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Kellogg Foundation grant focuses on strengthening preparation of administrators

Two three-year grants totaling $263,718 have been awarded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek to strengthen the preparation and selection of kindergarten through twelfth grade school administrators.

A grant of $174,358 was awarded to Western to strengthen its $89,400 was awarded to the Michigan Institute for Educational Management.

Those grants complement a 1986 Kellogg grant of $300,000 to the National Association of Secondary School Principals to develop inservice programs related to administrative skills.

The grant to Western will be used by the Michigan Academy for Principalship Management (MAPPM), headquartered at the University. The academy, formed in 1986, is a consortium of the Michigan Department of Education and eight state colleges and universities which prepare school administrators.

The institutions are Wayne State, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Michigan State, Western Michigan and Michigan State universities, the University of Michigan, and Grand Valley State College.


Building on the national principals association model, MAPPM will use its own assessment center to diagnose skills of persons in administration.

The grant to Western University will be used to strengthen and expand preparation programs with subsequent training to improve their leadership skills as prospective elementary and secondary school principals.

Dr. Edgar A. Kelley, professor and chair of Western's Department of Educational Leadership, is the project director. He noted the grant seeks a higher degree of congruence between knowledge and skills included in university-based preparation programs and what school leaders are expected to do.

The grant will also provide partial support for reviewing the content of preparation programs, for developing other measures of knowledge and skills essential for building administrators, and for partnerships with schools and other educational agencies in developing field-based preparation programs for school administrators.

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Investigating all financial aid options a must today

The limit on the amount of money college students can borrow from the federal government is higher for next year, but it will be tougher to qualify for those funds, according to John A. Kusel, director of the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Kusel said recent changes in federal law have tightened government purge strings for student financial aid, making looking at nontraditional alternatives more important, especially for middle income families.

Western suggests several alternatives that might not immediately come to mind in a brochure titled "Money Options."

"It's becoming more and more difficult to qualify for the traditional sources of financial assistance such as Guaranteed Student Loans," Kusel said. "Students are going to have to be a little more creative in seeking support for their education."

Some of the sources suggested in the brochure include:

- Applying to be a residence hall advisor or assistant director. Both receive free room and board on campus; assistant directors also earn $200 per semester.
- Working through WMU's Student Employment Referral System, which pays for tuition, textbooks, and educational fees, and provides a subsistence allowance.
- Investigating the U.S. Army's "split training option," in which students become members of the Army Reserve/National Guard while attending college and receive a stipend.
- Considering the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students or the Supplement Loan for Students. With the former, parents must repay the loan at 12 percent interest; beginning 60 days after the loan disbursement. The latter applies to independent students rather than parents.
- For free copies of the brochure, those interested may call the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships at 353-1808 in Kalamazoo; or toll-free 1-800-DEAL-WMU in Michigan or 1-800-PLAN-WMU in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, and western New York.

A few words

- Professor's song featured in world's largest concert

On March 19 hundreds or thousands of school children across America sang a tune written by a member of the College of Education.

The song, composed by Alfred Balkin, professor emeritus of music education and professional development, was used as the 1987 Music in Our Schools Month theme song. The song titled "America the Musical," it was performed by students throughout the nation along with Balkin's award-winning Los Rwds band during the third annual World's Largest Concert.

Balkin also performed his song in March on NBC's "Today" show.

- Students participate in national honors program

Five Western students and a total of twenty students nationwide have been selected by the National Collegiate Honor Council to participate in the National Honor Semesters Program.

The National Honor Semesters program is an intensive, field-based program offered annually to college honor students by the council in conjunction with a sponsoring university.

- Student group lauded

For the second consecutive year, the Western College of Architecture Association has been selected as the Outstanding Student Chapter of the year by the Home Builders Institute, the educational arm of the National Association of Home Builders.

The group was selected from among other student chapters nationwide to receive the award.

- Department changes name

The Department of Communication Arts and Sciences has been changed to the Department of Communication.

The name change was made to reflect the fact that the department no longer has a dual character, given that the television courses are now offered by a separate department.

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College of Health and Human Services has long tradition of service, academic excellence

The numbers "fifty," "twenty-five," and "ten" have taken on special meaning this year for the College of Health and Human Services.

The college's Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is fifty years old, while it's Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility is twenty-five years old and its Gerontology Program is ten years old. In addition, the college itself has now been in existence for one decade.

To celebrate all of these milestones, the college is staging a year-long anniversary observance, and taking some time to reflect on its history of service and academic excellence. The Michigan Legislature even joined in the celebration February 24, by passing a resolution "applauding" the college and its programs.

Though not created until 1976, the college traces its history back to 1922 when occupational therapy courses were first offered at what was then the Kalamazoo State Hospital.

A second major period of growth began in 1936 when Dr. Charles Van Riper came to Western's School of Social Education to establish a university speech clinic and develop a curriculum in "speech correction." While working in Kalamazoo, he became the most widely published author on speech pathology and audiology in the world.

Today, the college has several other program units in addition to those that are celebrating anniversaries. They are the Department of Occupational Therapy, the School of Social Work, the Physician Assistant Program, the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Specialty Program in Holistic Health Care, and the Concentration in Health Care Administration in the Public Administration Program.

Van Riper set the standards of excellence and scholarship which have become the hallmarks of all of the college's programs. In fact, many other universities have modeled their programs after ones designed here.

Employers, graduates praise Western's programs

The College of Health and Human Services' graduates are in high demand by various agencies throughout the United States.

"Whenever I talk with people who employ our graduates," Dr. William Burton, dean of the college, said, "I hear positive comments about how well prepared our graduates are. When I talk with graduates of our programs, I hear about their satisfaction with their education."

"I do receive suggestions for fine-tuning our curricula," he said, "but I have never heard a serious negative criticism. We are good at what is fundamental to our mission. We develop sound curricula and provide fine instruction."

Dr. James Boucht, B.S., M.A., Ph.D., an assistant professor and director of clinical audiology at the University of Colorado, heartily concurs.

"From its pioneering days under the direction of Dr. Charles Van Riper to the present, Western has served as a model for helping is as important as preparing students

The College of Health and Human Services is nationally recognized for its high-quality programs, but it is also well-known for the many services it provides to the public.

Indeed, part of the college's mission statement is "to contribute to the spectrum of health and human services in West Michigan, the state, and the nation." The college is fulfilling this mission in part by providing community services, disseminating information, and conducting research.

By utilizing the talents of its faculty, staff, and students, the college serves the public through its Low Vision Clinic; Occupational Therapy Teaching Clinic; Language, Speech and Hearing Clinic; and Center for Human Services.

Within the Center for Human Services, clients are served through the Human Services Mobile Clinic, Kalamazoo Genetics Clinic, Multiclinic, Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults, Community Information System for Human Services, and the Entry Program for Occupational Therapy.

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Another graduate, Judy L. Nantau, M.A. '74, director of the Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic at Valparaiso University and also an assistant professor, echoed these sentiments.

"As a student at Western I grew as a person as well as a professional; the faculty provided me with several inspiring mentors," she said. "From my present teaching position, I aspire to model myself after those professors I had and still know at WMU."

College's fine reputation keeps growing

The College of Health and Human Services is recognized both nationally and internationally. In 1976 it became the first U.S. school to formally combine the curricula of health and human services.

In 1978 the college founded the Community Information System for Human Services, which has served as a model project nationally. CISHS is a nonprofit organization that maintains an extensive data base on community conditions, and offers technical assistance in all aspects of data collection, analysis, and retrieval.

In addition, the college has been selected to be one of only six allied health regional centers in the United States which are part of a national leadership project. Also, Burton has been elected chair of a five-member national advisory committee on critical health policy issues. The committee was established by the American Society of Allied Health Professions to help guide policy for the leadership enhancement initiative in allied health education.

Departments are widely respected

Various departments within the college have also gained national and international recognition.

Within the Department of Speech Pathology, Western has received wide acclaim for its pioneering work in the treatment of stuttering. Furthermore, the department's graduate program was the first in Michigan to be nationally accredited.

International recognition of the department's expertise is significant as well. Last year, for example, three of its faculty members were invited by the Chinese government to tour some of its social agencies, present lectures, and participate in discussion groups.

Another tribute paid to the speech pathology and audiology department occurred in 1985 when the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded it the largest grant which it has ever received from Western. The grant went to one of the department's innovative training programs for students and practicing professionals.

The University's Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility has also received numerous honors and widespread recognition. It was one of the two original programs in the United States which established the progression of orientation and mobility, and rehabilitation teaching. Today the department offers one of fifteen orientation and mobility programs and one of four rehabilitation teaching programs in the country.

The department, which graduates more mobility specialists and rehabilitation teachers than any other university in the United States, led the way in developing specialization.

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Number of freshman applications up about 30 percent

Freshman applications to attend Western this fall are at their highest level in a decade for this time of the year, according to Assistant Vice President Michael Peterson, director of admissions.

The applications are up nearly 30 percent from a year ago, and Henderson said the increase is reflected in just about every part of the state.

"Another factor in the increase is that more students do apply to more than one institution," he said. "But that is not nearly enough of a factor to explain the upsurge we're experiencing by itself."

In its commitment to quality, Western has been increasing admissions standards over the past few years. To be admitted, students now must generally have at least a "B" minus high school average and pass the remedial course test, which they are required to take.

"We think a major factor is the impact of our $1 million scholarship program," Henderson said. "That seems to be telling students that Western is committed to quality."

The program, which began in its third year, begins with the prestigious $30,000 Medalion Scholarship, which are given by the February 1992 issue of Western Magazine, which is a magazine for alumni of Western Michigan University.

Western's scholarship program also includes Board of Trustees and Higher Education Incentive scholarships worth $2,500 each, totaling $4,500 each, academic scholarships worth $3,000 each, and academic achievements awards worth $500 each.

"For the achievers, all awards are provided over four years and are not limited to freshmen."

"We're also doing a more assertive job of putting Western's name before the public, prospective parents, and their students," Henderson continued. "There's clearly an upsurge of interest in Western."

Choosing a good health club, requires expending energy

With the onset of spring, many people begin searching for a health club to help them get into shape. Finding the right club, however, takes some investigation.

Three J. Landis, coordinator of employee wellness programs at Western, says the first thing people ought to do when considering joining a particular club is to get a complete tour and ask the following questions:

1. Does the staff have at least some education in anatomy, physiology, and exercise science?
2. Are the clubs able to offer nutrition information and weight management services as well as work-out facilities?
3. Are the clubs able to offer a full set of fitness programs at no additional charge?

"If you're a beginner," she added, "you'll find that as you start to become more physically fit, you might want an intermediate or advanced level of exercise."

Landis suggests being wary of clubs that are hesitant to give a complete tour or let prospective members try the program before they buy. It is important to know exactly what a club offers and how the services are provided.

Additionally, Landis advises prospective members to look for clubs that are committed to the well-being of its members. The better clubs are able to offer nutrition information and weight and stress management services as well as work-out facilities.

"The more professional clubs are offering fitness testing and assessment," Landis noted. "They were selected by the editors of Western Magazine, the News, and also from nominations from 'scores of readers.'"

Dybek named one of thirteen Michiganders of the Year

Stuart J. Dybek, professor of English, is one of thirteen persons selected by the Detroit Free Press as Michiganans of the Year. The awards honor persons who have made the greatest achievements and contributions to Michigan, and recognize those "who have gone beyond all ordinary expectations."

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Medical science could reverse trend toward sexual equality

The widespread use of new technology that allows couples to predetermine the sex of their children and alter natural birth orders could deal a devastating blow to sexual equality by creating a more male-dominated society, a Western expert says.

Recently in Italy, a baby's birth marked an historical event in modern medical technology. The sex of the child had been predetermined by researchers who were able to separate the sex-carrying chromosomes in the father's sperm, isolate the desired sex chromosome and pair it with the mother's chromosomes.

"The technology involves artificial insemination, which is acceptable to 50 percent of the people in this country if it involves the husband's sperm," explained Dr. Ronald J. Flaspholer, associate professor of natural science. "So there are no new ethical concerns."

However, Flaspholer, who teaches a course on biomedical ethics in society, said the sex-determining technology has the potential of changing the entire structure of society.

While large-scale surveys still need to be conducted, he said preliminary surveys indicate that about 40 percent of the couples interviewed would use the new sex-determining technology to select the sex of their child if it were available to them. The surveys further showed that about 85 percent of the couples would apparently choose a son first.

Flaspholer said he believes a sudden surge of first-born males into society could undermine much of the progress that women have made in recent years and upset the trend toward equalizing the powers of the sexes.

Sociologists indicate that first-born children tend to have different qualities than children born later, and Flaspholer argues that these differences would carry over from the family to society.

"I don't see any way to avoid the first-born children probably ending up in larger numbers with more responsible positions. I think that's a questionable goal," he said.

Robots getting a bad rap because of improper use, robotics specialist says

Robots should be regarded as yet another advancement in the industrial evolution that furthers the human effort, according to a Western professor, rather than regarded as flawless machinery that replaces workers.

"Of course robots have limitations," Frederick Z. Sitkins, associate professor of engineering technology, said. "But moreover, I think robots are being misapplied in the exuberance to put this sort of technology to use. A lot of plant officials are saying, 'We're going to have a robot put in place here in this particular application because the boss wants one there.'"

Recently, General Motors laid off some of its robots and recalled some of its human workers. Sitkins said this was a good example of how robots were placed in an inappropriate job.

"It's rather humorous that the media picked up on this story. The robots that GM laid off were simply misapplied. This was a simple painting application in which they discovered that the skilled paint sprayer could do the job quicker and better," he said.

There has been considerable interest and concern about robots replacing humans in labor-intensive jobs. But Sitkins argues that while some unskilled jobs may be lost in the process of automating manufacturing, other positions that require more technical knowledge are created.

"I think people misinterpret the word 'displaced,'" he said. "'Displaced' does not mean somebody lost his or her job permanently. A displaced worker is someone who has been taken from a mundane job, in an often times toxic and hazardous environment, and placed in a better position.

"There are no documented cases of a person ever losing a job to a robot in the United States of America. I'll qualify that by saying there's a lot of people who have never been hired because a robot has been put in place," he added.

Sitkins said today robots have become so sophisticated that the rewards of automated technology outweigh the temporary drawbacks.

"There's been a tremendous increase in the industry itself as far as the applications of the technology surrounding robotics. The adaptive control robots are able to perform tasks we find rather easy to do. They have vision, touch, and even smell sensors," he said.

One new application of robots is in the helping professions. The primary interest of the robotics industry seems to be in the health care field, where robots have become the friend of the hospital and nursing home patient," Sitkins said.

"Robots can service people who have trouble making orders or medicine and have become a friend in these situations.

Another type of a robot that is becoming increasingly helpful is the automated guided vehicle. "You see these robots in hospitals delivering medicine, in office buildings delivering mail, and in assembly plants delivering parts to work stations," he said.

While the newborn robotics industry is experiencing growth, it is also suffering a difficult childhood. Sitkins compares the robotics industry with the automobile industry in 1908. He says currently there are more than 400 manufacturers of robots in the world, but he believes that number will decline as the industry consolidates and matures.

"The robotics industry is still pretty much in its infancy. It's depressed; the market has been very flat and businesses have had a difficult time making money," Sitkins explained. "But they're starting to blend together and share the technology that they've developed individually."
College of Health and Human Services celebrating anniversaries

programs in blind rehabilitation. Today, a substantial number of the national leaders practicing in this field are graduates of Western's program.

Three alumni charting new mathematics and science teaching territory

A new project geared towards intellectually advanced students got under way in Kalamazoo this past September. "So far, nothing but good news," said Ellen Page-Robin, professor of sociology and director of the Gerontology Program, who received a Distinguished Faculty Award from the Association of Governing Boards. Jane B. Goudie, professor of speech pathology and audiology, has written Elements of Studying, which has been translated into German, Arabic, and Mandarin Chinese. Dr. Stromsta also lectured in Egypt, China, and Japan during 1985 and 1986.

Looking toward tomorrow

Although he is justifiably proud of all that the college and his colleagues have accomplished. Dr. Marvin Burian is not resting on his laurels. Even the College of Health and Human Services wants to recognize its past accomplishments, faculty members are engaged in implementing new programs which will better prepare Western graduates for their careers. The Gerontology Program and the Department of Occupational Therapy, for example, have developed and are administering a technology to provide mental care to victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. Meanwhile, the Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility and the Gerontology Program are planning a new specialty program to train professionals to deal with the growing elderly population which suffers from low vision.

In an attempt to give more programs such as those are needed because the health care field is going through a period of dramatic change. "Today, the delivery of health and human services is rapidly moving away from the traditional institutional setting and into the work place and the home, a shift largely driven by economic considerations, "he explains.

Also having an impact are scientific and technical advances, Burian said, especially in the biological sciences. "This new knowledge is making health and human service professionals change the way they understand human functioning and professional practice, " he said.

Because of those and other changes, Burian said he sees opportunities for the college in the challenges that lie ahead. "We can retain our position of leadership in health and human services if our curricula emphasize the searching, learning, and deciding skills best suited to each profession and not focus only on specific procedures and techniques," he said.

"Outstanding faculty members have engaged in implementing new programs which will better prepare Western graduates for their careers. The Gerontology Program and the Department of Occupational Therapy, for example, have developed and are administering a technology to provide mental care to victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. Meanwhile, the Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility and the Gerontology Program are planning a new specialty program to train professionals to deal with the growing elderly population which suffers from low vision.

Burian said that more people should recognize the resources that are available to them.

"It is important to recognize the resources that are available to them, but they do not respond to them kindly," he said. "We are looking for the college to play a role in fulfilling both roles in interdisciplinary settings. Our college has a reputation for excellence, and we are confident that we will continue to produce professionals who are well-educated, competent, and caring."
Hockey team sees playoff action

With thirteen newcomers to the 1986-87 hockey team, Coach Bill Wilkinson and his staff weren’t sure what to expect at the start of the season. However, one thing was certain:

"We expected to play at a high level," Wilkinson said. "We have a lot of talent, and we want to win games." And that’s exactly what the Broncos did. They finished the season with a 23-20 record and, for the fourth straight year, qualified for Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoff action. This season, the Broncos won the CCHA’s championship for the second time in their history.

Jamie Hence

Women's --

Jamie Hence, a wide receiver on the football squad, Hence first achieved national attention last summer by winning the TAC junior tourney in Kilmackow, Ireland, during July. This season, Hence set the WMI single season and career (999) assist records. She was also named to the MAC All-ed in 1986-87.

Wayne Gagne

Men's --

Wayne Gagne, a sophomore from South Westmeath, County, Ireland, finished second (5:33:13) in the World Cross Country Championship in Warsaw, Poland. Mullen won the 1986 MAC individual cross country title (17:28), finished seventh at the NCAA Division IV meet (17:02:02), and went on to gain All-American status with a third-place finish at the NCAA national meet (17:08).

Mike Posma

A freshman defensemen from Jamestown, New York, Posma played with the U.S. National Junior Hockey Team over the Christmas holiday at the World Junior Championship in Cieszynska, Poland. The U.S. team finished fourth with a 4-3 record, which included a 2-1 win over the Soviet Union. The United States had never before defeated the Soviets in World Junior play. The tournament is for players aged nineteen and under.

Caroline Mullen

Caroline Mullen, a sophomore from South Westmeath, County, Ireland, finished second (10:11) in the World Cross Country Championship in Warsaw, Poland. Mullen won the 1986 MAC individual cross country title (17:28), finished seventh at the NCAA Division IV meet (17:02:02), and went on to gain All-American status with a third-place finish at the NCAA national meet (17:08).

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Plan today to get away during the winter of 1988

While the memory of this winter still lingers, why not plan now to escape from next year's winter. For you to be used from January 20, 1988, through the winter of 1988, it shows appeal, the Carnival of Reunion activities will continue to be held. At the noon luncheon, there will be a reception for members of the Class of 1937, who have not received reservation information by April 20.

Regional gatherings planned

Atlanta
The WMU Alumni Round-Up is scheduled for 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Portland Clubhouse (8033 Roswell Road). For details and reservations, contact Sandra Polul at (404) 998-5059 or Doug Watkins at (404) 635-0645. Watch your mail for more details on this event.

Michigan
The annual Alumni Round-Up will be held 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Quality Inn, Coldwater, Western's new football coach. Al Molle, will preview the summer season for graduates in Branch County, Kenton. Bushnell, a Coldwater resident who is currently in his first year as Western's president, will also address the group.

The cost for the buffet dinner is $13 for Alumni Association members and $14 for nonmembers. For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at (616) 383-6160 or area event chair Terry and Bea Wilter at (616) 278-4469.

Califonia
Grand Rapids area alumni and friends will want to reserve Monday, June 15, for this year's golf outing. The outing will again be held at the Forest Hills Golf Club on Gallatin, Southeast, just off I-96. The tee time is 1:00 p.m. Members of Western's athletic staff will be on hand for golf and dinner. If you're not a golfer, plan to join the group for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Alumni Association new life members

Barbara Byrnes Green, B.S., W.B. Exhibits, Inc., Battle Creek, Michigan
John Kelyman, Gennantown, Tennessee
Ann Burhenne, B.S., B.A., Michigan State University, Michigan
Carol Erb, B.S., Western Michigan University, Michigan
Stefan Gross, B.S., Kalamazoo, Michigan
Karen Hackett, B.S., Charter School, Michigan
Laura M. Kelemen, B.S., W.B. Exhibits, Inc., Battle Creek, Michigan
Linda M. Mosher, B.S., B.A., Western Michigan University, Michigan
Thomas Sullivan, B.A., B.A., Western Michigan University, Michigan

Among Alumni

Special evening scheduled for Detroit area alumni

The Alumni Association cordially invites all Detroit area alumni and friends to attend the second annual "Evening with Diether Haenicke," Wednesday, April 20, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington, Michigan. Joining the University's president on the program will be Al Molle, Western's new football coach. The dinner will begin with a reception (cash bar) at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 p.m. The cost for the evening is $19 for Alumni Association members and $21 for nonmembers. The choice of entree includes chicken cordon bleu or broiled plete fiteit. Following dinner, President Haenicke will address the group and Coach Molle will preview the upcoming football season and discuss the upcoming freshmen, who will be Detroit area student athletes. Andew Schmidt, recipient of the Medalion Scholarship funded by the Detroit Area Alumni, will also be on hand to meet with alumni.

Reservations may be made by using the coupon on this page and returning it by April 20 to Western Michigan University, WMU Alumni Association, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3854.

An Evening with President Diether H. Haenicke

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Coach House at the Botsford Inn, Farmington, Michigan. Following dinner, April 20, football coach Al Molle will address the group.

Please note that spaces are $19 for Alumni Association members and their guests.
Please reserve _______ spaces at $21 for nonmembers.
Check Entree Choice: Chicken □ Filet □
Enclosed is a check for ________
(Make check payable to WMU Alumni Association)

Mail to: Detroit Area Alumni Dinner
Alumni Association
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3854

Giving

New tax law significantly affects your charitable contributions

Well, here we are in the much vaunted, anticipated, ballhopped, and sometimes dreaded 1987. And as the following information shows, it's filled with changes that affect you and the charitable contributions that you make to Western.

If you don't itemize your taxes, you can no longer deduct any returns, or send returns in two categories. Yet, it's true. In case you don't already know, if you use the short form when you file your 1987 tax return, you won't be able to list or deduct contributions to charity. ROY HISS.

If you're one of the many, many Americans who do itemize your deductions, you'll be able to list and deduct 100 percent of your contributions. The Congress didn't make any changes in this area, so the status quo has been maintained. If you always make significant contributions, or if you're considering doing something special for WMU in 1987, you should certainly consider filing the long form.

You should be aware that the tax liability of many people will actually increase in 1987. This is because of the consolidation of tax brackets. For example, if you were paying tax at the 30 percent rate last year, you could end up paying at the 35 percent rate in 1987. This makes 1987 a good year to consider increasing your contributions in order to reduce your tax liability.

Gifts of appreciated property are still deductible. Several people have already contacted me with the mistaken belief that they simply can't deduct gifts of stock, art works, and other appreciated property any more. Believe me, this isn't the case. You're still entitled to a deduction for the full market value of these gifts. The only difference is that you'll need to include the amount of appreciation as a preference item when you consider the alternative minimum tax.

But that is complex or scary as it may sound. You should be sure to check with your tax adviser if you're considering giving such a gift, but the latest estimates indicate that this will affect only about 1 in every 100 donors.

If you have any questions about these changes or would like additional information about the new tax act, please contact me, Russell Hayes, director of planned giving, at (616) 383-4973, and I'll be happy to assist you.

Alumni group seeking members

The Student Alumni Association is seeking new members for the 1987-88 school year. Children of alumns and parents of current students are invited to join. The student association is a social and service organization designed to be a communication link between faculty, staff, and the alumni office. It acquaints students with alumni and alumni programs, sponsors numerous important events, and stimulates all students to take an interest in the University and alumni programs. Many group members remain leadership roles in the Alumni Association after they graduate. The Senate office and other local students can encourage their children to join. For more information, contact Jean Pitts, assistant director of alumni relations, at (616) 385-6160.
1925-49

Dr. Memie Tate, TC, BA, 27, has received an honorary degree of D.C.L. from Washington, D.C., where she was a professor of hispanic studies.

John M. Pfiast, BA, 23, has been cited by the Michigan Bar Association for his half century career in the profession. He is in law in Kalamazoo.

Russell F. Comer, BS, 26, was the subject of a full page feature in the Grand Rapids Press January 28. He was referred to as an "extraordinary senior citizen whose accomplishments and leadership make an impression."

Dr. Donald R. Drummond, BA, 28, has retired as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Bernard L. Hentges, BS, 47, has been elected to a second term as the chairman of the Board of Directors for the Shoe Repairers' Benefit, Inc.

Shirley Bruce Biers, BS, 48, has retired after fifteen years as teaching at the Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, where he has worked for twenty years as an instructor at Grand Rapids Community College, Allendale, where he has served for the past ten years.

Betty M. Prizzi, BA, 51, has been inducted into the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame. She was the first woman inducted into WMU's Athletic Hall of Fame, and she is tennis coach at Groove Point High School, Hadley.

Scotty Wilson, BS, 51, MA, 55, will retire in June as athletic director at Lake Michigan College, Menominee.

Betty DeYoung Robbins, BA, 53, December 31 as an instructor at Grand Rapids Junior College. At one time she was director of student activities.

M. Lee Carriolo Contar Lerngen, TC, BA, 53, MA, 57, was teacher of the month in December for Caspiaolos.

1950-54

Raymond Bauscher, BA, 56, retired December 31 as dean emeritus of the Kalamazoo State Teachers College Foundation in Grand Rapids.

Gary L. Smith, BS, 57, will retire June 30 as superintendent of the Traverse-Cassel School District. He is married to full-time to a Gun Lake resort partnership.

William Bos, BS, 57, MA, 55, will retire in June as director of bands at Grand Valley State College, Allendale, where he has taught since 1953.

John Beogher, BS, 53, has been appointed to director of the Kalamazoo Unit of the National Science Foundation.

James Thrall, MA '69, became superintendent of the Menominee School District.

Catherine Clements Campbell, BA, MA, 58, MEd, 71, has been named the outstanding community college instructor for 1986-87 by the State Adult Community and Continuing Education Association of Michigan. She is a director of adult community education for the Albion schools.

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1964-65

Leonard M. Hoff, Jr., BA, 64, is now managing partner for the law firm he is with in Grand Rapids.

Patricia Terrap Thompson, BS, 64, has received the Outstanding Alumnae Award from the Kalamazoo County Board of Education. She is an attorney in Kalamazoo.

H. Harry Wilcox, BS, 64, MA, 67, has been named to the presidency of the College Scholarship Service division of The College Board.

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1966

James E. Bobech, BS, 66, MSW, 75, became director of the Branch County Department of Social Services in Coldwater. He previously had been with the St. Joseph County Department of Social Services.

Mark F. Kudla, BS '69, is vice president of the Western Michigan Lenders Association.

Keith S. Brown, BS, 69, has been promoted to manager of engineering for the John Man seateds products, Portage.

Dr. Richard C. Cole, BS, 64, has been promoted to chief of staff in the Michigan Governor's James Blanchard, effective with the new year.

Dr. Charles W. Ford, BS, 65, MA, 77, is one of four winners of the Kegan Lead Award Founding from The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo. He received a $5,000 stipend to his professional travel budget. He is engaged in infectious disease research and was cited for developing animal models for salmonellosis infections that led to the discovery of the disease.

John Schubert, M.D., 69, M.S., 72, is conducting research at the Michigan Diabetes Research Center, Southfield, for the past eight years. She is an assistant professor of library science at Hope College, Holland.

Sidney Kemper, BS, 70, has become manager of quality assurance for Haneswear, Inc., Holland. He lives in Battle Creek.

Duane C. Knippenberg, BA, 70, has been named vice president of corporate sales and research for the Michigan Foundation.

1970

W. Wade Anderson, BS, 70, has relinquished his duties as the president for development at Kalamazoo College and will work as the director of development at Kalamazoo College from Ferris State University.

Robert Cowell, BS, 70, has been promoted to senior vice president, trust, Comerica Bank, Kalamazoo.

Charles E. Page, BS '50, has completed a two-year term as chair of the Area Agencies on Aging Foundation office.

Norville H. Hannifin, BS, 70, has become the $2 Million Club for Franklin Life Insurance Co. of New York, and is president of the Michigan Insurance Education Foundation.

James E. Beogher, BS, 71, has retired after teaching for thirty-three years in Kalamazoo public schools.

James A. Bates, BS, 71, has been named the outstanding Alumnus of Ferris State University.

Danae J. Hopp, BS, 72, has received a presidential citation from the Michigan State University for her volunteer work at the Michigan Dunes Correctional Facility, Saginaw, for the past eight years. She is an assistant professor of library science at Hope College, Holland.

William J. Knecht, BS, 73, has been principal of the Michigan Environmental Education Foundation in Grand Rapids.

Joan M. Slavin, BA, 74, has been named to director of the Wayne Township Community College.
1973

Mary McVally Brown, BS '73, has been named assistant director in charge of the mortgage department for Kalamazoo County State Bank, Schoolcraft.

Betty Zwier Brown, BS '73, has been promoted to assistant director of the Higher Education Center for the Alva and Nels Johnson brothe~big sister program in Holland.

Robert Shute, BS '72, in December became vice-president for marketing at Hart and Cooley, Inc., Holland.

Michael Shubek, BS '72, has been promoted to director of government contracts at Menasha Corp., with responsibilities for the Washington and Oregon regions.

Jon Woodrow, MS '72, has won the 1987 Greater Kalamazoo United Way. He is manager of office management services for DDB Needham Worldwide, Troy.

1974

Steve Bentz, BS '74, has been promoted to assistant operations officer at United Bank and Trust Co., Grand Rapids.

Shirley Lertmen, BS '74, has been promoted to assistant operations officer at United Bank and Trust Co., Grand Rapids.

James Meenar, MA '74, SE '76, is the recipient of a $750 grant from the State Board of Education for use in her Van Buren County classroom.

Steven Bentz, BS '74, has completed his residency in internal medicine and is now associated with St. Vincent Medical Center and Central Medical Consultants, Toledo, OH.

Jane Volkenning, BA '74, MS '75, is now the senior officer in charge of The Salvation Army in Lansing.

Desmond L. Walker, MA '74, has been named assistant operations officer at The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Robert Kroll, BS '72, is a owner of a Mater Dentist shop in Three Rivers.

Thomas J. Kezma, BS '72, has become sales manager for the education division of Bizen Seating Co., Grand Rapids.

H. Rosamond Lewis, BS '72, has been named administrator for government contracts at Schoolcraft.

James T. Maceri, BS '83, has joined the Traverse City accounting firm of Perrins and Garfield as tax department manager.

Joan Woodruff, BS '72, MS '74, has been named assistant principal at Portage Central High School.

1975

David Bird, MBA '75, is treasurer of the Western Michigan Lenders Association.

Frank A. Tally, MA '75, has been named director and pianist for a production of Bugs in Fables with Scott Joplin in Battle Creek last fall.

Jean Enright, MA '75, has been cited as state commissioner of the year of the year by the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education. She is associate superintendent of the Grand Rapids schools.

Susan Tewch Franklin, BS '75, MA '76, has become vice-president of patient care services for Mercy Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Kenneth Stang, BA '75, MA '81, has received a $751 grant from the State Board of Education for use in his Van Buren County classroom.

Dorothy Rinschler Herrington, MA '75, is currently president of the Kalamazoo Creatics Club. She is also the owner and director of the Little River Living Group.

Darnell Roberts, MA '75, BS '76, is now principal of Manchester High School.

Edward Parsons, BS '75, has been named in director of quality control by Allen Testproducts, Portage.

Philip L. Peck, BS '75, has become manager of domestic sales for Durametallic Corp.

Sandra Roebchen, BS '75, has opened Rico Discos in Kalamazoo, specializing in fabricating custom seating systems for school buses.

Margaret Ahler Romzek, BS '75, has been promoted to loan operations officer for the Newfane State Bank.

Jeffrey Stearns, BS '75, has given a recital on the harp with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

Brenda K. Anderson, BS '75, has been a client of the Aparo Accountant Corp., Kalamazoo.

Karen Varan, MA '75, is now executive secretary of the Kalamazoo Community for Higher Education.

Craig Tetenau, BA '75, has become a group head for DDB Needham Worldwide, Troy.

Gary L. Reimer, BS '74, MA '79, has been operations manager for Anco Container Corp., Kalamazoo.

Ruby Johnson, BS '75, has been a Gwayne, FL retailer, and is a member of the retailer services committees for the Board of Realtors.

Glen A. Harper, MBA '77, has become assistant president of the L. G. Ballfur Co., Albion, MI.

Randy C. Johnson, BS '77, has received a Master of Divinity in Christian education, from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY.

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1976

Loren Happel, BBA '78, has been promoted to director of quality control for Ford of Canada.

Maureen K. Scap, BS '79, is now on the faculty of the School of Business Administration, Kalamazoo College.

Karen H. Strange, BA '81, has been named to the Board of Directors of the West Michigan Symphony.

Dana Stebbins, MA '79, has become an account executive for WKFR-FM, Battle Creek.

Randall G. Bocock, BS '82, has been appointed business manager for the Whitefish Center, Battle Creek.

Elizabeth Buset, MS '82, has joined the Metropolitan Chicago Board of Education grant to assist her in the development of her Berrien County classroom.

Brenda Craig, MA '79, last fall became coordinator of preschool for the Benton Harbor schools.

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Sally general Hospital.

1977

Sally Alese, BS '75, has been named as the director of the Family Health Care in Benton Harbor.

Brown, BS '77, has become an accountant for Wells Fargo Bank, Battle Creek.

Gladys Byers, BS '77, has been named as a research assistant at the University of Illinois.

Barbara Hebert, MA '77, has been promoted to assistant vice president in charge of credit operations at PrimeBank Federal Savings, Grand Rapids.

Steven R. Bost, BS '83, has been appointed assistant manager for the balance of the Sanborn Bank, Inc., Battle Creek.

William C. Goodrich, MA '80, has been promoted to senior vice president and general manager of Marshall Financial, Inc., Kalamazoo.

Thomas J. Kezma, BS '72, MA '80, has become an assistant professor of marketing at Ferris State College, Big Rapids.

Mary Linsey James, BA '78, has been promoted to manager of the Rainover, Inc., office in Benton Harbor.

Jose Julio Catt, M.D. '90, has been certified as a medical-surgical nurse by the American Nurses Association. She is a clinical educator at Bellfield Community College, Battle Creek.

Lisbetha Margulis, MA '79, became principal of Grand Rapids Central High School in January.

Kenneth Meiners, BA '80, in December became assistant to the president of Buttersworth Med-Care, Grand Rapids.

Brett Miller, BBA '78, has become a partner in Melton and Melton, CPA, Houston, TX.

Richard Ray, MA '78, in October is a fellow in a recent issue of the Journal of the National Athletic Trainers Association on utilizing computers in the athletic training program. He is head trainer at Hee College, Holland.

Dianna Goldenes Rozas, BBA '79, is a member of the 1987 board of directors of the Greater Kalamazoo United Way. She is director of internal audit for Bercro Medical Center.

Anna Seaveron, BS '78, has been elected to the board of directors of NCR Industries, Kalamazoo.

1981

Elizabeth Schultz Bates, BS '81, has been awarded a scholarship at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine towards her second-year curriculum.

Dan Craft, MBA '78, has been promoted to director of government affairs for Menasha Corp., Boston, Harbor.

Leah Doherty, BS '77, has become circulation director for Automobile News, Detroit. She lives in Lake Oswego.

Jodi Fahey, BA '78, has been promoted to assistant manager at Culver ... services for the Board of Realtors.

Christopher Toung, BS '78, is now a student at the University of Maryland. He is an assistant director of the Office of Student Services.

Robert Markaus, MA '78, has been named assistant office manager for First of America Bank, Westland.

Mr. O. S. McGarvey, MA '78, has been named as the assistant manager of the U.S. Bank, Battle Creek.

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Dr. Brian H. Hoyle, BBA '93, has become a commercial loan officer for the Independent Bank in Kalamazoo.
Jo Morrison, BS '93, an interior designer for Western, has joined the National Council for Interior Design Qualification examination.
Carolyn J. Nicholas, BBA '72, is now manager of accounting and control at First of America Mortgage Co., Kalamazoo.
James P. Barnum, BBA '84, has been promoted to corporate banking officer by Comerica Bank, Detroit.
engineer for Hydroco, and they live in Kalamazoo.
Jeffrey Sayles, BBA '83, and Sherry Sayles, November 16 in Livonia, MI. He is employed by Magnavox Corp., Fort Wayne, IN.
Carol Lynn Scovel, BS '82, and Therese Eick, BBA '79, have announced their engagement. They will marry in Detroit on October 5.
A. B. Dick Co., and they live in Glen Ellyn, IL.
Susan Allerton, MTT '93, and Keith Waldinger, October 11 in Traverse City. She is on the staff of the Holy Cross Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT, and they live in Salt Lake City, UT.
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Ted Nerb, BBA '81, and Kristy Ballard, December 20 in Kalamazoo. He is a sales manager for Kohler.

1984
James F. Barnum, BBA '84, has been promoted to vice president and director of marketing services at Maxwell Advertising, Inc., Kalamazoo.

Weddings

1960-74
Carol Lee and Black, BBA '62, and Wini Hoitgich, December 13 in Sturgis. He is a general foreman at Kimco Co.
Ronald F. Siroce, BBA '70, and Patricia Spooner, December 6 in Ann Arbor. He is a rehabilitation counselor at Beacon Rehabilitation-Detroit Medical Center, Detroit.
Ronald Farve, BS '72, and Margaret Year, BS '85, June 17 in Festival. She is a sales manager for the Greater Traverse City Alumni Dinner, Alumni Association of Michigan University.

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Traverse City annual spring dinner

The Alumni Association and the Traverse City area alumni will sponsor the fourth annual spring dinner on Saturday, May 2, at the Embers on the Bay. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and is followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m.
The dinner will be served buffet style. The choice of entrees includes chicken, ham, and roast beef.
The cost of the dinner is $15 for Alumni Association members and guests.

Please reserve ___ spaces at $15 for Alumni Association members and guests.

Enclosed is a check for $______ (Make check payable to WPU Alumni Association)

NAME ____________________________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________________________

Please return the reservation form by May 1.

Mail to: Western Michigan University
Greater Traverse City Alumni Dinner, Alumni Association
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3584.
The Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon Alumnae will host Delta Chapter Fall Convention on Sat., Nov. 2, at the Rembrandt Student Center. The convention begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration. The day’s activities will include a 10:00 a.m. Board meeting, a noon lunch, and a 2:00 p.m. annual meeting. Delta members are invited to come for all or any of the sessions for more information. Contact Jean Pitts, assistant director of alumni relations, at (616) 353-6100.

ABE sets spring convention date

The Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon Alumnae sets spring convention date for October 11 in Grand Rapids. They are living in Houston, TX.

Carolyn W. Asnara, BA '55, MA '54, died December 15 in Grand Rapids. She was a teacher for thirty-five years and is survived by her sister, Mrs. Richard C. T. Veitch, and her twin brother.

A. Grace Edmonds, TC '17, died December 24 in Traverse City. She was postmaster in Dowling from 1922 until retirement in 1963. She leaves her husband; two sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Jeffrey J. Terrell, BBA '85, and April Weimer, BA '85, died December 8 in Kalamazoo. She was a retired elementary school teacher. He leaves his wife, two daughters, one grandson, his mother, and two brothers.

Macklin, BS '51, died February 7 in Burbank, CA. He had retired from Ford Motor Co. as a plant supervisor in 1972. He leaves his wife, Vance, her parents, and her brother.
Haenicke visits with Florida alumni

Western alumni from throughout Florida gathered in West Palm Beach, Orlando, Naples, Bradenton and Clearwater in late February to meet University President Diether Haenicke and his wife, Carol. Graduates from 1927 through 1985 renewed friendships and heard all that’s new on campus from Dr. Haenicke.

1 In Clearwater, Ray Perkins, ’35, and his wife Jean, visit with Emilio Ward, ’77, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

2 Carol Haenicke, center, shares a story with, from left to right, Evalyn Rogers, Kay Dahman, and Lori Johnson during the reception in Clearwater.

3 A three-generation Western family attended the alumni dinner in Naples. They are, from left to right, Tom Higgins, ’60; his wife, Joy Ann Corbat Higgins, ’56; Dick Corbat, ’29; and Janet Higgins Steel, ’80.

4 Barbara Smith, ’83, right, tells President Haenicke and alumni director Jamie Jeremy of her recent move to Ft. Myers, Florida, from Texas.

5 In Orlando, Tom Barnes, ’77, chats with Lori Portelli, ’79.

Tamper-proof packages can be a pain

Trying to open tamper-proof and child-proof containers is frustrating for many consumers, a Western study has found. To learn more, turn to the story on page 1.

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