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Western students could be getting their Guaranteed Student Loans (GSLs) approved several weeks earlier next year, thanks to a new computer system.

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, in cooperation with American College Testing, Sigma Systems Incorporated, and the Michigan Department of Education, is the first post-secondary educational institution in the country to have the fully automated Loan Application Processing System (LAPS) for GSLs.

Instead of taking ten weeks to process applications within the financial aid office, as it did this year, it will take only one to two weeks even during peak periods with the new system.

Association says WMU's residence halls are the best

The College of Health and Human Services and three of its academic units are celebrating anniversaries during the University's 1986-87 academic year.

The college, established in 1976, is celebrating its tenth anniversary. The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is observing its fifth anniversary, the Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility its twenty-fifth, and the Gerontology Program its tenth.

"Because of this college, our University has gained international recognition of programs in the nation and in Michigan, and has made a most positive contribution to the betterment of the human condition," President Diether H. Haenicke said in commenting on the anniversaries.

New grads, new look

Right: Clarice C. Jones, who retired as an associate professor of social work at Western in 1974, received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree in a winter commencement from Fred W. Adams, then chair of the Board of Trustees. Jones, the immediate past chair of the American Association of Retired Persons, has dedicated much of her life to working for others. Her honor was part of the tenth anniversary observance of the College of Health and Human Services.

Above far right: This student carried more than a sign down the aisle while participating in graduation exercises.

Bottom right: December commencement marks a new season as the campus presented its fifth commencement since 1901.

Dr. William A. Burian, who was named dean of the college when it was formed, said the college was established to bring together the extensive, high-quality programming in health and human services professions already at Western, providing what was then a unique emphasis that has since been a model for other programs.

The college also includes the Department of Occupational Therapy, the School of Social Work, the Physician Assistant Program, the Center for Human Services, the Speciality Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Speciality Program in Holistic Health, and a health-care administration program in public administration.

Colorado administrator named provost and vice president

Dr. George M. Dennison, associate academic vice president and professor of History at Colorado State University since 1986, has been selected as the new provost and vice president for academic affairs at Western.

The appointment needs formal approval by the Board of Trustees at its next meeting in March. Dennison's appointment with tenure is effective at the earliest possible date, but no later than June 1. He succeeds Dr. Philip Denenfeld, who retired December 31.

"I am enormously pleased that the University successfully concluded this national search for our new provost," President Diether H. Haenicke said.

"I am especially grateful to the search committee which identified three strong finalists. I am looking forward to working closely with Dr. Dennison; he brings to his new position a sound understanding of academic values, a fine record as a teacher and scholar, and a proven record as an effective academic administrator."

Dennison has been at Colorado State since 1969 after teaching for one year each at the University of Arkansas and at the University of Washington. Since 1976 at Colorado State he has held several administrative assignments, including: associate dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (1977-80); associate dean for international development studies in the Graduate School (1978-80); acting academic vice president (1980-82); and interim associate academic vice president (1982-84).

Renner named librarians dean

Charlene E. Renner, associate director of Libraries at the University of Washington, has been appointed dean of libraries at Western.

Renner's appointment with tenure is effective March 1. She replaces Carl H. Sackstien, who retired January 1 as director of University Libraries.

"Her background is ideally suited to the challenges here," including the construction of an addition to, and remodeling of, our main library and the automation of bibliographic services," Dr. L. Michael Moskovitz, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

"Western is about to begin a $32 million remodeling and construction project at Waldo Library.

Record enrollment set during winter

The Director of Continuing Education set a winter enrollment record of 2,787 students, up 171 students or nearly 6 percent from last winter's total of 2,616.

This number brings Western's total enrollment to 28,738, up 1,031 students or 3.7 percent over last winter's total of 27,705. Last winter's off-campus total was 2,336 students. Off-campus enrollment is 18,001 students.

"Once more, these figures reflect the range and diversity of our offerings throughout Western Michigan," said Dr. Richard T. Burke, vice president for regional education and economic development.
The school on the hilltop has undergone dramatic changes

The University years—1957 to 1987

Thirty years ago this month, Western Michigan College was granted university status. It was then the school was reorganized. With the reorganization and its university status, Western became the permanent home of the Mid-American Conference. Western's vitality and response to the needs of its students, its region, and the state have created a dynamic, comprehensive institution that is far different today than it was thirty years ago. Yet, through all the change, Western still retains much of the intimacy and many of the values of "the school on the hilltop."
Retired provost reviews his thirty-year association with Western

Editor's note: The following story is an edited version of an address given by Dr. Philip Denenfeld, former provost and vice president for academic affairs, during the University's 1986 Academic Convocation on October 29. Denenfeld retired December 31.

History provides countless examples of individuals, distinguished and diverse, who have warned us of the perils of... looking backward... But it is an exercise that can also be instructive, and, in this instance, for me, fun. In any event, looking backward is my charge. It is the one traditionally thrust upon those in my circumstances somehow adjoined to have, still, a functioning mind and memory as they ride into the academic sunset.

What was Western like in 1956? First, the easy part, a few facts and figures. Those are easy because they are firm, specific data, not quite as slippery as the emotions.

When a very young Philip Denenfeld arrived in Kalamazoo from Stony Brook and Northwestern University... he found that Western Michigan College had an enrollment of about 6,500 (up 13 percent from 1955). Fifty-six and sixty-five of those were graduate students, sixty-nine of them full-time. Of the full-time faculty of 279 (now about 750), sixty-two were new that year.

As more students enrolled at Western and new programs were offered, a new campus was developed west of Stadium Drive. When Western was designated a University, the West Campus "was merely a gleam... in the eye of some future state-approved architect," according to Philip Denenfeld. Today, the West Campus is the center of institutional buildings and activities. The most dramatic change in the East Campus will occur when the College of Business relocates in a building yet to be constructed on the West Campus.

I said earlier that 1956 was a crucial year in our history. What I meant was that, in many respects, what we are now began thirty years ago.

To understand that, you must grasp what we were and what happened to initiate a major transformation. When I joined this faculty in 1956, Western was basically a single-purpose school—the preparation of teachers was our mission... Liberal arts departments, as became painfully clear in later years of declining teaching enrollments, were dependent for the bulk of their majors and minors on future students who would carry on that tradition.

But universities are far more diverse than normal schools, and the battle was joined at that time to determine our institutional identity and destiny. Western was designated a university in 1957. A second prime element was that in three years—1956, 1957, and 1958—the faculty nearly doubled in response to phenomenal growth. Thoese were the soldiers in that battle. Not antagonistic toward teacher training, but ambitious to create a university, in their own image and that of the prestigious research institutions where they had earned their doctorates and learned their values.

...But, as the Carnegie Commission was to say some years later, the most successful school in the United States in carrying out that transformation from normal school to university was Western Michigan University. And the numbers of new faculty were so large and so influential that even though they fell short of the dream, they changed irrevocably the nature and direction of the institution.

The final major fact I believe, was the adoption of shared governance as a modus operandi, a significantly enhanced role for faculty and a different kind of cooperative relationship between faculty and administrator.

Again, Western was cited nationally as one of a handful of model institutions involved in this phenomenon.

The second kind of answer to whether or not we are better involves broader, more serious observations. In the realm of intangibles, I have a sense that we are, in some ways, diminished from what we were thirty years ago. It seems to me that there is less of a personal loyalty to the institution, less of a youthful enthusiasm and a sense of embarking on an exciting venture, and less of a sense of community. We simply do not know each other as well as we once did; nor do we know as well what our colleagues in other areas are doing.

Without demeeting in any way we were and what we were, I have no doubt that Western today is superior in an academic institution to what it was in 1956. Part of that is quality and diversity.

I have great respect for the Western of the 1950s... We were good, very good, and, as one of the top five producers of teachers in the United States, we were nationally recognized for the quantity and quality of our graduates. We worked with the clarity and sure direction unique to essentially single-purpose institutions.

Our mission then was not easy to accomplish or unimportant, but it was a lesser one than that of a comprehensive university.

I see no signs of diminished quality in our teaching. We have retained our traditional respect and demand for good teaching, and, in most areas of the University, our students are still taught at all levels by experienced faculty. That is a very unusual circumstance in an institution with our graduate development, and says something significant about our values.

We have also retained and enhanced our enduring commitment to serve the community and region of which we are a part—its industry, its businesses, its cultural needs. But clearly the most dramatic contrast lies in the professional accomplishments of our faculty, the basic criterion of academic quality. We had our distinguished colleagues when I first came to Western; you don't get any better than Charles Van Riper, Robert Russel, Charles Brown, to mention just a few truly outstanding scholars. And there were more.

But I have had the privilege for some fifteen years of doing tenure and promotion reviews at the university level, of watching our standards gradually but steadily rise, and experiencing a warm pride at the scholarly and creative accomplishments of our faculty. For every productive scholar, researcher, or creative artist of thirty years ago, we have ten today. And many of them in colleges, departments, and disciplines which in the 1950s did not even exist as part of this institution.

...We still have a way to go, and always will have, but when I look backward to 1956—which I do with affection and respect—and then look at WMU in 1986, I must say that it isn't too bad for a little old under-funded normal school. We have, indeed, come a long way.
Board authorizes $8.8 million telecommunications contract

The Board of Trustees has authorized the administration to contract with Universal Communications Systems, Incorporated of Roanoke, Virginia, to provide the University's campus for voice, data, and video transmission. We are going to be involved in a tele-distributed computer network that Western has made for the past two years will be eliminated with the flat fee. The equipment means the new telephone sets needed to communicate on the network. The plugs for the sets will have two jacks—one for voice and one for data communication. Users will be able to connect directly with a computer, rather than using a modem. Several optional items will also be installed.

The Academic Center Computer's data communications system will be expanded to a dozen additional buildings on campus. Also, Western's campus cable system will be wired for cable television service. Both the apartments and all classrooms will be hooked directly into the University's television and video facilities. In the residence halls, a second outlet will be installed in each room so that two persons will be able to have access to voice and data service from the same quarters at the same time. In addition, some forty locations will be added to the current police telephone system on campus.

Installation of the system is expected to begin this spring.

Post will strengthen Western's regional leadership role

Citing it as a high institutional priority, President Diether H. Haenicke requested and received approval from the WMU Board of Trustees on January 16 to establish a new vice presidential position for regional education and economic development.

Dr. Richard T. Burke, dean of the Division of Continuing Education since 1977 and an associate professor of history, was named to the position. "WMU is committed to maintaining its regional leadership role," Haenicke said. "We want to assist the citizens throughout West Michigan with its educational and economic development. We have every intention of providing even higher quality graduate and undergraduate instruction, research support, and professional expertise to enhance our regional service.

Haenicke defined Western's primary regional service area as being bounded by Lansing and Jackson on the east, Traverse City and the north, the Indiana border on the south, and Lake Michigan on the west. Burke will administratively be responsible for the Division of Continuing Education and its regional centers in Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Muskegon; the Office of Public Service (WESTOPS); Western's continued participation as one of five charter members of the state's Technology Transfer Network; the Science for Citizens Center; the Institute for Public Affairs; and the Career English Language Center for International Students.

Programs recognized nationally

Western is one of sixty-eight institutions in the nation to receive recognition from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for implementing a program that demonstrates the departmental commitment to meet changing educational needs. The University was cited for its Computer Academy. The Computer Academy is a credit program designed to help elementary and secondary teachers and administrators increase their level of computer competency through participation in a series of intensive, one-credit workshops.

Computer for established

Effective this spring semester, the University will award a computer for $50.00 per semester and $25.00 per session for full-time students and half these amounts for part-time students. In proposing the fee, President Diether H. Haenicke said it is needed to provide the amount and quality of computer equipment and services students are demanding and will need in the future.

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News

Trustees elect new officers

Maury Reed of Kalamazoo was elected chair of the WMU Board of Trustees and Winfred D. Frasier of Nottawasaga was elected vice chair during the board's annual meeting conducted January 16.

Officers who were re-elected were: secretary, Charles J. Brotz, vice president for development and administrative affairs; treasurer and assistant secretary, Robert B. Beaum, vice president for business and finance; and assistant treasurer, Gerald C. Schwemm, controller.

All officers were elected for one year, as provided by the board's bylaws.

Self-instructional programs just keep growing in popularity

Whether working from a home in Kalamazoo or an aircraft in the Indian Ocean, an increasing number of students are earning degrees at Western through its Office of Self-Instructional Programs. The building will house the Office of Self-Instructional Programs, which will be expanded to a dozen additional buildings on campus. Also, Western's campus cable system will be wired for cable television service. Both the apartments and all classrooms will be hooked directly into the University's television and video facilities. In the residence halls, a second outlet will be installed in each room so that two persons will be able to have access to voice and data service from the same quarters at the same time. In addition, some forty locations will be added to the current police telephone system on campus.

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Need just a few credits to graduate, said Geraldine A. Schma, director of the office, which is in the Division of Continuing Education. They're people who can't take time out from their jobs or families to attend class on campus.

Western has the largest selection of self-instructional courses in Michigan at eighty-six. Most credits are transferable to other institutions.

Three types of classes are offered as self-instructional programs: courses by mail, telecourses, and magazine courses. The college-level or correspondence courses are the most popular. Students register, receive their course materials, and submit their assignments, all by mail. The courses are developed by the University's regular full-time faculty.

Examinations are taken on campus, in one of Western's six regional centers in Southwood Michigan, in public libraries, or in other approved places near students' homes.

Telecourses have been offered through Western on public television and cable stations. Students may also view the courses on videocassettes at their convenience in a regional center office.

Magazine courses are available through trade publications and target specific interests relative to those professions. They are designed for people who cannot obtain specialized professional information through on-campus participation and who want to fulfill continuing education obligations.

Organ donation issues studied

The Center for the Study of Ethics in Society and the Kercher Center for Social Research at Western have received a $22,421 grant to fund a two-year study of the ethical and social issues surrounding the implementation of Michigan's new "required request legislation" on organ donation for transplantation.

Funds for the study were provided by the Center for Public Policy and Research on Organ Transplantation, a state-funded programs located at the University of Michigan, Dr. James P. Peterson, associate director of the Kercher center and a professor of sociology, will head a seven-member research team in the study.

In July, Gov. James Blanchard signed legislation into law that requires hospitals in the state to establish procedures for asking the families of dying patients who are potential organ donors to give their consent for organ donation for transplantation.

"Most hospitals are still trying to decide how they are going to meet that requirement," Peterson said.

The research team will include three other Western faculty members and four Kalamazoo area medical professionals.

Geraldine A. Schma, director of the Office of Self-Instructional Programs, displays some of the type of instructional materials students use to take courses by mail and television and through magazines.
The concept of college students working to financially support their education is as viable today as it ever was, but these students also realize the many other benefits in addition to money, according to Gary Belleville, director of Western's Employment Referral Service.

"There have been studies done that show 50 percent of the money students use to pay for their educational expenses comes from their own working," Belleville said, "usually through summer and/or part-time employment."

However, he said, working also helps students begin to establish a sense of independence, which is high on the needs list of most college students. In addition, working helps students learn valuable skills, develop good work attitudes, improve their organizational abilities, deepen their understanding of career possibilities, and enhance their marketability upon graduation.

Belleville also said that work experience assists young people in another way. He noted that Sidney Marland, former U.S. commissioner of education, suggested in a book on career education that delaying getting work experience until after school is completed keeps students from having a legitimate place in the workforce.

As a result, Marland wrote, "we tend to create 'occupational illiteracy.' Work is still the psychological way that youth comes of age in America."

Contrary to common belief, Belleville said, studies have shown that working students do as well or better than non-working students and they tend to complete their education more often.

When it comes to what factors increase a student's chance of success in the workforce, Belleville said one of the major organizational skills learned through employment is time management. "Time management seems to be a major key to a successful college career," he said, "and has great value for a future employer."

In addition, he said, those prospective employers view success. Belleville said in a recent survey 63 percent of the vice presidents and personnel directors responding ranked competency as the key factor to success.

"The demonstration of competency should be one of every student's concerns, and this can often be done through employment," Belleville said.

**Campus employment benefits students and the University**

The world of work holds benefits for all employers and employees, and Western is no exception.

Students working assist the University in many areas and as a result, they figure prominently in Western's budget, as some of the following items derive from a review of 1985 statistics show.

• By head count, there were more student workers on campus than full-time staff members. Western employed 5,900 students, compared to an average of 2,200 regular full-time staff members.
• The University paid approximately $5.2 million to student workers, expending about 3 percent of its budget.
• Students, on average, worked twelve to thirteen hours a week.
• Most students are consistently employed by food services offices, the library system, and the recreational activities office. However, many students also serve in jobs ranging from graduate, residence hall, and laboratory assistants, to ground maintenance, clerical, and janitorial workers.
• Forty percent of the students working on campus were placed in their jobs by the Student Employment Referral Placement Services.
• Thirty percent of the students on Western's payroll were paid through the Federal College Work Study Program. The remaining were paid by individual departments on campus or through contract agreements made between the student and the University.

He added that 15 percent of the survey respondents listed ambition as an important factor to success, while 6 percent listed intelligence, personality, and skill at company politics.

He also said that 6 percent of the survey respondents said they got to the top because of nepotism, and none believed that education was the essential element.

**Tours to Russia, Kenya, and Ireland offered through Western**

The Office of International Education and Programs will be offering tours to Russia, Kenya, and Ireland this spring and summer.

The tours are open to the general public, as well as to students, faculty and staff members, and students. Tour participants may earn University credit through the programs or take tours for no credit.

A group from Western will return to Russia with a "Culture and History Tour" June 17 to July 1. Last year's tour attracted national attention as the group arrived in Kiev shortly after the nuclear accident at Chernobyl. All tour members returned home safely.

"Out to Africa: A Kenya Safari Seminar" will be Western's first trip to East Africa in many years. Scheduled for June 12 to 27, participants will be able to view, study, and photograph African wildlife.

A unique and custom-designed "Irish Heritage and Landscapes Tour" is set for May 13 to 25. The itinerary of this trip is scheduled around the Pan Celtic World Festivities, which bring together Celtic peoples from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Brittany.

Brochures and more information on these tours will be available. "Western's World" coupon on this page or contact: Western Michigan University, Office of International Education and Programs, 9999 Friedmam Hall, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3899.

**Honors College director hired**

Dr. Faith Gabelnick, associate director of the General Honors Program at the University of Maryland, has been appointed director of the Honors College at Western.

Her appointment will be effective April 1, 1986. Dr. Samuel J. Clark, founding director of the college, retired December 31 of last year after thirty-eight years at Western.

President Diether H. Haenicke has announced he intends to step down as president of Western July 1. Last year's tour attracted national attention as the group arrived in Kiev shortly after the nuclear accident at Chernobyl. All tour members returned home safely.

"Students are realizing that schooling and education are not synonymous and that much learning takes place outside of the classroom," Belleville said. Consequently, he said, that in addition to working as a way of developing work skills, students become involved with campus government, athletics, fraternities or sororities, and professional clubs.

"Students cannot just go to college and buy a degree and assume that the degree will, by itself, get them to their desired career," Belleville said.

Given that, he noted that Western offers three services to help students with their specific employment needs.

College Work Study is a federally funded program that allows students to work in return for financial assistance. The Student Employment Referral Service is open to all enrolled students. It assists them with finding local job openings and when new openings occur, staff members contact students who are registered with the office.

Professional Practice Services is designed to assist students with career-related employment. This employment often takes the form of summer jobs, internships, cooperative education, or experiential education.

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Al Molde, former head football coach at Eastern Illinois University, has been named Western's head football coach. Accompanying Molde to Western are as his assistant coaches at Eastern Illi- nois.

Molde has compiled a 106-57-6 record with thirteen winning seasons over nineteen years at four institutions. Prior to coaching at Eastern Illinois, he coached at Central Missouri State University, Maryland State, and Miami (Ohio) College.

His 1986 squad at Eastern Illi- nois had an 11-2 mark, won the Gateway Conference title, was named the Mid-American Conference's top defensive team, and reached the national playoff quarterfinals. This was his fifth time to quality for the NCAA playoffs.

Molde was twice cited as "coach of the year" in the Mid-Continent Intercollegiate Conference from 1975 to 1978, when NCAA Area IV "coach of the year" in 1976, and won the District 13 award from 1975 to 1977.

Dr. Loren D. Crane, associate professor of economics, Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, delivered the 1986 commencement address at the University. He is a native of Montevideo, Min- nesota, Molde has a master's degree in political education and is a doctorate in exercise physiology.

The new assistant coaches Molde brought with him are Larry Findlay, assistant head coach and defensive coordinator; Joel Shomler, backs and quarterbacks; Bill Bec, defensive end; Rob Kalfman, offensive line; Dana Chambers, outside linebackers; and Marty Flagg, wide receivers.

Molde compiled experience for full-time assistant coaches by nam- ing Northern Michigan University defensive coordinator Jim Roddy, and Laramie inside linebacker coach.
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Clemens, N. Hoff, BFA '79, has been appointed to administrative assistant for the Architectural Wall Systems, Grand Rapids.

Jill James Willette, BA '74, is now assistant director for Colorado College in Hempstead, NY.

Barbe Bechtle, BBA '70, has been appointed to executive director of Delta Upsilon Fraternity in Indianapolis, IN, where she has worked for the past twenty-four years.

Mary Sulyko, BS '82, is now assistant director for the City of White Plains, NY. She has a master's degree from Central Michigan University.

A. Ann Suller Sargent, BA '82, has been named chair of the mathematics department, Grand Rapids Christian School, Pella, 01, where she has taught since graduation. She is executive director of the National Teachers Honor Society.

Barbara Metcalfe, MA '68, has been elected to the board of the Waterford Foundation for Public Education. He is owner of the Earl Reams Realty, Inc., Waterford, MI.

Margarite Ehrle, BS '73, is now a political science teacher at St. Joseph. She is the recipient of the Liskey Insurance Agency in Plainfield.

Richard L. Bowers, BSI, BS '70, MBA '73, has been appointed to executive vice president by the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo. He lives in Plainfield.

John M. Rooben, BBA '76, is now a teacher at Roosevelt High School. He is currently working on his master's degree in Kalamazoo and is now with the firm of Miller and Johnson.

Clemens, N. Hoff, BFA '79, has been appointed to administrative assistant for the Architectural Wall Systems, Grand Rapids.

Joyce Rohm, BA '62, is now assistant director of the Upjohn Company, Grand Rapids.

Barbe Bechtle, BBA '70, has been appointed to executive director, human resources, at Rapatan Co., Grand Rapids.

W. Ted Tyler, '85, has been appointed to executive director of Monroe Auto Equipment, Monroe.

John M. Nordenbrt, '70, has been appointed to executive director of the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo. He works in corporate financial planning and analysis.

James Feit, BBA '56, MA '70, has been admitted to the practice of law in Kalamazoo and is now with the firm of Miller and Johnson.

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Jeffrey Reim, BS '79, has become president of the Blue Chip Computer 

June after six years as superintendent of the Buckley Intermediate School, after having served as its director of special education.

Bette Bruggema, BS '52, and her husband, Richard Kishpaugh, BA '48, in December 1967, are now a vice president for the Ball Corporation, Fort Wayne.

Dr. William A. Decker, BS '47, has had the new rank of associate professor of medicine at Michigan. He is a Grand Rapids physician.

Lt. J. Ronald Bixler, BBA '76, has been promoted to executive vice president by the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo. He lives in Plainfield.

Lt. Col. Ronald L. Kirshman, BBA '58, MBA '69, is now a vice president and executive director of the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo. He lives in Plainfield.

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Nominations sought from alumni for 1987 awards

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Alumni who have achieved a high level in their particular professional field are recognized with the association's most prestigious honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award. Full-time faculty who are considered exceptionally effective teachers by their students, both past and present, are presented with the Teaching Excellence Award. The deadline for submitting nominations for both awards is April 8. All nominations must be postmarked by the deadline.

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*Only those nominations with supporting information will be forwarded to the selection committees.
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Patrick Coury, MA, '77, has become principal of East Grand Rapids High School. David Fish, BM '77, MW '82, has headed off to Teach for America to do two years of fieldwork for his doctoral dissertation at the University of Michigan.

Jean Greenhow, BS, '77, has received the Insurance Institute of America's annual Award for Excellence in associate in professional medical representative for Sonitrol Corporation, Battle Creek. November gave a speech on campus about her experiences in Germany. Debra B. Simson, BM '77, has become vocal music instructor at the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek. He lives in Greenville Middle School.

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Deaths
Dr. Leonard D. Orr, a member of the marketing department of the University of Michigan, is survived by his wife, three children, and six grandchildren.

Dr. Paul F. Rhodes, TC '22, BA '39, died August 29 in Saginaw. He taught and coached in Hesperia, Walker, and Saginaw, retiring from education in 1965. From 1930 to 1935 he was the head coach of student teachers at Saginaw Valley College.

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Dr. Paul H. Schrie, TC '22, died August 36 in South Haven, where he had practiced osteopathic medicine from 1905 to 1972. He was a graduate of Kalamazoo College of Osteopathic Medicine. He leaves his wife, two brothers, and two sisters.

Dr. Floyd L. Night, BS '24, died November 27 in Dearborn. He died in Allen Park, and had retired in 1967 as a history teacher at Dearborn High School. In 1966 he was honored as Dearborn Citizen of the Year. Noted as an authority on history, Knight was chair of the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission during Congress.

Helen Shinnam Pax, TC '24, BA '28, died October 28 in Holland. She was a teacher in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and was a teacher in the Watervliet area. She was also a research assistant for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. She leaves her husband, three children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ellen E. Blivin, BA '33, died September 26 in Grand Rapids. She leaves one son, four children, one great-grandchild, and one brother.

Lena C. Waller, BS '33, died December 6 in Battle Creek. She was a teacher in Battle Creek, and is survived by one brother and one sister.

Grace Eustine Murray, BA '33, died November 5 in Battle Creek. She was a teacher in Flint and Detroit, and retired from the Battle Creek Lakeview school in 1964. She is survived by her brother and one sister.

Pauline O'Connor Brown, BS '33, died September 26 in Flint. She was a teacher in Flint and Lansing, and her work was marked through the Left Bank Gallery. Ferris State College, Battle Creek, BS '33, two sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Elleanor Bennett Gilchrist, BS '33, died November 5 in Kentwood. She was a teacher in Battle Creek, and is survived by her husband, three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Zella M. Phillips Schollma, TC '26, died November 6 in Grand Rapids. She leaves one son, four children, one great-grandchild, and one brother.

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