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In addition, the computer can be used to predict the flow of contamination from its source and to process statistical data to determine if correlations exist between the level of any given substance in water and health problems in a population. “It is no exaggeration to say that we depend on clean and abundant groundwater supplies for our very existence,” Dr. Donald J. Brown, director of the Science for Citizens Center and a WMU professor of chemistry, said in explaining the necessity for the project. “It is the source of our drinking water, the life line to grow our food, and a vital component of most industrial processes that provide jobs and the products we need every day.”

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Prasadind search narrowed to three

Three finalists have been named for the WMU presidency and separate two-day visits to campus have been scheduled for all three during April.

The three finalists are: Dr. George E. Ayers, forty-six, president, Chicago State University, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. Dietther H. Haenicke, forty-nine, vice president and provost, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. Carol C. Harrey, forty-three, vice president for administration, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

We are confident that the two-day campus visitation schedule will provide an opportunity for the finalists and University community to get a good look at one another,” University Trustee Charles H. Ludlow, chairman of the presidential search committee, said. During public forums on campus, Ludlow added, each finalist will be asked to make a presentation on the topic, “Issues Facing Higher Education in the Next Ten Years.”

Ayers has been president of Chicago State since 1979. He is a resident of Massassut Community College in Brockton, Massachusetts. He held several positions at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota, including vice president and dean of academic affairs from 1974 to 1978, vice president for administrative services from 1973 to 1974, and assistant vice president for academic affairs from 1971 to 1973. He has a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado, where he also earned his Master of Arts degree. His bachelor’s degree is from Western Illinois University.

Haenicke has been vice president and provost at Ohio State since 1983, he was acting vice president and provost from 1982 to 1983 and before that was a dean from 1978 to 1983. In addition, he has been a professor of languages and literature there since 1978. At Wayne State University, he was president, provost, and professor from 1977 to 1978, and was provost and professor from 1975 to 1977. His degrees, including his Doctor of Philosophy degree, are from the Universities of Gottingen, Marburg, and Munich, Germany.

Harter has been vice president for administration at Ohio University...
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programs for teachers within the last two years. As of last fall, according to NEA figures, twenty-three states required some form of competency testing to prospective or practicing teachers. To be certified to teach in Michigan, a teacher must complete a state-approved college or university teaching program. Thus, schools determine whether a person is qualified to teach and the state decides whether schools are offering appropriate teaching programs. According to Ryan, a bill slowly working its way through the Michigan legislature would require persons entering the teaching profession to take a test measuring basic academic skills.

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To be certified to teach in Michigan, a person must complete a teaching program. Thus, schools have individuals who are knowledgeable about good teaching go and watch a teacher teach," Ryan says. "The best alternative for measuring teaching competency that is known today, as far as I'm concerned, is to have individuals who are knowledgeable about good teaching go and watch a teacher teach," Ryan says. "The second best alternative is to examine the relationship between a teacher's stated objectives and the performance of the students the teacher works with."

The last alternative "The third alternative is to define what knowledge is necessary to teach a particular subject or grade level and to develop a set of questions to ask prospective teachers how they would approach a topic or what they know about the topic. Clearly, as you go from one to three on my list you move further away from the actual act of teaching. Any measure of teacher competency must take into account the differing goals of local school districts, Ryan says. "In Michigan we have talked about ways in which teachers can be prepared to deal with local school issues and local school goals and objectives. There has to be room for teachers to make decisions that differ from community to community, and more particularly, differ as that teacher interacts with specific groups of children."

According to Ryan, teachers make thousands of decisions each day started with students creating a database by entering information on the computer without 600 foreign and domestic cars sold in the Kalamazoo area. The current program contains information on 1985 cars from "Consumers Guide" magazine, but the program can be updated each year. The students put themselves in the consumers' shoes and decided that most car buyers go into the process with some preconceptions about the kind of car they want to buy. They then use the computers to help them narrow down their choices. They would like to see a list of options available for that car. Each time the buyers decide they would like the option, the price on the screen changes to reflect the added cost. The students say this system is the first of its kind that they know of designed for new cars, although there is a similar system in operation for used cars. They would like to see their system placed as a service in shopping malls, and other places, and be available for use for a nominal fee. It is not intended to be a final answer, but more of a guide to narrowing down choices and an aid in speeding up the selection process. They say the buyer could take his or her five choices, narrow them down further through literature such as the "Consumer Guide," and then make a final decision after a visit to a car dealership and a test drive.
Four recognized for achievement.

Two seniors and two faculty members were recognized for outstanding achievement by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards at its fourth annual awards conviction March 26.

The students are Michael P. Stapleton of Garden City, a finance major, and Deborah L. Walker of Lansing, a major in occupational therapy.

The faculty members are Dr. Mary A. Cain, professor of education and professional development, and Dr. Claude S. Phillips, professor of political science.

The nomination of faculty members is made by the executive board of the Faculty Senate. Student recipients are nominated by a committee representing the offices of academic affairs, Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate, and student services.

Two undergraduate students and two faculty members from each of Michigan's fifteen public colleges and universities were honored at the conviction.

WMU to take part in liberal arts workshop

Western is one of twenty-four institutions across the country selected to participate in the 1985 Workshop on the Liberal Arts.

Western, Kalamazoo College, and the University of Michigan are the only institutions in the state chosen for this program, which will be held June 15-29 at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The purposes of the workshop are to provide a team of four persons from each institution an opportunity to explore, in depth, a particular issue or vocation.

Western's team will address the role of these programs in the University's commitment to public service.

Western and Kalamazoo College teams will address the seminar and resource workshop.

Carol Kent 'speaks up with confidence'

Editor's note: This is the third in a four-part series of articles about Western alumni entrepreneurs. Ann Johnson, assistant director of admissions, wrote the articles.

Carol Kent, who earned a master's degree in communication arts and sciences at Western in 1974, has created a thriving business preparing others to communicate effectively. As the founder and director of "Speak Up With Confidence," she conducts three-day training seminars in public speaking across America.

The business, headquartered in Port Huron, evolved from a series of speaking engagements.

"I began speaking when I taught speech and drama," she said.

"By the time I resigned from my teaching position, I already had enough clients to work as a part-time public speaker."

"I decided not only to speak myself, but to train others. Clients recommending the "Speak up" seminars to their friends and business associates have generated excellent publicity."

"Now I turn down more invitations to hold seminars than I accept, because of the time factor."

"For Kent, specialization is the key to success. "People are the most successful in the field of public speaking when they specialize." I picked the area of training people who have a desire to communicate in a more effective way," she said.

"Public speaking is the number one fear of people in the United States today, according to a recent survey. The number two fear is death. People are more afraid of speaking in public than of dying. That information told me I had chosen to specialize in a needed area."

"After building her company for two years, Kent is in a position to reflect on the drawbacks and the advantages of self-employment.

"The greatest disadvantage is the temptation to be undisciplined when you don't feel like working. No one tells me to sit at the desk and develop new material. It is up to me to put my mind to. Don't ever settle for being 'average' when you could be 'extraordinary.'"

DNR and Western conduct unique training program

Western and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducted a unique two-week training program in late February at Michigan State University's Kellogg Conference Center at Battle Creek.

Twenty-five DNR middle managers from across the state took part in the first DNR Management Academy. Academy participants attended classes covering a variety of topics, toured several sites in the Kalamazoo area, and met with top DNR officials, members of the Natural Resources Commission, a state legislator, and a circuit court judge.

"It's very rare for a state agency to attempt this kind of sustained training program," said Dr. Peter Kobrak, director of the Center for Public Administration Programs at WMU.

"Many of these people come into their management positions from specialties and they don't have any real administrative training. As middle managers, suddenly they face a whole new series of tasks and challenges. The program is designed to help them come to grips with their new tasks."

"Western's Center for Public Administration Programs and Division of Continuing Education coordinated the academy with the DNR. The academy was considered a noncredit training program."

"The DNR is trying to develop a model program which could be used in conjunction with all its middle managers," Kobrak said.

"The department sought us out to do this. We have the number and the number of DNR people have been involved in our public administration degree programs. We're pleased to do this because it's a logical extension of what we do on a regular credit basis."

Western offers the only doctoral program in public administration in Michigan and has one of the largest master's programs in public administration in the Midwest.

Graduate public administration courses are offered by Western in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo.

"In many of the classes, we're taking these faculty members and teaming them with DNR specialists so students get both the theory of the topic area and the direct applications of the theories to their DNR work," Kobrak said.
**Sports**

Broncos make the playoffs in women's basketball, men's basketball, and hockey.

Three of Western's winter sports teams impressed fans and opponents alike as they defeated top-ranked teams to make it into play-off action in 1982-83. In basketball, Coach Vernon Payne's club earned the seventh and final spot in the tournament, which determined the league's NCAA representative, but lost to Miami University 78-64 in the opening round March 7. The Broncos had qualified for two of the previous five seven-team playoff fields. Both years, 1981 and 1982, they lost in the first round.

In hockey, the Broncos racked up two firsts on the way to the 1984-85 playoffs; earning the home-ice playoff berth (the first time the tournament was awarded) and a Division I national tournament record of 19-10. This year marks the first time the Western Michigan University hockey team made it to the final round of the NCAA play. However, Coach Vernon Payne's club earned a 19-10 record and proved itself to be a strong up-and-coming national contender.

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**Men's basketball**

A Bronco men's basketball team that was picked by the media in MAC preseason balloting to wind up in last place advanced to the first round of the 1985 MAC tournament, earning the home-ice playoff berth (the first time the tournament was awarded) and a Division I national tournament record of 19-10. This year marks the first time the Western Michigan University hockey team made it to the final round of the NCAA play. However, Coach Vernon Payne's club earned a 19-10 record and proved itself to be a strong up-and-coming national contender.

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**WMU to host national volleyball championships**

After waiting nearly forty years to host another National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) final in any sport, Western will again be in the national spotlight this December.

WMU has been selected to host the fifth annual NCAA women's volleyball championships on December 19 and 22, marking the first time the tournament will be held in the Midwest. The previous four tournaments were held at the University of California at Los Angeles (1981 and 1984), at the University of Pacific (1982), and at the University of Kentucky (1983). This will be the third time Western has hosted an NCAA championship final and the third straight year in which Read Fieldhouse has been a volleyball tournament site.

WMU hosted the country's first two college basketball finals at Hynes Field in 1947 and 1948. Then in 1983 a first-round volleyball match between the Broncos and the University of Nebraska attracted an all-time NCAA tournament record attendance of 8,543. The following year Western played Illinois State University in a first round match and hosted Nebraska, Pennsylvania State University, and Pacific in the Midwest regional.

The next step for the Broncos is to turn in another exceptional season and become one of the final four teams to play in the NCAA championships. The addition of four highly-rated freshmen may be a big factor in whether Western achieves this goal.

The four, all of whom have signed letters of intent, are: six-foot, two-inch middle blocker Katharine Werme of Portage Northern High School, five-foot, seven-inch setter Christine Brigrman of Downers Grove North High School in suburban Chicago, five-foot, ten-inch outside hitter Linda Mangus of Berrien Springs, and six-foot, one-inch middle blocker Gail Church of Quincy, Illinois.
Dear WMU Alumni:

One of the rewards of my job is the heartwarming letters which come in to the office from alumni who love Western Michigan University. I received one such letter recently from Susan Potter, a June 1984 graduate, and I wanted to share it with you.

"As a recent graduate of Western and retired as dean of the business college in 1974, I remained here as a distinguished professor of business until fully retiring in 1979. During a recent interview he talked about his background and personal philosophy, and the strength of his patriotism and his belief in the power of education."

Former dean recounts business college's development

Western's nationally recognized College of Business has experienced phenomenal growth during its thirty-eight-year history, and Dr. Arnold E. Schneider's vision and hard work were instrumental in achieving this growth.

Schneider said Western was competing against other schools in the business world, but started building its business programs and in 1948 changed the focus to education.

Alumni group seeks student members

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) is currently seeking new members. Alumni who have a son or daughter currently enrolled at Western are encouraged to ask their child to consider joining SAA.

SAA members stimulate their fellow students to develop an interest in the University's activities and invite them to participate in various events during their stay on campus and provide leadership among their fellow alumni after graduation. Please encourage your son or daughter to join.

For further information about SAA, contact Tina Daniels in the alumni relations office (616) 383-6160, and get your son or daughter involved now.

Scholar athletes—At halftime during the February 27 basketball game, Larry Russell, far right, a member of the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors, presented certificates to five students selected as "scholar athletes" representing the 1984 full sports teams. This award was initiated by the Alumni Association to recognize the academic achievements of Western's student athletes as well as their contribution to the University's athletic programs. The 1984 recipients from left are: Scott Smith, football, Paul Pionzak, men's cross country, Charlene Horcher, women's volleyball, Kevin Green, soccer, and Kayla Skelly, women's cross country.

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Class of 1935 plans fiftieth

Plans for Western's Class of 1935 to celebrate the golden anniversary of their graduation are well under way. Class members will return to Kalamazoo June 14 to renew friendships and reacquaint themselves with their alma mater.

Assisting the alumni relations staff with the planning are class members Wilma Steenrod Hall, Willis Hunting, Doris Taaphagen Luther, Wilda Dakke Margard, Tom and Sue (Shuka) Slaughter, Esther Halnon Stubberfield, and John Tashuck.

Fred Adams, '32, WMU Board of Trustees chairman, will join University President John T. Bernhard in welcoming the reunion class back to campus. Members of the Golden Associates, a group of alumni who graduated fifty or more years ago, will also be invited to share in the festivities.

Reunion information has been distributed to 1935 class members. If you're a member of this class and haven't been contacted yet, write the alumni relations office for more information.

Class of 1945 to celebrate fortieth

On June 7 and 8, the 1945 graduates from what was then Western Michigan College will return to Kalamazoo to mark the fortieth anniversary of their graduation.

The Fetzer Business Development Center will be the site for all reunion events, which will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. dinner program. Members of the class will be welcomed by University President John T. Bernhard and his wife, Ramona.

On June 8 the class will reconvene for breakfast, reminiscing, and a bus tour of campus.

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when you just keep doing it and working at it, you'll keep doing it and working at it. You'll have to put in the time into researching and analyzing the situation, because if you're going to invest, you're going to have to be in the real estate business."

Well worth the money

The first person hired from the accounting department was a doctorate in accounting. When asked whether this was not fair to the students, Schneider said, "Our philosophy is that once you have committed yourself to doing something, you have to be able to give them the resources they need to succeed."

The Alpha Beta Epsilon Alumnae Sorority—Omicron Chapter will host the Inter-Chapter Council Spring Convention May 4 at the University Student Center. The convention begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration, followed by a 10:00 a.m. president's meeting, an 11:00 a.m. inter-fraternity board luncheon. The annual meeting at 2:00 p.m. concludes the convention.

Omicron members are looking forward to welcoming delegates from all chapters to this meeting. For more information, contact the alumnae relations office at (616) 383-6160.

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Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the February issue of the Westerner that George P. Wood, M.S.W., B.S., died in Allegan. To quote Mr. Wood, who recently sent us a letter, "All reports of my death are exaggerated and premature." We're pleased to hear that news and we regret the error.

Dale Dratt, TC ’59, has been promoted to vice president of marketing and development for Humphrey Products Co., Kalamazoo, and is also director of Humphrey International LTD.

Leatrice J. Eaton, BBA ’59, MBA ’63, February 1 retired from Ferris State College where he had been purchasing officer for seventeen years.

John Gunnell, BS ’59, MA ’63, EdS ’79, is now superintendent of the Forest Park school district in Crystal Falls, where he moved from DeTour.

Bill Powell, BS ’59, MA ’64, has gained considerable attention for his successful swimming program at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

1960

Dennis W. King, BS ’60, is commodore of the Peninsula Yacht Club in Redwood City, CA.

Thomas E. Munroe, BBA ’60, is now senior vice president of the trust department for Cincinnati Bancorp.

Dr. John Zetelmann, BA ’60, is a long-time physician in Gobles, where he moved to Michigan City, where he is with a rural medical clinic.

1961

George McGinnis, BS ’61, MSW ’70, has been elected to a sixth term as a Tyrone Township trustee. He lives in Fenton.

Robert A. Dixon, BBA ’61, has been named assistant principal of Coloma High School after coaching at Ferris State College.

Ralph Swanson, BS ’61, has been named assistant principal of Gobles High School after coaching at Ferris State College.

Norman J. Woodin, BA ’61, December received his Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership from WMU. He is the principal of Kalamazoo’s Woodward Elementary School.

1962

Charles R. Lewis, BS ’62, is now an adjunct professor at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, teaching criminology.

1964

I. C. "Ace" Candoli, MS ’64, recently gained considerable attention in Kalamazoo for his efforts as an executive in Fort Wayne.

Kenneth Heikkinen, BS ’64, is now superintendent of Okemos Consolidated Schools.

Joan Brandel Pearson, BA ’64, retired last June after thirty-seven years of teaching in the Oceana County and Shelby schools.

Thomas G. Tallman, BS ’64, MA ’65, has become associate director of development for the Kendall School of Design, Grand Rapids.

Henry Weezenma, MA ’64, has been chosen as outstanding principal of Region 12 of the Michigan Education Association. He heads Rosy Mound Elementary School in Grand Haven.

1965

Thomas L. Branch, BS ’65, has been named manager of quality assurance contract manufacturing for The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Bob Kent, BS ’55, MA ’70, swimming coach at Kalamazoo College for seventeen years, and interim football coach last fall, has been named to succeed Rolla Anderson, BS ’54, as athletic director when Anderson retires in October.

Norman L. Bartz, BS ’55, MA ’67, is now teaching in Petoskey.

Richard E. Schumacher, BS ’65, has been elected to a third term as a Tyrone Township trustee. He lives in Fenton.

1966

George Jepson, BA ’66, MA ’70, is executive director of Hockey International, which in December sponsored World Games III in Battle Creek. WMU represented the United States against teams from Japan, Russia, and Canada. He is manager of human resources and strategic planning at The Upjohn Co.

David F. Sojter, BS ’66, MA ’72, has been promoted to director of public affairs for Whirlpool Corp., Benton Harbor.

1967

Jaye Flores, MA ’67, has been named principal of Constantine High School.

David Randall, BS ’67, MA ’71, has been principal of Grand Haven Junior High School.

George Stamas, BS ’67, has been promoted to Decatur Junior High School. He moved to Decatur from Grand Rapids.

1968

Howard T. Major, BA ’68, MA ’71, EdS ’80, has moved from East Grand Rapids and is now principal of Climax-Scotts High School.

Robert L. Matys, BS ’68, has been promoted to chief pilot for the executive travel department of Dow Chemical Co.

Peter J. Lam, BS ’68, has been named to the president of the Louis Benno Advertising firm in Tampa, FL.

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Steven Michael, BBA ’70, is now a realtor at Continental Village, Scottsdale, AZ.

Kathleen East Duncah Poulson, BS ’66, MA ’71, MA ’79, has received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She teaches at Santa Barbara City College.

Douglas Sackett, M.B.A. ’69, has been named manager of industrial relations for the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek.

Dennis Vandersteel, BS ’69, MA ’70, has been named assistant principal of Mona Shores High School.

1971

Laurence D. DeBow, BBA ’72, has been promoted to corporate communications director of Corporate Communications for The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Joseph M. Nowak, BSE ’72, MBA ’76, has been promoted to assistant manager for engineering at Kelsey-Hayes Co., Jackson.

Warren Craig Nissen, BS ’70, MA ’72, last December received his Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership from WMU. He is principal of Kalamazoo’s Woodward Elementary School.

Ken Sink, BS ’70, MA ’77, is now teaching mathematics at East Grand Rapids High School.

Paul A. Mestemaker, BA ’70, has been appointed real estate sales manager at Belcher Realty Co., Marshall.

1972

Dr. Charles Mieleswki, BSE ’71, recently was promoted to product manager at Roto-Finish Corp., Battle Creek.

Michael Fatt, BBA ’71, has become vice president of marketing operations at Consolidated Technologies Co., Battle Creek.

Paul Fox, BS ’71, is now principal of Byron Area Middle School.

1973

Lynn Sommerfeld, BBA ’71, has been named a consultant of the Hilldale Medical Care Facility.

1974

Dorothy Goldie, BS ’74, has received the vision care award from the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce.

James Wallis, BS ’74, has been appointed to the executive staff of Michigan Bell.

1975

Don Brown ’77

1976

Joseph H. McIlvaine, BSE ’73, MBA ’76, has been promoted to executive vice president and chief financial officer for Guardian Industries, Northville.

James W. Mcintyre, BSE ’73, MBA ’77, has been appointed assistant vice president for commercial lending at NBD Portage Bank.

Norman J. Woodin, BS ’61, has opened his own law practice in St. Joseph.

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Oakland County Optometric Society for 1984. She teaches in Oakland County, and is a past president of the Michigan chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Joe Greig, MSW ’74, has become executive director of the University of Chicago.

Debbie Michael, BS ’74, has been named assistant principal of Ahren Tlu Elementary School.

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Alumni Association life members

New life members of the Alumni Association are: Mark Anderson of Hartsville, South Carolina; Sandra [Long] Anderson of Hartsville, South Carolina; E. E. Krommes of Evanston, Illinois; Edward Golda, B.S.'73, B.S.'78, of Rochester; and John Sanchez, B.S.'73, of Dearborn.

Alumni gatherings

Branch County

The fifth annual spring dinner for Western alumni in Branch County will be held May 10 at the New Quality Inn and Convention Center in Coldwater. Medallion Scholarship recipient Dawn Haughthistle, WMU women's volleyball team member Sarah Powers, and orientation leader and Homecoming court member Tracy Connolly, will share with alumni their perceptions about being Western students.

The cost of this year's dinner program is $10 for Alumni Association members and $11 for nonmembers.

Call Bruce Gregory at (517) 278-6502 or the WMU alumni office at (616) 383-6160 by May 1 to make your reservations for this event.

Northwestern Michigan

The WMU Alumni Association and the Traverse City area alumni will sponsor a spring dinner June 1 at the Holiday Inn in Traverse City. The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Further details will be mailed to alumni members for more information.

Tina Daniels in the alumni relations office at (616) 383-6160.

Deaths

Enid Conkin Doney, TC '19, died January 25 in Fremont. She leaves two sons, ten great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Goldie Schwartz Levine, TC '19, died October 6 in Southfield. She leaves her husband.

Ruth E. Parsons Bender, TC '21, BA '35, died January 6 in Kalamazoo. She retired from teaching in Battle Creek in 1955. She leaves her husband, Theodore.

Margaret Beall Hess, TC '22, BA '26, died January 9 in Valparaiso, IN. She was a retired teacher, and leaves two children and six grandchildren.

Dorothy Hurl VanWingen, TC '22, died January 8 in Grand Rapids. She leaves her husband, Martin, BS '24, two children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Carrie Parker Schug, TC '23, BS '26, died February 7 in Three Rivers. She had taught in Marcellus and had taught for more than thirty years in Detroit and Portage. She leaves one son and two granddaughters.

Edna Eberstein McChtyre, TC '24, died in early December in Galesburg. She had taught in Vicksburg and Brooklyn, retiring in 1958. She and her late husband had observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1987.

Frances Quigley Thoma, TC '24, BS '32, died January 17 in Grand Haven, where she had taught for many years. She leaves two daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Lurline Burke Farrand, TC '25, BS '36, died January 25 in Sturgis. She retired from teaching in 1972.

Gertrude Storey, TC '25, BS '36, died November 1 in Honolulu, HI, where she had lived since 1934. Before moving to Hawaii she taught for eleven years in Kalamazoo. She leaves one daughter.

Arthur E. Yost, BA '26, died December 13 in East Lansing. He was a principal in Ann Arbor and Hartford, and after retirement he was a travel district for the National Education Association. He leaves his wife, one granddaughter, and one sister.

Katherine McCarty, BA '27, died January 19 in Royal Oak, MI, where she had taught for twenty-nine years until her retirement in 1958. She leaves one daughter.

Edna Bowman Brown, BA '28, died January 15 in Colorado, FL. She taught for more than thirty years in the schools in the '50s. She leaves her husband, two brothers, including Jerold Brown, BS '70, and five grandchildren.

Clara Brody Jessup, TC '28, died December 27 in Kalamazoo. She was a longtime resident of Lawton, where she was a teacher and, along with her late husband, the owner of Jessup's Clothing Store. She leaves two stepdaughters and two sisters.

Alden E. Bierman, BA '30, died November 17 in Benton Harbor. He retired from teaching at Benton Harbor High School in 1970, at which time the library there was named for him. From 1942 to 1948 he took time out of teaching to serve as a Boy Scout field executive and YMCA youth worker. He later received the Boy Scout Silver Beaver award. He leaves his wife of fifty-one years, Alice, and two daughters, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

M. Aladena Wolfe, BA '30, died February 7 in Battle Creek. She had been with Battle Creek Gas Co., for thirty-one years and owned the store.

Raymond L. Winsiewicz, TC '34, died January 28 in Delton. He had been a teacher and owned the Delton Locker Store for twenty years. Also, he was employed by William Palmers Co., and the Federal Trading Co., Battle Creek. He leaves his wife, two children, and four grandchildren.

Eleanor Lind, BA '35, a secretary and administrative assistant at the University from 1935 until her retirement in 1977, died January 6 in Kalamazoo. She was assistant to both President James W. Miller and President William P. Ault. She also served for many years in the office of the director of Extension, retiring after two years. She leaves brothers, including John, BA '40, Midland.

Marguerite Shinnville Confer, BA '37, died February 12 in Battle Creek. She leaves her husband and one child.

Kenneth J. Bender, BS '39, a teacher and scoutmaster in Cooperville for many years, died in February. He leaves his wife, Vera, and three daughters, one grandson, and his mother.

Lowell L. Shepard, a member of the class of 44, died in February in Little Rock, AR. He was senior vice president of Consumers Power Company and had served in the U.S. Congress from 1949 after graduating from the University of Illinois. He leaves his wife and three children.

Marjorie Hoxsie Burrows Myers, BS '45, died last December in Kalamazoo. She leaves her husband and one child.

James W. VanDyke, BS '50, died June 2, 1979, in Fort Pierce, FL.

Georgine Chalmel Gahier, BS '51, died December 27 in Kalamazoo after a long illness. She had taught at Millford, and lived in Kalamazoo since 1956. She leaves her husband, BS '52, assistant vice president for university relations and president of the WMU Foundation, a daughter, Andrea, BA '69, her parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Louise E. Pomeroy, BS '53, died December 31 in Warren, MI. He leaves his wife and three sons.

Garcia Carpenter Sinclair, MA '58, died December 28, 1977. He was a teacher and librarian for twenty-eight years, retiring in 1970. She and her husband had married for fifty-four years. She leaves her husband, three children, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one sister.

Buck Wentworth Andrews, BS '63, died February 5 in Coldwater, where she had retired from teaching in 1972. She leaves two daughters and one son.

Johnnie Mac Trice, BS '70, MA '75, and his wife, diedJanuary 12 in Battle Creek home January 11. She was assistant principal of Battle Creek High School. They leaves two daughters.

Lee R. Baumann, BS '71, MA '73, died January 6 in Grand Rapids. He was a teacher at Marquette High School.

William E. Wood, Jr., died January 2 in Fulton, MI. He had lived most recently in Battle Creek and San Diego, CA. He leaves four children and his parents.

Edwin C. Wynne, MA '71, died January 28 in Kalamazoo. He had made his home in Allegan and was a teacher and WWII veteran, retiring in 1970. He leaves his wife, four children, and his mother.

Glenn E. Liddell, MA '74, EdD '84, died in September in Providence, RI, where he was director of counseling for Rhode Island College. His counseling and personnel doctorate was conferred posthumously at WMU's December commencement.

Alice V. Robinson, BA '74, died January 17 in Kalamazoo, where she lived January 14. Frank B. Robinson, professor emeritus of speech and theater, leaves his wife, one daughter, one son, and three grandchildren.

Laurie J. Dart, MA '74, died January 15 in an automobile accident near Allegan, where she had lived January 11. She had taught in Allegan for twenty-four years. She was a graduate of Comstock College, Iowa. She leaves three sons and four grandchildren.

Anne Halliwel Mountjoy, BS '78, died January 27 in Allegan. She had been a student at WMU and undergraduate she had worked in the alumni office, and later she worked for Borgen Communications. She leaves her husband, Prof. Paul Mountjoy, two daughters, and one brother.