Learning how to read, or learning how to read better, is just a phone call away. But that first step is also the toughest step for many people who are illiterate, according to Dr. Joseph R. Chapell, associate director of Western's Reading Center and Clinic and director of the clinic's reading laboratory.

Chapel said society has attached a stigma to people who are unable to read and they are often viewed as being stupid or inferior. As a result, Chapel said many of his clients suffer from low self-esteem.

"Over and over again we hear from people about how they have tried a number of times to get up enough courage to call the clinic and come for our services," Chapel said.

No one is really certain just how many Americans are illiterate, partly because some studies base their figures on written surveys. However, based on a 1980 University of Texas study, Chapel estimates that between eighteen and twenty-five million Americans, 13 percent of the population, cannot read.

Every year, the Reading Center and Clinic performs fifty to seventy-five diagnostic tests and provides reading therapy to up to 175 clients. According to Chapel, the reasons why his clients are unable to read are many and varied.

"Many have problems at home where reading and language skills were not encouraged. These people initially found failure really a difficult task to try and get along in daily life without being able to read labels on doors or menus. It's hard to do any kind of comparison shopping, checking and banking, or to deal with contracts, fill out job applications, or read the want ads," Chapel said. "Over and over again adults in the clinic tell us that not being able to read really hurts a lot."

Helping people learn to read, or how to improve their reading skills, are two aims of Western's Reading Center and Clinic. Dr. Joseph R. Chapell, left, associate director of the center and clinic, notes that providing this service is becoming increasingly important. He estimates that about 13 percent of the American population cannot read.

Nationalally acclaimed author and poet Stuart Dybek, left, professor of English, is this year's recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award. The award is presented by the Academic Convocation, which was conducted October 28. After the convocation, Dybek chatted with Trustee Carol A. Wackendorf of Kalamazoo and President D. R. Haenicke in the past year, Dybek's short stories "Hot Ice" and "Blight" received three of the four top awards for the short story in the United States. His first collection of short stories, Childhood and Other Neighborhoods, received four awards for fiction. Dybek has also written a book of poetry. Brass Knuckles. Currently he is in the process of completing another collection of stories. Dybek has won numerous awards for his work, including being selected in 1985 to be one of only ten writers in the country to receive the Whiting Writers' Award.

Commemoration will have more 'pomp and circumstance' Changing the month and day for summer commencements is intended to provide a better opportunity for participation by faculty members and parents. "Too many parents aren't able to attend on Fridays," Patterson said. "Those coming from longer distances had to take time off work to get here for a Friday evening ceremony. We hope more parents will be able to attend on Saturday. "Having the ceremony in Read Fieldhouse should allow students to maximize the number of guests they plan to invite to commencement," Patterson continued. "For some commencements, it may be possible to eliminate the need for commencement tickets altogether."

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Dedication of McCracken Hall addition draws large crowd

The new addition to McCracken Hall was dedicated October 28 during a ceremony that drew representatives from the University, industry, and government.

The dedication was conducted in conjunction with the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Paper Technology Foundation.

Western broke ground for the $2.1 million addition in July 1985 and construction was completed in June 1986. The 9,000-square-foot facility, located in Read Fieldhouse, provides the Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering with expanded teaching and research space. The building is intended to provide a better opportunity for participation by faculty members and parents. "Too many parents aren't able to attend on Fridays," Patterson said. "Those coming from longer distances had to take time off work to get here for a Friday evening ceremony. We hope more parents will be able to attend on Saturday. "Having the ceremony in Read Fieldhouse should allow students to maximize the number of guests they plan to invite to commencement," Patterson continued. "For some commencements, it may be possible to eliminate the need for commencement tickets altogether."

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Today's residence halls keep changing to better meet student needs

Twenty-five years ago, all students living on Western's campus were required to dress for dinner, and female students couldn't have visitors in their rooms except on special occasions. The residence halls then were required to dress for dinner, and female students couldn't have visitors in their rooms except on special occasions.

"The last five years we had a more gradual evolution; there have not been any dramatic changes," said Pippen. "I was concerned about this and wanted the staff to use their energies and leadership more constructively . . . by planning social and educational activities.

Now, Pippen said, the resident advisers spend much of their time initiating and carrying out programs on their floors to get students involved in their halls.

Resident advisers well prepared

To prepare for their positions, resident advisers go through what Pippen calls the "emergence of staff training—everything from a tour and explanation of the health center to seminars on roommate conflict and running a successful floor activities." Resident advisers are also required to meet with their hall director every week for staff development, where they discuss student issues dealing with topics such as alcohol use and mental health concerns.

However, staff members are not the only people who are working hard to create a positive environment in the halls. Every hall has a house council consisting of officers and elected representatives from each floor. These students also plan programs and make purchases for the hall. Their activities are financed by a development or "social" fee assessed to each resident.

Additionally, each residence hall elects members to a campus-wide governing body called the Residence Hall Association. This group sponsors major activities that are designed to benefit students in all halls. The association has helped to finance and promote several residence hall programs that have received regional and national awards.

In 1982 the National Association of College and University Residence Halls selected "Bronco Buddies" as the best program of the year nationwide. Bronco Buddies are student volunteers who return to campus early in the fall to help new students move in. They also conduct and organize discussions about roommate conflicts, and "drops and adds," and encourage students to attend the Bronco Bash, which is an annual welcome-back party for students.

In 1986 Western received the award for Ackley-Shilling Pursuit, this program, which is patterned after the board game Trivial Pursuit, encourages students living in Ackley-Shilling Hall to participate in hall and campus activities.

Theme halls meet many students' needs

Also new in the past few years is the establishment of halls with a special focus. The residence hall facilities office and the residence hall life office have cooperated to create several "theme halls." These halls have features that may be especially attractive to particular groups of students.

Eicher-LeFevre's theme is wellness. This hall's programs focus on health-related issues. Weightlifting facilities and exercise and nutrition awareness programs are also available to students.

 Called the "international hall," Hoeijr is popular with students who wish to have accommodations 365 days a year. It is a room-only hall with kitchens on each floor where students from many countries can share their culinary talents. This year forty percent of the students in Hoeijr are from outside the United States.

Harrison-Aston, also called "High Tech Hall," is being developed for students who have an interest in technological fields. There are two computer terminals on every floor of Harrison, which is a special experience for students who frequently use computers to complete their coursework.

Many of Western's honors students live in Eiderwood-Fox, although this hall's programs aren't specifically geared toward honors students.

Bronco Hall, which is for upperclassmen, requires that residents be either juniors or seniors, or at least twenty-one years of age.

"You can't always have all of these things in all halls," Pippen said, explaining that it's more efficient to create special themes for particular halls. She added that theme halls also help keep together students who have shared interests and who can support each other.

However, Pippen said there are usually no restraints on who can live in theme halls, and not all the students housed in them are interested in the hall's theme. In addition, she said students are choosing to live on campus, for many other reasons.

This has resulted because students are realizing that a "combination of factors—convenience, not having to cook, and proximity to friends and classes—are important," Pippen said.

"Living in the residence halls is a special kind of experience and once they experience this experience is over, chances are they will never have this again."

—by Nancy Duhart '96 and James Brown

Resident advisers: students serving as program facilitators, information sources, confidants

Resident advisers (RAs) are playing an active and important role in the lives of students who live in residence halls. In addition to serving as program facilitators, several of the RAs at Western this fall say they serve as information sources and confidants.

"RAs are someone to go to for answers, someone who has a little more background," said Anne E. Thomas, a second-year RA at Eicher-LeFevre Hall.

According to another RA, the biggest contribution RAs can make is getting students involved and aware of what is going on at the University, as well as in the Kalamazoo community.

"I try to get people out so they know Western is not just a school—it's a place to live," said Thomas R. Macknick, a second-year RA at Smith-Burnham Hall.

But before RAs can get involved, they must get the residents to trust them and to come to them for advice. "I let students know that their thoughts or feelings matter to me . . . you have to be a genuine listener not just when they're around with a problem, but also when they're around just to talk," Thomas said.

To make students feel more comfortable at Western, Thomas works with them when they move in. She also encourages students to participate in hall activities by personally stopping by their rooms and signing them up.

Macknick uses a different approach. "I usually try and spend about a half-hour with at least one different person each duty night," he said, "getting to know them, seeing how they're doing or just what their hobbies are, or how their classes are going." But residents aren't the only ones who benefit from the RA system. The RAs themselves receive many personal benefits.

Macknick noted that being an RA "forces me to be more outgoing and a lot more confident about myself. But the greatest benefit I receive is the friendship and trust of residents on the floor . . . It's like a tight-knit family."

To get to that point, RAs have to learn to deal with a lot of pressures," said Sally Pippen, director of the Office of Residence Hall Life. "It's a stressful position, perhaps one of the most stressful positions on campus in terms of the expectations—they have to wear so many hats."

Pippen noted that RAs must be jugglers, playing the role of student one minute, and RA the next. "They have to deal with problems that students need help with at a time when they themselves most need to study," Pippen said.

Because of these demands, RAs are like resourceful, good leaders and have a solid grade point average, Pippen said. "Consequently, Western looks for students with good communication and people skills and people who enjoy helping others solve problems."

In return RAs receive valuable personal and professional experience, as well as a single room and board from the University.

—by Nancy Duhart '96

Resident adviser Matt Lenderink, left, an adviser in Ackley Hall, converses with residents Kirk Tippet, a freshman from Bloomfield Hills, majoring in international business marketing, and Curt Boeve, a freshman from Holland majoring in business management.

Lenderink is a senior from Portage majoring in industrial marketing.
High water levels linked to change in climate

The record high water levels of the Great Lakes can be linked to a change in Michigan's climate, a Western climatologist and meteorologist says.

"What we've been seeing in Michigan is a change in climate over the past several decades from a period where temperatures were higher and precipitation was less in the 1930s and 1940s, to a period of increasing precipitation and cooler temperatures," said Dr. Val L. Eichenlaub, professor of geography and author of a book on the weather and climate of the Great Lakes region.

"All of the Great Lakes, except for Lake Ontario, are at or near record levels for as long as we have data available—which goes back about 100 years," he said.

More precipitation is the main reason for the high water levels, which have caused extensive damage through flooding and erosion during the last few years. The slower rate of evaporation is another factor.

With cooler temperatures, there is less evaporation, Eichenlaub explained, and because less water evaporates from the lakes, their water levels rise.

Although the weather is hard to predict, Eichenlaub said he thinks this trend will reverse in the next decade.

The Great Lakes are part of a global trend and one in the Northern Hemisphere of increasing temperatures during the past seven to eight years," he said. "Michigan hasn't shared this, but I think we will in the next decade. The big factor seems to be the prediction of increased temperatures due to more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. That would mean that evaporation would increase and precipitation would decrease over the next 50 to 100 years.

Eichenlaub, however, is not basing any of his predictions on a history of lake levels. The water levels seem to rise and fall on an irregular pattern that is a mystery to those in the weather business. "They don't go through cycles. The waters will go up and go down, but exactly when and how much we don't know," he said.

However, seasonal fluctuations of about one to two feet are somewhat predictable.

Western thanks AMBUCS for giving 'bucks'

On October 1 the College of Health and Human Services honored a $4,750 scholarship benefactor, the American Business Club (AMBUCS) of Kalamazoo.

In the last fifteen years, the club has awarded more than $129,000 in scholarships to more than 360 students in the college's Department of Occupational Therapy and Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology through its Kalamazoo Living Endowment Fund.

"We thank you not only for your support, but especially for the quality of that support," said Dr. Philip-Densfeldt, provost and vice president for academic affairs, told club members at a special luncheon and plaque presentation for the AMBUCS.

"What a difference your gifts have made." The club is proud to know its members are contributing to the college's scholarship program with the Western.

So far this year the AMBUCS has contributed $212,000 to the scholarship program. Dodge noted that the national AMBUCS has given Western an additional $9,400 for the academic scholarships, second only to its AMBUCS contributions to Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Some of the participants were, from left, Philip Deinert, provost and vice president for academic affairs; William A. Burian, dean of the College of Health and Human Services; and AMBUCS members Marston J. Dodge and William L. Steers.

A few words

• New property acquired: The University has acquired several acres of property along a few parts of the Kalamazoo River. The property is well positioned for future development.

• New programs offered: The University has introduced new programs in Business Administration and Education.

• New buildings opened: The University has opened new buildings, including the new Business Administration Building and the new Education Building.

• New student organizations: The University has established new student organizations, including a new environmental club and a new cultural club.

• New faculty members: The University has hired new faculty members in various departments, including the Department of History, the Department of Mathematics, and the Department of English.

• New research initiatives: The University has initiated new research initiatives, including a new environmental research project and a new cultural research project.

• New fundraising efforts: The University has launched new fundraising efforts, including a new endowment campaign and a new alumni giving campaign.

• New community partnerships: The University has established new community partnerships, including a new partnership with a local business and a new partnership with a local government agency.

• New technology initiatives: The University has implemented new technology initiatives, including a new online learning platform and a new mobile learning app.
Married athletes work hard in school, in sports, at home

Senior Maggie Lillie-Smith of the women's cross country and track teams has come racing back into competition after being hampered for the past two seasons with leg injuries.

Lillie-Smith is one of just three Western athletes who are married. The others are junior right wing Lee Broderick of the hockey team and senior guard Sam Culbert of the football team.

The present trend of people choosing to marry at a later age is uncommon to find a large percentage of married student-athletes. Moreover, being married while going to school and competing in Division I sports requires a little different time commitment than an unmarried college athlete, the Western trio says.

"We keep telling each other that we need to have quality time in the future. It's almost impossible in the past six months. Two great minds are running the business," Broderick said.

"I think all the guys I've been married to right now is the first time. They're about the right size to do this together," Culbert said.

"It's been a challenge to do this together, but it's also been a learning experience," Lillie-Smith said.

Volleyball team flying high

The 1986 version of Western volleyball is the latest verse in the history of one of the university's most successful women's sports.

As of November 24, the women's team was ranked seventeenth in the nation with a 21-7 record, including fourteen victories and no defeats in the MAC. The highlights of the year thus far have been two victories over arch-rival Purdue University and a victory over Colorado State University in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association District meet.

Hockey team hanging tough

Prior to the start of the 1986-87 season, the coaches of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association picked the Western hockey team to finish fourth in the league in their annual preseason poll.

The middle of the pack seemed to be the place Western coach Jack Harbaugh would like to see his team finish the season, but they may not be satisfied with the seventh-place finish as it ended with a season summary.

Hold the edge

The Broncos edged the University of Kentucky 1-0 in overtime, to keep their season summaries at a perfect winning record.

For all three couples, the sport which the player competes in has a major role in their lives and lifestyles. "Lee spends about four hours a day on hockey, in one way or another," Susan Broderick said. "I'm not a sports-oriented person at all, but because hockey is such a big part of Lee's life, we spend a lot of our time talking about the games coming up, the games just played, or how Lee played. I've become a good listener."

"I used to always tell Lee that I was doing free, which I found out wasn't always the thing to say. Now I try to be objective, but supportive—mostly just listen," Carla Culbert said.

Carla Culbert, a former high school volleyball coach, also adds support for Sam in the form of food.

"Carla tries to help me keep my weight up during the season," Culbert explained. "She leaves snacks around the house for me to eat at any time when I'm not eating and has also helped me plan my eating and workouts in the past."

The Broncos have been a married student-athlete: it's neither better nor worse than being a single student-athlete, but it does mean their priorities are different.

"I'm not very active in the games," Culbert said. "I spend any free time with Carla and the kids."

Culbert may really enjoy playing with his one-year-old son Zach, and his eight-year-old stepdaughter Kristin.

Still a lot in store for Bronco fans as fall coach Jack Harbaugh will not be renewing the Harbaugh contract.

The contract of head football coach Jack Harbaugh was not renewed, athletic director Dr. Leland Bird announced November 17.

Harbaugh had a five-year overall record of 25-15-1 at Western, including season records of 7-2-1 in 1982, 6-5, 5-4, 6-11, and then 3-8 in 1986. His overall Mid-American Conference mark was 19-23-3.

This year the football squad had a 3-5 mark to finish in eighth place in the MAC.

"This was a very difficult decision to make because Jack Harbaugh is a very dedicated coach who worked hard in trying to build a winning program at Western," Bird said.

"I am very concerned with the well-being of his student athletes and did much to promote the university within the community."

Harbaugh has since been hired as assistant coach for the University of Arizona football.

There's still a whole lot in store for Bronco fans as fall worrisome, frustrating opponents, and breaking records.
The University’s giving clubs honor Western’s valued donors

Western’s Development Fund has changed the minimum annual gift which will qualify donors for membership in the University Club. The change is effective January 1, 1987.

According to Dottie Mortimore, Development Fund director, the change from a $100- to $250-minimum membership was ‘‘made to keep up with inflation’’ and ‘‘make the University Club more in line with similar clubs at other colleges and universities.’’

Membership in the University Club, or any of Western’s donor gift clubs, is an exercise in leadership whereby the donor sets an example, demonstrating to others how they, in turn, may assist the University.

The objective of the gift clubs are as follows.

- To create an awareness—in a select group of individuals—of the value and need for admission in an academic society and the distinction with which Western Michigan University serves Southwest Michigan, the state, and the nation.
- To provide opportunties for alumni and friends to become more involved with, and informed about, the purposes, programs, and development of Western.
- To establish a firm base of annual gift support as a substantial and constant source of private gift income upon which the University can depend for continuing and enriching its current operations.
- To institute an exemplary pattern of giving, thereby helping to set a higher standard of support for other alumni and friends.
- To instil a deserved recognition to loyal and dedicated alumni and friends who have demonstrated interest and support of their University by becoming members of one of these prestigious groups.

Western honors its valued supporters through membership in the following gift clubs:

- The University Club honors donors of $250 to $500. While the membership qualification was raised recently to encourage increased giving, those who have given $100 or more will receive memberships until the end of this year.
- The Oaklands Club consists of alumni and friends whose annual giving is between $500 and $1,000.
- The Cum Laude Club recognizes those who contribute $1,000 or more annually to the University.
- The President’s Club recognizes individuals, businesses, and corporations whose giving equals $15,000 or more, usually over a ten-year period, or a planned gift of $25,000 or more. All gifts are tax-deductible. Scholarship Membership in the University, Oaklands, or Cum Laude club does not mean a continuing commitment; every member is free to review his/her status each year. Pledges may be paid periodically during the calendar year.
- Recognizing their leadership, the Western Michigan University Foundation offers its thanks to club members in the following way.

- In grateful tribute to their generous and loyal support, the names of all club members appear on a special University honor roll.
- All club members receive complimentary copies of the Westerner and other alumni publications.
- Additionally, all are invited to a special University event.

New members of the Oaklands Club receive a handsome engraved Lasercraft note pad.

Estate gift establishes two more Medallion Scholarships

The University has received $132,354 from the estate of the late Angie Gayman Carmer, a 1932 graduate of Western and a teacher for many years in Edwardsburg.

The gift will establish two endowed Medallion Scholarships in the Department of Art. It brings to twenty-two the number of Medallion Scholarships in existence. There are the third and fourth medallions that are endowed.

At $20,000 each over four years, the Medallion Scholarships are among the largest merit scholarship programs in American higher education.

Eighth of the scholarships have been established by individuals and organizations with a one-time $20,000 commitment, which is given to each recipient at the rate of $5,000 each year. When the gift is expended, the scholarship expires unless it is renewed by the donor.

The current value of the Medallion Scholarship fund exceeds $500,000.

The Carmer gift was presented to President Dieter H. Haenicke by Craig Mari, vice president, head of the trust division, and senior trust officer of Old Kent Bank Southwest in Niles, and by Libby Hill, a trust officer at the bank.

"This gift recognizes the significance of our very prestigious Medallion Scholarship program," Haenicke said. "Although I—never had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Carmer, her concern for the welfare of our students and the excellence of our programs has been clearly demonstrated by this unselfish gift."

Carmer, who died in 1976, created what is called a charitable remainder unitrust for her estate. She directed that an income be paid to several individuals for ten years and that the remainder of the principal be given to Western.

Born in rural Southwest Michigan, Angie Gastman was raised on her father’s farm and began teaching after completing high school in 1915. At Western, she earned a bachelor of science degree. She taught in Michigan schools for forty-three years.

In 1936 she married George Carmer and helped him run his farm for several years.

In addition to teaching, Carmer was an avid painter who received many awards for her watercolors in several Southwest Michigan art shows. Her works were featured in the first alumni artist showing at Western in 1974.

The scholarship, to be named in her honor, is intended for promising students majoring in art.

Development Fund launches Michigan Bell campaign

On October 31 the Development Fund launched its first corporate in-house campaign at Michigan Bell in Detroit.

The event, which took place at the Detroit Club, featured special guest speaker Willard Brown, chair of the Rubloff Company in Chicago, Illinois, and the new chair of the WMU Foundation.

Foundation representative S. Mark Terman praised the work of campaign chair Les Kosciusko, an assistant vice president at Michigan Bell.

Kosciusko invited the Development Fund with lists of current alumni who work for the company. In addition to seeking and receiving corporate approval for the campaign, he also provided the fund with important alumni-employee information and helped four Michigan Bell directors to run the solicitation program statewide.

The campaign will serve as a model for similar efforts that are planned for 1987.

"This initiative represents a unique opportunity for Western to develop significant new sources of support," President Dieter H. Haenicke said. "We are very grateful to Michigan Bell and to our many loyal alumni donors."

Michigan Bell now matches planned gifts for education on a two to one basis.

Charitable trusts are flexible and valuable way of helping

As we approach the end of 1986, I want to remind you again that Western Michigan University relies on its gifts to carry forward with the excellence of its programs. As I pointed out in the October issue of the Westerner, 1986 is a particularly good year to give because of tax benefits which will soon be expiring.

In this issue, I would like to tell you about a particular method of giving. The proceeds of the Angie Gayman Carmer charitable trust were recently received by Western. Mrs. Carmer chose to make a major gift to this University through her estate. Her gift was very important and special to us and to her loved ones.

When Mrs. Carmer created her estate, she included a provision for a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Mrs. Carmer died in 1976 and for the past ten years, through her estate plan, she designated that a percentage of the proceeds of this trust should be paid to individual beneficiaries.

In that manner she provided an income for her loved ones and she also was able to make a significant gift to her alma mater at the same time.

Charitable trusts are not new. However, many people are unaware of their flexibility and value in planning an estate.

Charitable trusts can be created either during your lifetime or through your estate.

A few of their attributes are:

- providing income to you for life
- providing income to you and another person for your joint lives
- if created during your lifetime, earning you an immediate charitable deduction which can be used against current income
- allowing you to fund your trust with cash, bonds, securities, or even real property
- if funded with highly appreciated property, allowing your trustee to sell the property with no capital gains liability
- one of the most popular variations is to contribute highly appreciated stock to the trust. This stock may be earning only 1 to 2 percent of its value and if you sell it to reinvest you would have to pay capital gains tax on the sale.
- when you gift that stock to your trustee in a charitable trust, he/she can sell it with no capital gains liability and reinvest the proceeds to increase the earnings of the trust.
- this, then, is a unique way to give. You can get a tax deduction now, an income for life, and be able to make a gift to Western all at the same time. And Congress has left this legislation intact in the Tax Reform Act. That means you can create such a trust in 1986 or 1987 and still get all of these advantages if you are interested in a charitable trust or would just like some additional information about planned gifts to Western, please write me, Russell Howes, in care of the WMU Foundation, Hillside East, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3899, or call me at (616) 383-4973.

William R., B.B.A., '63, and Patricia, B.S.
19. Wearing were the hosts of a cocktail party November 6 in their Grand Rapids home. More than seventy-five alumni and friends gathered to honor President Dieter H. Haenicke and his wife, Joan. and College of Business Dean Darrell Jensen and his wife, Joan.
Dear fellow alumni:

As the newly elected president of the WMU Alumni Association for 1986-87, I am continuing the tradition of filling in for Jamie Jeremy, executive director of the association, in this issue of the Westerner.

Your association, through the alumni relations staff, the board of directors, and its members, has accomplished much this past year. I wanted to share with you some of our accomplishments so that you might also share our pride in them.

We continued to sponsor class reunions bringing hundreds of alumni to campus to celebrate the twenty-fifth, fortieth, and fiftieth anniversaries of their graduation. Homecoming gets better every year and the 1986 celebration was no exception. All events were well attended and the football team contributed to the excitement by defeating Miami University, one of the top-ranked teams in the country.

The relationship between Western and its alumni is of paramount importance to the association and was further strengthened through the many regional events that took place this past year. Social and cultural events were held in cities throughout Michigan, as well as in Chicago, Illinois, Florida, and Washington, D.C.

University President Diether Harn Richie attended and participated in many of those regional activities, demonstrating his commitment to our graduates. And Dr. Harn Richie enters his second year, the impact he has had on the entire University is obvious. He is a strong supporter of the Alumni Association.

Because of the important role dedicated teachers play in our lives, the association honored four outstanding faculty members again this year through the annual presentation of the Teaching Excellence Awards. Each honoree received a $1,500 stipend funded by membership dues.

The association also proudly honors fellow alumni through the annual presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. By honoring graduates such as Messer, Haworth, Percy, and Westdale, the 1986 recipients, for their professional achievements, the association also honors the University which played an important role in the lives of these and all alumni.

The association has established an endowment fund by setting aside a portion of all life membership payments. This past year we funded a Medallion Scholarship from endowment earnings.

During our annual meeting, the association's board of directors met with our scholarship recipient, Aaron Mead, a freshman from St. Louis, Michigan. He is an impressive young man and as alumni you should take great pride in knowing you are contributing to his education at Western.

The association supports several other programs for our alumni. For example, the Career Assessment program, which offers career assessment and counseling services free of charge to children of alumni.

In addition, we have continued to involve alumni in the ongoing admissions process through the Alumni Admissions Ambassador program, and we have expanded the group life insurance program. We are currently evaluating several other insurance programs and similar activities that will be of benefit to association members.

Also, through our travel program, alumni traveled to Alaska.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered for a photo while attending the group's annual meeting October 17.

Career assessment services offered to children of alumni

The Alumni Association, along with Western's Testing and Evaluation Services and the Career Education Council, is offering a career assessment and counseling program free of charge as a service to children of alumni.

The assessment, developed by Testing Services and Evaluation staff, explores four areas: interests, personality, work values, and achievement aptitude. Approximately six hours, exclusive of lunch, will be required to complete the assessment. It will be offered on campus April 14, 18, 21, and 23.

An information session will be held in the morning for parents accompanying their children to campus. This session will cover important information about Western, such as admission requirements, housing rates, and financial aid opportunities.

In addition to the initial visit to campus for the assessment, a second and crucial visit is required in May, June, or July. During this visit participants will receive an individualized interpretation of their test results.

The career assessment and counseling program is limited to high school juniors and seniors who are children of Western alumni. Fifty participants will be accepted for each session. To register your child, fill out the coupon below and mail it to the Alumni Association.

Events set for Florida alumni

Diether and Carol Harn Richie, the University's president and first lady, will visit with Florida alumni in February at the events sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association. Joining them will be Jamie Jeremy, director of the Office of Alumni Relations.

The scheduled events are as follows:

- February 22: West Palm Beach Branch and Polo Game
- February 23: Orlando Lunch
- February 24: Naples Dinner
- February 25: Bradenton Lunch
- February 26: Clearwater Dinner
- February 27: Holiday Inn River Front

Detailed information will be mailed to all our Florida alumni in early January.

Many alumni have renewed friendships and strengthened their ties to the University by attending these events in previous years.

School of Social Work alumni conducted their annual meeting and banquet October 18 in conjunction with Homecoming. Lorraine Boekefoo Beebe, B.S. '32, a former student senator and vice president of the WMU Alumni Association, gave the keynote address. During the meeting two students from the school, Linda Ranes, a senior from Schoolcraft, and Bruce Mossburg, a master's candidate from Vicksburg, were given the Bob Barstow Award. Participants in the award presentation were, from left, Art Shull, University President Diether Harn Richie, and Dr. Boekefoo Beebe.

The 1986-87 officers of the Alumni Association Board of Directors are, from left, Keith Pretty, past president; Patricia Muth, treasurer; and Richard Carlson, president. Not pictured is Lorraine Boekefoo Beebe, vice president.
Spotlight shines on 1986 Homecoming

As these pictures show, this year's Homecoming activities show the event better and better every year. Mark your calendar now for next year's celebration, scheduled for October 10, 1987.

Top right: The 1986 Homecoming production of Broadway "From Here to Eternity," starring (from left) Robert Wetnight, former vice president for finance and student affairs; Gerrard Haworth, B.A. '37; and Richard Rapischak, B.A. '36, and his wife Mary. Right: The festivities continued on the gridiron with the fifth annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner. Chatting with (front row) are, from left, Keith D. Stafford, B.A. '57; Linda McCullough, B.S. '76; Carol D. Anderson, B.S. '82; Carol Anderson, B.S. '82; and Keith F. Pethybridge, past president of the Alumni Association.

Top right: The 1986 Homecoming production of "Broncos on Broadway" began on the evening of October 17 when members of the Classes of 1937 and 1947 returned to campus to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. Arizona resident Fred Zook, B.B.A. '51, M.A. '54, top left, took some time to reminisce with, from left, Robert Wetnight, former vice president for finance and student affairs; and LeRoy "Rep" Raipschak, B.A. '36, and his wife Mary, both of Hollywood.

Right: The festivities continued on the gridiron Saturday as the Broncos defeated Maim University 27-17. Student Alumni Association members proudly accepted the Peace Pipe offered by members of Maim University's student alumni group. The winning school retains the pipe until the next clash between the football teams.

Below: Clapping this year's Homecoming celebration was the 50th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner. Chatting with WMU president Dieter H. Haenicke, left, were 1986 award recipients, from second from left, Virg Wason; B.S. '42; B.S. '49; Gerrard Haworth, B.A. '37; and Richard Percy, B.A. '36; and Kari Pethybridge, past president of the Alumni Association.

Hawaii lures Western alumni and friends

When March, 1987, rolls around, you'll probably find that you've had your fill of freezing temperatures or the workday world. Why not plan now to escape to the warm sunshine and the koi-infused peace of Hawaii. The Alumni Association is sponsoring a ten-day, three-island Hawaiian holiday March 25 through April 3. Jamie Jensen, director of the Office of Alumni Relations, will escort the group to the islands of Oahu, Kauai, and Maui.

The per person price of $1,499 includes roundtrip air transportation via United Airlines from Grand Rapids, Detroit, or Chicago, plus nine nights lodging in excellent facilities, grand tours, and much, much more.

Space is limited, so call the alumni relations office today at (616) 383-4150 for more information.

Help locate a lost classmate

The Alumni Association will host reunions in June, 1987, for the Classes of 1937 and 1947. Class members from 1947 will return to campus June 5 and 6 to celebrate their fortieth anniversary. The Class of 1937 will reunite on June 12 for its fiftieth anniversary.

Listed on this page are members of those classes whom we have lost track of over the years. If you have any current address for any of these alumni, please forward it to the alumni relations office.

The Class of 1937

Betty (Dorrance) Arndt
Ann B. Ball
Margaret C. Barefoot
Howard E. Barnett
Shirley B. Barron
Doris Alberta Bishop
Paul Bohn
Adeline A. Bitterman
Judith A. Black
Margaret E. (Winchester) Brooker
Virginia (Stevens) Clark
Gladys Lillian Cook
Mary Fortune Doudor
Gayle E. Dray
Helene S. (Stewart) Freytag
Gene (Greenwood)
Mary Grace Hayes
Leonore Annitta (Safford) Henderson
Lynn C. Hender
Freda Louise Henderson
Karen F. Hinkle
Laura (Weidemeyer) Hutcheson
Doris N. Kardas
Kathleen D. Lauer
Judy L. Garfield (Kraus) (Mearl) Ruth McCullough
Elizabeth H. McPherson
Beulah C. (Staley) McKee
Alice L. McFarlan
Gladys Milla
Lutice May (Netter) Nane
Lisa M. Nurnberg
Michael Hartley Orman
Grandeau
Philippe France Ferrand
James E. Rehak
Margarette May Reynolds
Deanna (Boshung) Eisehour
Lottie (Brownlow) Sarkinen
Mary A. (Brewster) Shaw
Virginia Louise Smith
Myrtle (Mount) Sloan
Helen Isabelle (Richardson) Thompson
Jean (Parrish) Tice
Catarina G. (Conover) Walter
M. E. Thompson
Helen M. Zander

Class of 1947

Caron C. Anderson
Eugene Keith Baker
Robert Ray Bishop
William J. Bishop
Grace H. Bissel
Lee M. Billings
Robert D. Bitting
Alice M. (Boskett) Brown
Douglas B. Brown
Marvin K. Brown
Barbara (Wilson) Burnham
Paul Joseph Cito
Mary Jane (Chapman) Cook
Donald Steven Crepton
Valeria L. Cott
Audra Ruth (Peterson) Delapier
Helen (Guth) Saff
Charles A. Dickinson
Patricia (Ackley) Hamilton

Class of 1947

Margaret A. (Shuttlesworth) Baldwin
John D. Bane
Josephine B. Bensinger
Kenneth Deake Schenck
Robert A. Binkley
James D. (Marek) Meier
Sarah E. Bissel
Margaret A. (Dell) Starski
Harold Upton Bigley
Katherine Walter
Jane E. Bishop
William R. Bishop
Robert Arthur Williams
Freda May Heron WHIT

Annual Great Lakes hockey tournament features Broncos

The twenty-second annual Great Lakes Invitational Hockey Tournament, which will be held in Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, December 27 and 28, will feature Western's hockey team, champions of the 1985 Central Collegiate Hockey Association. On Saturday, December 27, at 7:00 p.m., Western will face the University of Michigan and Michigan Technological University. As 7:00 p.m. the Broncos will square off against the Spartans of Michigan State University in a rematch of the 1985 CCCHA championship game.

The WMU Alumni Association will sponsor a postgame gathering at the arena Saturday evening. Broncos hockey coach Bill Wilkin- son and his staff will be on hand to talk with alumni and friends. The tournament will continue Sunday, December 28, with the consolation and championship games at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Plan ahead now for postseason hockey, basketball action

The Broncos have a good chance to appear in this season's hockey and men's and women's basketball championship tournaments. Mark the following dates on your calendar as planned to attend:

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association Championship Tournament will be held in Detroit's Joe Louis Arena on March 6 and 7. The tournament will feature the winners of the first-round playoffs.

• The sixteenth annual Mid-American Conference postseason basketball tournament will be held March 5 through 7 at Centennial Hall in Toledo, Ohio. It will feature the top seven men's teams and the top four women's teams.

If these teams advance to championship tournaments, a block of event tickets will be available to Broncos fans through Western's Athletic Ticket Office.
David Wiant, '52

Larry Adams, '93

Horace Heithauser Olive, BA, MA, MA, has retired after teaching and administrative work in the Muskegon schools for many years. She was last president of the local chapter of the National Education Association.

David R. Smith, '55, has been named head of the government relations council of the American Banking Association. He is chairman of the department of finance at University of South Florida, Tampa.

1956-60

Harold Whipple, BA, MA, MA, retired in September as personnel officer for the Swartz Creek schools. Prior to his retirement, he had been elected to the Grand Blanc Board of Education, as his involvement will continue with public education, only with a slightly different viewpoint.

Arnold M. Wilson, BS, MA, has retired as a teacher at the Delton-Kellogg schools. He was a principal for ten years before returning to the classroom for his last three years in education.

Dawn Hall, BS, MA, MA, was named Lain of the Year in Dowagiac this past July.

William D. Frey, BS, has been promoted to purchasing manager for fine chemicals for the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Thomas R. Murray, BS, was promoted in mid-summer to vice president of marketing for the Specialty Paper Division, Consolidated Papers, Inc., Stevens Point, WI.

Edward N. Michel, BS, MA, has retired as principal of the Bay High School in Bay City.

John E. Owen, BS, MA, is now director of market planning for Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo.

James J. Waid, BS, MA, has been elected recording secretary of the Michigan State Teachers Association.

James E. Bedtson, Jr., BS, has been promoted to principal of the Plainwell High School. He was appointed chair of the 35th General Motors Foundation, which awards grants to educational institutions for science and technology programs.

Ronald M. Bryant, MS, MA, has been named director of divisional engineering for an area of the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek.

Melvin H. Krieger, BS, has been promoted to chief deputy director of the Michigan State Department of Agriculture. He is principal of the Michigan State Department of Agriculture.

John Marsh, MA, MA, has been promoted to director of the Hispanic Education Program, which is a part of the Detroit Public Schools.

David E. Wood, BS, is a reading teacher in the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

James R. Lohr, BS, MA, MA, has been promoted to director of public relations for the Michigan State Board of Education.

Larry A. Leonard, BBA '69, has become secretary of the Alumni Association of Michigan State University. He is presently the president of the Alumni Association of Michigan State University.

1956-67

James Arnett, BS '67, MA '73, in October moved to Albion as principal of the Albert High School.

William Church, BA '67, MA '71, has assumed the full-time principalship of the Kalamazoo Elementary School.

James E. Jenks, Jr., BS, has been principal of the Plainwell High School.

Ronald McComas, BA '67, has been appointed director of the Mackinac Island Conference Center.

Elmer D. Powell, BS, MA, has been promoted to vice president of engineering, at the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Wallace A. Brown, BS '67, MA '70, MA '73, has been promoted to principal of the Kalamazoo Elementary School in Cement City.

Sanford Bennett, BA, BS '67, has been elected to a four-year term as a trustee-at-large for the Michigan Hospital Association. He is president of the 1978 Morris Hospital Board of Trustees.

David P. Curry, BS '87, has become an assistant professor of management at Ferris State College, Big Rapids.

Raymond Shockey, BS '68, has received an Arts degree from the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in public administration at Pacific Lutheran University. She also holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Washington.

Robert H. Reinhart, BS '51, MS '77, has been promoted to director of divisional engineering for agriculture and Forestry Development for the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Julia Schrader Dickinson Smith, BS '67, MGT '93, has become the director of the Sunrise Club, an after-school child care organization in Kalamazoo.

John C. Squires, BS '87, MA '86, has been appointed chair of the public relations committee, Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters. He is a division manager for State Farm Insurance Co., Marshall.

Paulette D. Swanson, BS '71, has become an assistant principal at Fort Prow High School.

Lisa Woda, BS '67, has become executive director of Junior Achievement of South Central Michigan, Battle Creek. She is a former teacher there.

Ronald Gyselhueck, BS '84, has been named executive vice president and chair of the board of directors of the FAMCO, Inc.

Richard H. Krieger, BS, MA, has been named executive vice president and chair of the board of directors of the FAMCO, Inc.

Karen Hadlan Denyes, BS '84, has become an assistant professor of marketing at Ferris State College, Big Rapids.

"We've been committed to our students, their parents, the community and the future of our schools for almost 100 years. We're proud to be a part of the many successful stories that come out of Albion College." - President Carolyn A. Boysen

Marie Hopkins, '69

Thomas Meerman, '69

1966

D. Allen Dishaw, BS '69, MA '72, is the new director of admissions at Grand Rapids College.

Daniel C. Hamilton, BBA '68, has become president of Perpetual Bank, Hastings.

Dr. Melon Hopkins, BA, MSA '75, has been appointed associate director for education for the Pacific Coast South area of the National Association of Colleges of Business Administration.

Louis W. Pach, BBA '64, has become managing partner of the Fort Wayne, IN, office for Coopers and Lybrand, CPA.

Fred C. Conolly, BS, MA, MS, '71, has been promoted to chair of the Shearman Elementary School in Marshall. He is in Kalamazoo.

John Hallquist, BS '65, MA '73, is now sales manager for the Valentine area of the Michigan Savings Association, Dallas, TX. He heads the department of public relations.

Thomas J. Miller, '89, has been appointed manager of marketing for Jacob Products.

Robert Wild, BA '69, has become assistant principal at Mason High School, Waterloo, this fall.

Lanae Leshniewski Murray, BS '66, has been elected a member-at-large of the academic and research division of the Operations, Inc. At the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

David E. Duvander, BS, MA, has been promoted to director of public relations for the Board of Governors of the University of Michigan. He is presently manager of the University of Michigan's Office of Public Relations.

Walter Van Driessen, '69, has become a senior staff accountant for Plant and Monroe in Columbus.

Terry G. Gerald, BS '69, MPA '76, has been promoted to vice president of public relations for the Lawrence Becker Co., Battle Creek.

Robert Kent, BBA '69, has become secretary of the executive committee of the Community College Association. He is a partner in Siegried, Crawford, Yos, and Associates, CPAs, and treasurer of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Board of Trustees.

David Laffler, BBA '69, is the new president of the Downriver Area Center for the Performing Arts. He is president of The Performing Arts, Inc., in Kalamazoo.

Charles Haffey, '70, is now sales manager and public relations director for the Michigan State College Bookstore.

Karen O'Brien, BA '68, has been named chair of the board of directors of the Michigan State College Bookstore. She is also a salt water sailor in her spare time.

Michael Speciale, BS '65, MA '72, has become assistant principal of St. Patrick's School in Pontiac last fall.

1970

Charles Hafley, BBA '70, is now controller of Action Auto, Flint.

John Hallquist, BS '79, has received the excellence award from the Lawrence Becker Co., Battle Creek. He is a salt water sailor in his spare time.

Philip A. Long, BBA '70, MA '75, has been appointed vice president of public relations for the William R. Higginbotham Co., Meggett, SC.

Joseph W. Minzer, BS '70, has been promoted to assistant manager for the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek.
Robert Burns, '72
Charles Wolgamott, '72

Niel. Guthrie Nicholas, '72, has graduated from the art director of a Whirlpool dealer in Arizona. He has been elected second vice president of the Grand Rapids Personnel Association. She is with the Universal Companies there.

Laura Wallace Rattner, BS, '77, MSW, '94, has been promoted to director of operations for Bronco Vicksburg Hospital.

Mary Gregory, '72, has been in Arizona and owns a portrait studio in Bluffton, IN.

She has spent eight years in journalism as a photographer.

Patricia Russo, '72, has been named as director of Consumer Product Clinical Research for The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Robert A. Crandall, '76, has been promoted to chairman and president of Martin Food Service.

Mark Blais, '74, has been named assistant director of the National Science Foundation.

Lindsey Anderson, '73, has been elected secretary of the National Type Committee.

Dr. Frank Alfieri, '72, has been named compensation and benefits director at Davison High School, F'erris State College.

Craig N. Mars, '72, has become principal of Orchard View Elementary School in Rockford.

Lois R. Roosa, '71, has been promoted to product manager of the White Pigeon schools in Marshall.

The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo. She lives in Grand Rapids.

R. J. Proctor, '72, has been named to the board of directors of InterContinental Insurance Co., Battle Creek.

Thomas Blackman, BA '72, MA '85, has been employed as special projects assistant at Kalamazoo College.

Lew Allen English, BS '73, '74, has left Kalamazoo's Checker Motors Corp, Kalamazoo. He is now social services worker in Lawrence, KS.

Robert W. Cruft, '72, has been promoted to chief of environmental resources for The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Dr. William Cline, MA '81, in July was appointed management associate for the Business Council of Southwest Michigan in Kalamazoo.

Graydon Blank, '76, has been appointed to the Visiting Nurses Association of Battle Creek, MI.

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Ann Randall, '73, has joined the K-Mart Corporation in New York.

Ron Quinn, '74, has been promoted to vice president of the Western Michigan chapter of the National Association of Realtors.

Linda F. Crocker, '81, has been promoted to assistant executive of the Great Lakes Water Resources Research and Education Center.

Douglas E. Purdue, BS '71, has left Kalamazoo's Access Cable Television Organization as the communications director for the city of Battle Creek.

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1980

Virginia Perry Beduhn, MLS '80, has been named Director of the Lincoln Township Library in Berrien Springs.

Tom Cole III, BBA '80, has been elected vice president of Battle Creek Credit Corp., one of the National Association of Accountants. He works forcomputer systems, and his position on the Computer Division board of directors is under the University of Wisconsin.

Neil A. Gardner, MBA '80, has graduated from the University of Wisconsin's Graduate School of Banking. He is with Huntington National Bank.

Bob Lake, BBA '80, has been elected vice president of the Battle Creek chapter of the National Association of Accountants. He works for Community Hospital.

Dick D. Linderman, BBA '80, has become a financial analyst in Security National Bank, Jackson.

Michael S. Bedford, BS '80, this past summer became a street reporter for Channel 2 in Denver.

Linda Schimmer, BBA '80, has been elected vice president of the Battle Creek chapter of the National Association of Accountants. She works for and Morson.

Jack R. Scribner, BS '81, has been elected circuit judge by the Michigan Supreme Court, Battle Creek.

Leroy J. Smith, BBA '81, has been appointed art director of the Kalamazoo Banner Works. He is with The News-Sentinel.

Neil A. Simms, BBA '81, has been promoted to senior audit manager at Seidman and Seidman, a Kalamazoo CPA office.

1981

Brian J. Anderson, BBA '81, has become an account executive for the commercial equipment financing department of GR Credit Corp., Arlington, TX.

Stephen Channer, BS '82, has become a sales engineer for the Mead Publishing Paper Plant, Decorah, IA.

Kimberly Carter, BS '83, has become a manager-trainee for Mr. B's Wastewater in Kalamazoo.

Cheryl Colage, BS '83, has become a research assistant at Luther College, Decorah, IA.

Tina R. Daniels, MA '83, is now a community relations specialist at the Catherine McAuley Health Center in Battle Creek. Previously, she was a WUSU volunteer assistant director.

Christopher Gill, BS '83, has become assistant director of admissions at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, VA.

Wayne Goots, MA '83, has become a senior management management consultant, Ernst and Whinney, Grand Rapids.

Brenda Hansen, BS '83, has become assistant director of planning and allocations for the Greater United Way of Kalamazoo.

Clayton L. Johnson, BS '83, a new Michigan state trooper, has been assigned to the St. Joseph post. Shada Sue Thomas, BS '83, has joined the Holland Public Schools as a special education teacher.

Edward J. Styu, BS '83, has received his degree in journalism from Northwestern University, and is a staff writer for the Associated Press reporter in Detroit.

Tina J. Yatsman, MA '83, has become a project coordinator for the Good Samaritan Center in Kalamazoo.

Lene E. Yost, BS '83, has returned to Michigan to teach industrial arts in Atica.

1984

Cindy Borgert, BBA '84, has opened Borgert's Beauty in the Napier Plaza, Shingleton.

Thomas A. Derasba, BS '84, is a systems specialist at the Boeck Building in Kalamazoo.

David W. Redman, MS '84, and Lisa Light, BS '84, September 6 in Three Rivers. He has an administrative aide to former Congressman Mark Stategies.

Jim P. Reyes, BS '84, and Cynthia Kislaski, August 16 in Kalamazoo. He is employed at Borgess Medical Center.

Patricia K. Shaw, BS '76, and David M. Kline, August 23 in Battle Creek, both are with HBO Insurance Companies there.

James G. Shaver, BS '80, and Joan Wirtanen, June 7 in Marquette. She is an engineer for Naco Chemical Co., Hanutol, MI, where they are living.

Scott D. McClaire, BS '77, and Louise Kelly, June 7 in Mykopolis. He is a cost accountant for Batholith, Inc.

Ken E. Mohr, BS '77, and Robert J. Fous, August 23 in Allentown, PA. They are living in Lancaster, PA.

Sixty years is a time for celebration

Mildred Post Child, BS '25, and Cullen S. Child, BS '20, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary July 12 at their Coloma home.

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Sarah Hoffman, BBA '85, and Matthew Haist, BS '85, June 28 in Algonquin. She is a administrative assistant for the Four Seasons, Holland, and he is a building trades instructor at Jerrico High School. They live in Jenison.

Lisa Luehrs, BBA '85, and Donald Zendejas, M, July 27 in Rockford. They are both salespeople at the Kalamazoo Regional Medical Center.

Lynn C. Strahle, BSM '85, and Jeffrey A. Wisser, September 6 in Kalamazoo. She is a second-grade teacher in the Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Blanche Hatfield, BS '27, and Joseph V. Bragg, BS '27, died September 2 in Phoenix. She was a nutritionist with the US Department of Agriculture.

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Seven awarded Martin Luther King, Jr./Rosa Parks Fellowships

Seven doctoral students at Western were each awarded $12,500 fellowships in October with funds provided by Michigan's Martin Luther King, Jr./Rosa Parks Program. The program is part of the 1986-87 appropriations bill for the state's public, four-year institutions of higher education.

Western was the first of the state's public colleges and universities to name its fellows.

The initiative is intended to increase the pool of minority candidates pursuing academic careers in postsecondary education in Michigan. Requirements include that the fellows begin an academic career in a Michigan postsecondary educational institution within one year of earning their terminal degrees and that they remain in an academic career in Michigan postsecondary education for at least five years.

Western's fellows are Mark A. Jackson of Detroit, Charles Jeter of Kalamazoo, Mahle V. Jones of Detroit, Elizabeth B. Lockett of Kalamazoo, Eileen V. Martin of Detroit, Donald Troy of Detroit, and Brian D. Vanceny of Pontiac.

President Diether H. Haenicke announced their selection on October 27 and cited them for their impressive academic records and their desire and commitment to further graduate studies. He also recognized State Rep. Morris Hood, Jr. of Detroit, who wrote the MLA/Rosa Parks Program legislation and participated in the announcement.

Six of the seven fellows were present at the announcement. They and Hood were seated at a reception afterward in the Bernhard Student Center.

"This represents a significant effort to increase the number of minorities in higher education," Hood said. "We were doing reasonably well in the late 1970s, but in the face of severe economic difficulty in the early 1980s, we've seen that number dwindle."

Hood said minority enrollment in the state's system of higher education had reached 7 percent but now is closer to 5.5 percent. "This is a program that not only the state of Michigan can be proud of, but also the entire nation."

Hood was joined in the announcement by State Reqs. Mary Brown and Donald Gilmer.

The MLA/Rosa Parks Fellowship Program is one of four parts of the legislation. The other three sections provide for a visiting professors program, a college day program, and a scholarship program.

Appropriations for the entire MLA/Rosa Parks program provided to the state's public, four-year institutions vary, and some portions require the institutions to match funds. Michigan's Martin Luther King, Jr./Rosa Parks Program is part of the 1986-87 appropriations bill for the state's public, four-year institutions of higher education.

The three buildings were constructed between 1938 and 1940. In response to a decrease in the need for on-campus housing, though, Western closed Walwood Hall in April 1982, Vandercook Hall in December 1982, and Spindler Hall in August 1983.

The University then began exploring ways in which the buildings could be used. It accepted a proposal by the TKEs members of Tau Kappa Epsilon to begin leasing the buildings to fraternities and sororities in 'as is' condition.

Each of the leases had been limited to one year, but on October 17 the Board of Trustees approved extending this arrangement for up to three years beginning with the 1986-87 leases.

"If the lease arrangement is kind of a marriage," said Thomas J. Carr, associate vice president for operations. "We have a desire to keep the buildings open and operating and they have an interest in a longer lease program because theoretically, they'll spend money on improvements. So you see, we really have a good marriage."

According to Carr, members from at least two of the Greek organizations leasing the buildings recently approached him with the idea of extending the leases to a minimum of three years.

"The TKEs initiated this recommendation by saying, 'Hey, we're interested in spending some money to spruce up the building, but we're not going to invest much in the building if you're going to limit us to a one-year lease,'" Carr said.

The cost of leasing one of the buildings depends on the size and occupancy rate. According to Carr, the rent ranges from $16,800 to $26,500 per year and includes utilities. Currently, a total of 172 people live in Walwood, Spindler, and Vandercook halls. He said the Greek tenants believe this is a favorable rate and three of the four organizations hope to make their current residence a long-term home.