goalie.

Alumnus wins silver medal

Clark Delor, thirty-seven of Oregon's, wasn't a participant in the 1984 Summer Olympics but the Western alumnus is an olympic medalist just the same. Delor was a silver medalist in the annual Blind Olympics held in St. Louis, Missouri.

He received the award in the power lifting category with a combined lift weight of about 400 pounds. Although this is an individual event, Delor also participated as a member of the Kalamazoo goal ball team. Goal ball is a cross between dodge ball and soccer.

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Would undermine representative government

Proposal C is ‘crippling’ tax initiative

Proposal C, the “Voter’s Choice” constitutional amendment now on the Nov. 6 state ballot, is one of the most radical tax change measures ever proposed in Michigan and, if approved, would fundamentally change Michigan’s state government.

An immediate result could well be disaster for Michigan’s shaky economic recovery, say opponents.

George Romney, former governor, former chairman of American Motors Corp.:

“Taxation without representation was the principal reason for the American Revolution and the Voter’s Choice is another form of taxation without representation” ... which would “establish a process easily manipulated by special interests exercising minority control.”

Doug Fraser, former president of United Auto Workers:

“I am strongly opposed to the proposed ‘Voter’s Choice’ amendment. The loss of revenue would do serious harm to many state services, and I’m especially concerned about our public colleges and universities. Then there’s the provision that would force Detroit to reduce its income tax. The city doesn’t need another major problem right now. But most importantly — the bottom line — is that ‘Voter’s Choice’ is destructive of representative government. We elect people to make the decisions that ‘Voter’s Choice’ would usurp. ‘Voter’s Choice’ means government by referendum. It would effectively abolish the system of representative government designed by our forefathers.”

Economic recovery endangered

Just as Michigan thought it had nearly refloated its economy following the recessionary storms of the 1970s, along comes Proposal C to torpedo the whole effort.

This is the view of concerned state leaders who are trying to chart a new course for the state’s economy.

Opponents of Proposal C say that its timing is particularly bad in that it would have a devastating effect on Michigan’s still fragile economic recovery and would turn aside the state’s plan to have its budget in the black by the end of 1985.

In 1983, faced with a $1.75 billion debt and other fiscal problems, the state levied a temporary tax increase, raising the 4.6 percent rate to 6.35 percent and spending.

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Besides rolling back the current 6 percent temporary income tax rate increase, which, while in effect is helping the state reach solid economic ground, the amendment would roll back gasoline taxes designated for road and bridge repairs and cigarette taxes designated to restore the state’s cash flow. It also would disrupt the unemployment compensation refund package that is enabling the state to repay its debt to the federal government.

Proposal C would greatly weaken the effectiveness of the State Legislature. The power to tax is fundamental to representative government. Without that power, government would move even more slowly than it does to address problems.

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Passage of Proposal C would roll back taxes to Dec. 31, 1981 levels within 90 days, unless voters chose to continue the increase. That would cause an immediate loss of $925 million a year in state government revenues and $500 million in local government revenues.

It would derail the fiscal recovery that we are trying to bring about,” says Ronald C. Fisher, deputy state treasurer.

If the unemployment compensation reform package of 1982 is included in the rollback provisions of Proposal C, the federal government would impose tax increases on employers. The current non-taxable employer contributions would become federal unemployment taxes. The federal government would also impose an interest penalty on the state’s $2.6 billion unemployment debt, and the interest would be payable immediately.

Proposal C would also:

- Threaten $487.7 million in state aid each year, including $150 million for school districts, $203.7 million for local communities and governments; $160 million in tuition and state aid for public universities; and $40 million in tuition and state aid for community colleges.

- Threaten $588 million in state revenues from federal matching funds. Michigan currently gets back 68 cents for every federal tax dollar its residents send to Washington.

- Restrict the state’s ability to raise revenue, making its bonds less attractive to potential investors. The state’s diminished standing in financial markets could force local governments to borrow more at much higher interest rates.

- Hamper state efforts to sell $33 million in sewage treatment plant bonds to finance construction of treatment facilities in hundreds of Michigan towns, cities and counties.

- Stop funding for the cleanup of 64 toxic waste sites that threaten the water supplies of more than 300,000 residents statewide.

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Proposal C would erase this temporary margin and leave standing the large state deficit, cutting chunks from state funding for higher education, schools, public health, transportation and state police, say economists.

The proposal could eliminate $700 million in state government funds in 1985 and $925 million in 1986; it also could affect $500 million a year now going to local government units, says Ronald C. Fisher, deputy state treasurer for tax and economic policy.

However, Proposal C is more than a drastic tax initiative which would fundamentally change representative government in Michigan. It would seriously weaken public universities, which are playing a key role in revitalizing Michigan’s economy.

Some 80 high-technology companies have developed at universities, or were formed to utilize Michigan universities’ research expertise, and the
Higher tuition, lower student aid seen if voters approve Prop. 'C'

Education leaders view Proposal C as a serious threat to both the quality and affordability of Michigan's first-class system of higher education.

Higher education is among those state services that depend heavily on general fund revenue. Under the "Voter's Choice" amendment on the November ballot, Michigan's four-year colleges and universities stand to lose about $80 million in state appropriations for the upcoming academic year, according to Ronald C. Fisher, deputy state treasurer. Two-year community colleges could lose $40 million in tuition and state aid, he adds.

Should Proposal C pass, the state could lose a total of $925 million, according to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRCM). The sudden drop in revenue would have immediate impact on state programs and services, whether subjected to across-the-board or selective cuts, says CRCM.

"Almost half of that money — $430 million — goes to support education, economic development, and social programs, according to the Economic Alliance for Michigan."

"Proposal C would severely reduce state services, damage the state's credit rating, and undermine Michigan's system of representative government. Not only would approval of Proposal C probably force institutions to raise tuition, but it could also mean cuts in institutionally funded financial aid programs, notes Ron Jersa, director of Michigan Student Financial Aid Services. The Michigan Competitive Scholarship, which received about $13 million from the state last year, would be in danger, he predicts."

This year's long-sought increase in state appropriations (11.2 percent more in 1984-85 than the previous year) enabled most of the state's 15 public colleges and universities to freeze in-state undergraduate tuition for the first time in more than a decade. Some state officials and college administrators fear that Proposal C would mean a return to the retrenchment and double-digit tuition increases of recent years.

"If adopted, I think 'Voter's Choice' would be a tragedy for the people of the state," he says. "It would send a message to the rest of the country that we are no longer interested in meeting our responsibilities to the people of this state, that we are really no longer interested in providing a decent business climate and all of the services needed to sustain the quality of life that have become important to Michigan citizens. It's really several large steps backward."

William E. Lobenhoffer, vice president for governmental affairs at Wayne State University, says Proposal C "should be of paramount concern to students." Since at Wayne State it would mean an increase in tuition of about 23 percent, or $450 a year, to replace lost funds.

"Recognizing the severe threat to higher education and its students, posed by what is now Proposal C, the Wayne State Board of Governors in July adopted a special resolution expressing their strong opposition to both the content and concept of the proposal," he says.

Legislators and state officials concede that state government at all levels must tighten its belt and improve its spending habits, but say that Proposal C is not the best way to do that.

Ray Brennan, executive co-director of the Campaign to Promote Michigan, which opposes Proposal C, says, "The major drawback to Proposal C is the devastatingly intricate effect it will have across the state — in every city or village — on the ability of local governments to provide basic services to citizens."

Doug Drake, staff director of the House Taxation Committee, says, "There are lots of ways that people can get at the big things if they want to get at them without making a change to the Constitution. When you have a representative government, you've simply got to have faith in the people and work system. If you lose that faith, there are better avenues open to address that other than Proposal C."
Q and A

On Proposal C

For the fifth time in eight years, Michigan voters will find a tax referendum on the ballot. The following series of questions and answers provides some perspective on what Proposal C on the Nov. 6 ballot will mean to Michigan citizens.

Q. What is Proposal C?

A. If passed, the proposed amendment to the Constitution would require that any increase in state or local taxes adopted after Dec. 31, 1981, be approved by voters. It would prevent increases in new fees, licenses, user fees or permits by the state, or any unit, without an 80 percent affirmative vote by the appropriate legislative body, or approved by a majority of voters. It would limit non-resident income tax rates to one-half of 1 percent.

Q. What is happening to the tax rate?

A. The 1983 fiscal reform package, coupled with spending cuts totaling $225 million, already has accomplished a 21 percent state income tax rollback and has provided for another automatic 16 percent rollback. The package will return the income tax rate back to its 1981 level of 4.6 percent no later than Oct. 1, 1987. Based on the current rate of recovery, most budget experts predict that the state will be in a position to lower the rate well before then. They warn, however, that moving too quickly now could regenerate some of the problems the tax package has overcome. The present 5.35 percent rate took effect on Sept. 1, earlier than expected, and saved state taxpayers some $34 million per month. The rate next will roll back—to 5.1 percent—no later than Jan. 1, 1986.

Q. How would passage of Proposal C affect representative government?

A. We assign to our elected representatives responsibility for studying, debating and deciding which governmental services are essential and how they can be financed, and we hold them accountable for their decisions. Backers of the "Voter's Choice" proposal believe with the choices that a majority of legislators believed necessary to preserve an economic disaster, want to bring an end to the system of representative government as we have practiced successfully for more than a hundred years. The "minority rule" provision of Proposal C opens the way for dominance of legislative bodies by only 20 percent of the members. By refusing approval of key financial issues, one in five would be in control. Fringe groups could exercise disproportionate control of legislative units at all levels, including school boards and city councils.

Q. What effect would passage of Proposal C have on the state's colleges and universities?

A. Michigan's colleges and universities have not yet recovered from drastic funding cuts they sustained during the recession. In years past, among the first areas to suffer were the state experienced fiscal difficulties were earmarked for aid to K-12 and higher education.

The inability of the state to keep pace with inflation has shifted more of the burden for financing college costs to students and their parents. With increased appropriations this year for higher education, all 15 of the state's four-year public colleges and universities were able to freeze tuition, thereby halting that shift. Additional cuts would mean rising tuitions, with a corresponding decrease in accessibility of Michigan youth to higher education.

An abrupt decrease in appropriations for higher education would mean eliminating or curtailing research and development programs which are vital to stimulating private and governmental investment in high-technology industries. Such investments already have created new jobs in Michigan and increased the state's tax revenues. Michigan can ill-afford, at a time when other states are increasing their investment in higher education and their economic future, to have its educational institutions suffer more damage.

The evidence of past decline is clear. In 1981-83, we ranked 34th among the states in per capita support for higher education. We ranked 36th nationally in high school graduation rates, and 43rd in the nation in expenditures for each student.

Q. And if Proposal C passes?

A. The rollback provision of Proposal C would mean an immediate drop in operating revenue.礼物 gave to $526 million per year, according to the Citizens Research Council. This drop of operating revenue would include a loss of $260 million in state transportation revenues from gasoline and weight taxes and another $300 million in federal transportation payments. That effect alone would eliminate thousands of road construction jobs. Aid to education would have to be cut at all levels. At the municipal level, revenue cuts could amount to more than $500 million.

C weakens representative role, fiscal responsibility

“Voter's Choice,” Proposal C on the November state ballot, is really a form of do-it-yourself legislation that would seriously undermine the被认为的 representative role and fiscal responsibility of the electorate as a "check" on the state's executive function of government,” says Harvey Brazer, professor of economics at The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"It denies the Legislature one of its basic functions — that of making budget decisions. That's what we have representative government for."

Brazer says the proposal would "place the state in a position where getting back to a sound fiscal status would be almost impossible. It would require major cuts in the budget and would be extremely difficult to carry out. But the thing that frightens me most is what it portends for the future of financing education costs to students and their parents. With increased appropriations this year for higher education, all 15 of the state's four-year public colleges and universities were able to freeze tuition, thereby halting that shift. Additional cuts would mean rising tuitions, with a corresponding decrease in accessibility of Michigan youth to higher education." 

Doug Drake, staff director of the House Taxation Committee, says voters could be faced with a number of complicated, conflicting election issues about which they know little, but which are important to a limited number of people. He cites Public Act No. 182 of 1982 as an example. As a result of that legislation, 30 Michigan life insurance companies were required to pay a total of $500,000 in additional taxes. Insurance companies previously had paid few taxes under the state tax structure. Drake says, "Under 'Voter's Choice,' that tax increase would go to a statewide vote, and I don't think that's the kind of thing people want to vote on." He says, "It was incredibly complex. We had to do a lot of research into federal tax law and federal insurance law and state tax law and state insurance law to make sure we were doing the right thing."

In addition, the state is currently trying to decide whether to change its tax laws to match changes in the 1984 federal internal revenue code. Proposal C could mean the issue would have to be placed before the public in a referendum.

"If you read the proposal strictly, you could argue that you would have to have a separate vote on each individual change. And there are over 50 changes in this one that would affect income taxes," Drake notes.

Brennan likewise contends voters would be faced with a hodgepodge of elections, many of which would generate little interest.

Richard Austin, Secretary of State:

"...I believe Proposal C to be the most dangerous ballot proposal ever to be presented to the voters of this state. The impact on our education system, at all levels, as well as on state and local governments, would be felt by every Michigan citizen. For example, passage of Proposal C would force me to close 110 of our existing 180 Branch Offices resulting in long lines and reduced levels of service at the remaining offices."

Thomas Brennan, former Michigan chief justice and head of the Cooley Law School:

"The idea of changing the whole theory of government from one of representative government to a kind of referendum democracy where even the tiniest decisions have to be made with an expensive vote of the entire public is simply bad government...a kind of fraud on voters.

Our tax rates lower than in other states

Michigan's taxes on income, sales, business and fuel compare favorably to taxes in other states. According to figures issued by the state Department of Management and Budget, Michigan ranked 18th among the states in per person state and local taxes in 1983.

The Treasury Department says taxes in the state today, compared to individual income, are lower than they were in the latter half of the 1970s. In 1982, state and local taxes in Michigan represented $151 for each $1,000 in personal income, compared to $124 in 1979.

Michigan in 1982 ranked 33rd in state government taxes and sixth in local taxes, taking into account personal income.

Michigan ranked 3rd in per capita personal income in 1982, with an annual average income of $10,596, according to federal statistics.

Alaska ranked highest with an average income of $12,357, and Mississippi ranked lowest with an average income of $7,778.

Michigan's 4 percent sales tax is the lowest among the Great Lakes states, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin, which have 5 percent rates, and Minnesota has a 6 percent sales tax.

Of the 45 states that levy a state sales tax, 12 have the same 4 percent rate as Michigan's. Twenty-four levy higher rates. Nine have lower rates. Thirty states allow local-option sales taxes, levied by municipalities in addition to the state sales tax — which Michigan law does not permit.

In 1980, Michigan placed 43rd among the states in the fraction of taxes levied on business. Michigan's future tax rates appear higher compared to southern states, but compare favorably with rates in other northern states, where roads require more maintenance.

Michiganlevies 15 cents per gallon for gas and diesel, the same amount levied by Wisconsin. Minnesota's 17-cent and Washington's 18-cent rates are higher. Michigan limits transportation spending to funds generated by transportation taxes. Most states supplement fuel taxes with money from their general fund.

In southern states, such as Florida, where the sales tax is much lower, gasoline taxes are much higher. In 1980, Michigan ranked tied for 5th lowest on state gasoline taxes in the nation, according to federal statistics.

Michigan's fuel tax rates appear high compared to rates in other states. Wisconsin has a 35-cent gasoline tax, and Minnesota has a 40-cent tax. Wisconsin's 4 percent sales tax ranks among the lowest in the nation; Michigan's ranks among the highest.

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University research vital for future prosperity

The partnership between education and industry has become a new vital force in leading the state toward a more stable economic future.

However, passage of Proposal C - the "Voter's Choice" amendment on the Nov. 6 ballot - could cripple efforts to diversify Michigan's economic base which relies on tapping its universities' technological expertise.

Proposal C threatens important economic initiatives by cutting funds the universities will need to continue helping industry.

"Spending cutbacks would eventually pull our first-class universities down to the level of cheaper, inferior schools," says Edward Gramlich, chairman of the University of Michigan economics department and professor of public policy. Passage of the amendment at this time, he adds, would threaten state schools' reputations for excellence and "invite mediocrity or worse."

The state could in turn lose valuable human capital to other parts of the country, officials fear. Last year, Michigan's four-year institutions graduated nearly 50,000 degree-holders whose knowledge and skills are crucial to Michigan's revitalization.

University-industry partnerships are stimulating investment in high-technology industries and research and development leading to new products, new jobs, and new industries. Some 50 high tech firms have been established around campuses of Michigan colleges and universities.

In addition, the U-M, Michigan State University (MSU), and Michigan Technological University (MTU), among others, have established non-profit corporations to facilitate economic development and technology transfer throughout the state.

The Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) in Ann Arbor, the Molecular Biology Institute (MBI) in Lansing, and the Metropolitan Center for High Technology (MCHT) in Detroit have close ties not only with their neighboring universities, but also with institutions across the state. All three institutes have received state support either directly or indirectly through seed money and facilities.

A continuing influx of federal dollars plays a key role in maintaining the strength of Michigan's research universities and their ability to help industry.

The $534 million that Michigan received in federal research funding may appear small compared to other states' portions of the federal research pie. (California received more than $600 million.) Michigan's total nevertheless represents a large research investment in Michigan universities, plus employment for thousands of Michigan citizens.

To protect that investment, the state must examine the conditions of its research facilities, says the preliminary report of the Governor's Commission on the Future of Higher Education.

Michigan's "poor record" of procuring federal research grants can be linked to inadequate facilities, not equipped "to conduct the frontier research that can produce technological spinoffs," says the Commission report.

Moreover, interstate rivalry in attracting and nurturing science/engineering based technology is so intense, the state should pay special attention to "centers of excellence in emerging technologies," the report continues.

But universities cannot count on increases in state help in upgrading those centers' facilities if Proposal C passes in November, notes John Canton, vice president for research and graduate studies at MSU. He also worries that Proposal C could discourage prospective faculty and entrepreneurs in high-growth research areas from locating in Michigan.

James E. Lesch, director of U-M's Division of Research Development and Administration, also sees the ballot amendment as a step backward. He points to private initiatives that, while not part of the public education system, initially receive support from a state agency.

For example, Ann Arbor's ITI will eventually be self-supporting but began with a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Authority.

The U-M's Industrial Development Division (IDD) has brought several industries specializing in areas such as laser and computer technology to Michigan, says Lesch. Five machine-vision firms have located in Ann Arbor because of the U-M.


Dale F. Stein, president of Michigan Tech, describes the "Voter's Choice" proposal as "an attractive trap that will leave the people of Michigan, if they are drawn into it, with a dismal economic future."

The proposal, he says, is destructive to the very basis of future economic growth - a well educated and trained citizenry. "New jobs and the effective defense of existing jobs are based on knowledge and information. If a state is to develop the human resources to compete effectively in the knowledge and information society, the state must provide quality educational opportunity for its people."

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Dear Alumni:

"We have the future in minds" is the theme for National Higher Education Week to be observed October 13 through 20. Throughout its history, this nation has been blessed with great minds and the list of their contributions to our society is endless. Today we are in the midst of a new industrial and technological age. With this age comes the need to provide our citizens with an education that goes beyond the three R's.

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Alumnotes

1932
Lorraine Boekeloo Beebe, BS '32, in 1983 was named to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

1939
Eram Millman Baden, MA '39, MA '57, has been elected to the board of trustees and the executive committee for the Michigan chapter, American Arthritis Foundation.

1941
Alan Craig Sel, BM '41, in July received a Master of Sacred Music degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX.

1946
Catherine F. Hoffman, OT '46, is a new Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association. She lives in Sycamore, Ill.

1947
Cy M. Davis, BS '47, has written a book about his experiences in baseball. He has retired from teaching and lives in Jackson, James A. Hart, BS '47, has retired after thirty-six years of teaching in the Portage public schools. He was also a long-time baseball coach.

1948
John B. Buckhout, BBA '48, in August was elected Kalamazoo Township treasurer, his first try at elective office. He will officially take office November 30.

1950
William N. McCallum, BS '50, has been elected president of the Lafayette Bank & Trust Co., Lafayette, IN.

1953
Carol Stein Brown, BS '53, MA '56, is the author of three manuals on stained glass. All are distributed nationwide. She lives in Pinckney, Mich.

1955
Richard D. Breyt, BS '55, MA '57, is the new president of the Kalamazoo chapter, Chartered Life Underwriters.

1956
Donald Z. Thall, BA '55, in August was re-elected to a four-year term as Kalamazoo Township clerk. He is unopposed on the November ballot.

1958
Barbara J. Ryan, BS '58, after twenty years of teaching, is writing for the Zeeland Record. She recently won second prize for a story published in the Grand Haven Tribune's Snowbound Writers Contest.

1960
Mary Louise Whitington Patterson, BA '60, has retired as a classroom teacher and now lives in Middletown, OH.

1962
James C. Coleman, BS '62, in August became staff vice president for personnel relations at General Dynamics Corp., St. Louis, MO. He lives in Chesterfield, MO.

1965
John D. Avery, BM '65, MM '72, has become director of music and Christian education at the First Ulgil Methodist Church, Hereford, TX.

1966
Estate William J. Ely, Jr., BS '66, participated in Ocean Venture 84, a combined military services exercise. He is a brigade executive officer with the 2nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC.

1967
Gary S. Gerson, BS '67, has received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Chicago Theological Seminary and is serving as rabbi of Temple K'Nefi B'nai Zion, Oak Park, IL.

1968
Howard J. Grizen, MBA '68, has retired from the cold-forming manager at Alken-Zeigler, Kalkaska. He lives in Williamsburg, PA.

1969
Mary Schippers Horn, BS '69, has recently chosen national Methodist Theological Student of the Year. She is currently serving as chaplain at Ohio State University Hospital.

1970
Linda Hayes Cook, BS '70, was teacher of the year for Alumnotes Springfield, IL, schools.

1971
Carol R. DeKuiper, MBA '71, has been promoted to director of manufacturing planning and services for Gerber Products Co., Fremont. She has worked there since 1964.

1972
James R. Nelson, BS '72, received an MS degree in computer science from Nova University in June. He lives in Margate, FL.

1973
Johanna Conroy, MA '73, MA '75, was teacher of the month for April in the Wayland schools. She teaches sixth grade at Moline.

1974
Paul A. Dorsey, MD '74, has received a book award for his book on the military. He lives in Montgomery, PA.

1975
Randa B. Ball, MA '75, is woman of the year for the Quota Club of Kalamazoo. She is governor coordinator for the college-age children and the hearing impaired for the Kalamazoo Valley Intermediate School District.

1976
Thomas C. Byrum, BS '76, MA '82, is now an elementary assistant principal in the Delton-Kellogg schools.

1977
Rogier L. Myers, BS '77, MPA '81, this spring was appointed assistant director of the Michigan Masonic Home, Alma. He had been with the William Beaumont Hospital system, Detroit.

1978
Douglas J. Davie, BS '78, has joined Carpenter Industrial Supply Co., Jackson, as a junior partner. His wife is the former Karen Weber, BS '77. They have one son.

1983
Tracy R. Berglund, MSA '83, has received two awards from the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is with Price Waterhouse, Boston, and was given a gold medal for her performance in the November 1983 CPA examination. She also won the national Elijah Watt Sells award for taking all four subjects of the Uniform CPA exam at one time and receiving the highest grades.

1984
Laura Bradshaw, BS '84, has become drama reviewer for the Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun, in addition to her other repartorial duties.

1985
Jeanne K. Nelson, BS '85, a four-year senior, is on leave this year as an intern at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. She teaches sixth grade at Milton.

1986
Mary Fanucchi, BS '86, has recently chosen national Methodist Theological Student of the Year. She is currently serving as chaplain at Ohio State University Hospital.

1987
Linda Shouldice Walters, BBA '74, in August was elected clerk of Charlestown Township, Kalamazoo County. She was appointed to the post in spring and will be unopposed on the November ballot.

1988
Carolyn W. Busch, BS '88, has been named residential carpet marketing manager for Armstrong World Industries, Lancaster, PA.

1989
Karen Weber, BS '89, has joined Carpenter Industrial Supply Co., Jackson, as a junior partner. Her husband is the former Tracy R. Berglund, MSA '83. They have one son.

1990
Laurie H. Glendening, BA '90, has been promoted to manager of technical computer services by Weldon International, Bridgman.

1991
Cynthia Kittelson, BA '91, has received the 1991 Sickles award from Indiana University for her outstanding work in children's librarianship while an intern at the University of Kansas.

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1993
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1995
Douglas J. Davie, BS '95, has joined Carpenter Industrial Supply Co., Jackson, as a junior partner. His wife is the former Karen Weber, BS '77. They have one son.
Frank W. Langer, MSW '83, is a partner in a family counseling agency that opened in May in Dowagiac.

Donald W. Wooley, MA '83, has been promoted to staff vice president, human resources, by Whirlpool Corp., St. Joseph. James B. Zeswill, BBA '83, has become a registered representative for Universal Heritage Investments Corp., Bay City.

1984

Robert P. Arnold, BBA '84, is a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co. He is also the developer of Dino's Pizzas in the downriver Detroit area. He has four stores, with more to follow.

Lori D. Battilana, BBA '84, has become a marketing assistant for First Federal Savings, Kalamazoo.

Weddings

1966

John Sorensen. BS '66. MA 75, and Glo Morris, June 15 in Lake Odessa.

1973

Dennis T. Ward, BA '73, and Joanne Tally, BA '74, September 29 in Detroit. He is an assistant vice president, international division, National Bank of Detroit.

1977

Paul LaRose, MA '77, and Colleen Hill, BS '76, MA '97, September 29 in Grand Rapids. They are living in Oak Park, IL. Both are blind rehabilitation specialists for the Veterans Administration.

1980

Michael McVay, BBA '80, and Kathleen McCoy, BA '82, July 24 in Detroit.

1981

Shelley M. Grueter, BS '81, and Charles V. Duke, July 21 in Traverse City. She is an evaluator/supervisor for Kelly Services, Fremont, CA.

1982

Christine Paquin, BM '82, and John Salerno, June 30. She is a vocal music teacher in the Allegan schools.

1983

Gina Erwin, BS '83, and Kevin Canczar, December 30 in Ludington. They live in Scooterville.

Michael LaPensee, BBA '83, and Kathryn Wilson, May 12 in Rockford, IL. He is a project engineer with Warner Electric Brake and Clutch, South Beloit, IL. They live in Rockford.

Deaths

Lee C. Stine, a distinguished professor of political science, dean of continuing education, and associate dean of The Graduate College, died July 10 in Little Rock, AR. He earned degrees from Illinois State University and the University of Illinois, and joined Western's faculty in 1952. He retired in 1979. Stine was a former president of the Kalamazoo Council of Churches, a member of the national board of Christian Social Action, and founder and chairman of the United Methodist Church, director of the Michigan Citizenship Clearing House, and a consultant to the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1963. Stine was also author of a 20th Century University. He leaves his wife, Margaret; five children, including Marilyn Stine-Sarow, BS '69, Marva, W1, and Alan, BME '77, Kalamazoo, and two grandchildren.

1910

Hazel Hine Brooks, TC '10, died November 11, 1980, it has been learned. She had lived in Cloverdale.

1913

Nina Salisbury Snow, TC '13, died July 25 in Lansing. She had taught at Paw Paw and Battle Creek, and had served as principal of Grant County Normal school and Fergus, MT, County Normal school. She leaves one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

1914

Mary Delaney, TC '14, BS '28, died March 29 in Centerville.

1917

Prof. Meta J. Rice, TC '17, died March 5 in Holland.

1918

Lucia Cobb Hardwick, TC '18, died December 9, 1983, in Jenkintown, PA.

1919

Miriam Stainton Cronenwett, TC '19, BA '33, died July 3 in Kalamazoo. She had been a teacher in Traverse City, Allegan, and Lawton. She had lived in Lawton for many years. She leaves one son, four daughters, and six great-grandchildren.

1920

Mary McCallough Newhouse Stearns, TC '20, died July 5 in Kalamazoo. She was a Kalamazoo teacher for many years and earned her MA degree from the University of Michigan. She leaves one sister and one brother, John V. McCallough, BA '33, Lansing.

1921

Adda Ditko, TC '21, BA '26, died July 1 in Kalamazoo. She taught for thirty years in Kalamazoo, was an exchange teacher in England for a year, and was director of rural child services in Southwest Virginia's Appalachian region. She retired in 1957 after six more years of teaching in Michigan. From then until 1970 she was resident friend at the Friend's Meeting House in Kalamazoo. Then she lived in Ann Arbor for several years before returning to Kalamazoo.

1922

Leona M. Baldwin, TC '22, died August 9 in Kalamazoo. A retired Kalamazoo teacher, she was widely known as a nature photographer, having won many awards. One sister survives.

1926

Walter R. Holdeman, BA '26, died May 28 in Jackson.

1927

Martha Dowsett Hedlund, TC '27, died July 11 in Paw Paw. She was a Battle Creek teacher for several years. Mrs. Hedlund leaves her husband, three children, six grandchildren, one sister, and one brother.

1928

Bernice Flagg Robinson, TC '28, BS '55, died December 18, 1983, in Decatur. She leaves her husband and one daughter.

1929

Marian MacKellar Idenia, BA '29, died March 11 in Grand Rapids.

Ina Denmore Lymber, TC '29, BA '41, died August 17 in Grand Rapids, where she had been a teacher for many years.

1930

Prof. Frederick J. Rogers, BA '30, chairman of the English department from 1956 to 1966, died July 11 in Kalamazoo. He had retired from the faculty as a professor emeritus of English in 1973. His first association with Western was in 1913 when he entered kindergarten in the old campus school. Rogers was a past president of the Faculty Senate, president of the American Association of University Professors chapter and of the Friends of the Library. He earned his MA degree at Columbia University and his PhD degree from the University of Michigan. He taught in South Haven from 1930 to 1936 and at Kalamazoo Central from 1936 to 1942. After World War II service in the Army Air Corps, he joined Western's faculty in 1946. Rogers leaves his wife, the former Katherine DuKette, who is an assistant professor emeritus of English.

1931

Dorothy Harrison Shurrow, BS '31, died August 13 in Kalamazoo.

1938

Harold L. Sonneborn, BS '38, died July 6 in Southgate, where he had been a teacher. He leaves his wife and two children.

1941

Prof. Joseph G. Sheehan, BS '41, MA '46, one of Western's foremost graduates in the field of speech pathology, died November 13, 1983, in Santa Monica, CA. He was a professor of psychology and director of the speech and hearing clinic at the University of California, Los Angeles, CA, where he had been a faculty member since 1949. Sheehan earned his undergraduate degree in chemistry, and in 1950 earned his doctorate in psychology from the University of Michigan. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association and of the American Speech and Hearing Association, he was also a consulting psychologist for the Veterans Administration and the California Mental Hygiene Department. He was an author and editor of note, and a frequent visiting scholar all over the world. Sheehan leaves his wife and three children.

1943

Lorraine Dygett Doonhos, BS '43, died July 31 in Caledonia. She taught in the schools there for many years. She leaves her husband, four brothers, and two sisters.

1945

Marilyn VanSoest Czarnecki Miller, BS '45, died September 23, 1983, in Kalamazoo. She made her home in St. Joseph, and leaves her husband.

1947

Prof. Melvin J. Bigelow, BS '47, was killed in an automobile accident in Pocatillo, ID, July 6. His wife died three and one-half weeks later of injuries incurred in the accident. He was a professor of chemistry at Idaho State College.

1956

Anna Rossiter, BS '56, recently died in Michigan where she had been an elementary teacher.

1957

Dorrie Crunk Millik, BS '57, died June 24 in Battle Creek. She was a teacher for forty-three years, principally in Penfield and Harper Creek, retiring in 1975. In 1971 she was named woman of the year by the Cereal City chapter, American Business Women's Association, of which she was a charter member. She was also a member of Alpha Beta Epsilon.

1958

Crystal Finkbeiner Smith, BS '58, died July 13 in Ann Arbor. She retired from teaching in 1970, after twenty-five years in the Plainwell system, and continued to make her home in Plainwell. Mrs. Smith leaves one son, one grandson, two sisters, and one brother.

1959

Thomas Harvey Carey, BM '59, MA '64, died July 1 in Warren. He was a teacher at Lincoln High School, Warren, and formerly taught in Galesburg. He was also associated with the Warren Community Concert Band. He leaves his wife, Mary Lee Marshall Carey, BM '62, three children, his mother, one brother, and one sister.

Anna Mills Decker, BS '59, died March 14, 1982, at Burr Oak, it had been learned. Two children survive.

1960

Bertha Clinton, BS '60, MA '64, died June 24 in Alto. She worked for the Kent County Library.

1961

Charles W. Land, BBA '61, died April 25 in Crown Point, IN. He was vice president of manufacturing at Anthony J. Pizza Food Products, Chicago Heights, IL. He leaves his wife.

1964

Dorothy Kitzler Higgins, BS '64, died in Iona recently, it has been learned.

1971

Marsha C. Brown, BA '71, died July 25 in Flint. She had been with General Motors Institute since 1973, and now held the public relations since 1982. She was very active in many community and religious organizations in the Flint area. She leaves her parents, one brother, and one sister.

1981

Anthony D. Sarama, BS '81, died February 10 in Ford, MI. He leaves his wife, Mopida Hawkins Sarama, BS '82, now of Portage.
As the end of 1984 rapidly approaches, many of you are thinking of year-end tax and charitable gift planning. Year-end gifts at this time enable you to plan your financial affairs to reap the most tax benefits. It's also a time for you to plan your Western's educational programs, but the time for thinking of others and their needs or interests is a time to make a contribution. There are many ways to support your favorite communities.

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**Designated gifts**
- Some of the areas alumni and friends choose to support annually are:
  - Class reunion gifts
  - University libraries
  - Academic scholarships and loans for designated programs
  - Life insurance
  - Library resources

**Undesignated Contributions**
- Your gift plan to the "area of greatest need" fund a variety of seed money or match the work of your favorite department.
- Teaching excellence awards
- Visiting scholars and artists-in-residence
- Instructional equipment and aids
- Research
- Special projects "seed money"
- Library resources

**Gift Stocks**
- Recent tax law changes have altered what you needed to have owned the stock for one year for you to take a long-term capital gain on its sale. For most of you that means for the stocks you now own that have appreciated in value, you would need to have owned them for more than one year if they are to qualify for long-term capital gain treatment.
- Stocks purchased after June 23 fall under the new rules, which provide for a six-month-long term, capital gain holding period. If your stock has appreciated in value and you wish to avoid paying capital gains tax on that appreciation, consider making a gift of the stock to Western Michigan University. You receive an income tax deduction equal to the full fair market value of the stock as of the day of the gift.

**Gift Cash**
- This is the most popular way to give at this year-end time and it gains you a tax deduction of up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. A gift of cash is an immediate gift and provides meaningful assistance to the University right away. Cash gifts qualify for the federal and state tax deduction and the Michigan state income tax credit.

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**Give Life Insurance Policies**
- Many of our younger benefactors and year-end tax strategies, please clip and mail the coupon on this page. We will forward to you our informative and attractive booklet, "A Guide to Gifts and Bequests." It will answer many of your questions.
- New Foundation officers—Elected WMU Foundation officers at the Foundation's annual meeting September 14 were, from left to right: (front) Harold H. Holland, vice chairman; William W. Maze, chairman; and Chuck Link; (back) Michael Kemp, James S. Ware, and John W. Kirsch, all directors. Maze, who was vice chairman this year and lives in Kalamazoo, is president of the Britton Woods Development Corp. and a broker with A. G. Edwards, Inc. Holland is president, and chief executive officer of the American National Bank and Trust Co. of Michigan in Kalamazoo. Russell L. Giberson, assistant vice president for university relations, was re-elected president and chief executive officer of the Foundation.

Gibersons bequest benefits libraries
- Nestled in the shadow of Arizona's Santa Rita Mountains lies Green Valley, home of Charles and Emma Giberson. Long active on the Kalamazoo business and government scene, the Gibersons are enjoying their retirement years in the beautiful surroundings of one of southern Arizona's favorite communities.
- Chuck and Emma talked with our financial and estate planning office for guidance in making their commitment to Western. After discussing the matter with us they decided upon the option that best matched their overall estate plan.

The Gibersons have chosen to leave the bulk of their estate to Western as a bequest to create a permanent fund in their names. They plan for their estate to come to WMU to support the purchase of critically needed materials and equipment in the library system. Because of their generosity, future generations of students and faculty scholars will enjoy a more complete range of library services.
- "Chuck," for many years owner of Giberson Office Systems and Equipment Company, served on the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners from 1971-75, and was its chairman in 1974/75. Following his graduation from Western in 1932, he taught in Onondaga for two years and spent a year with the Shakespear Company.

Through his company he was associated with the Systems Division of Remington Rand for twenty-six years, eighteen of which were as district manager. His long tenure on the board of Gull Lake Country Club heightened his affection for golf, an interest he continues in Arizona when the links are not too crowded.

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