Honors College

Exemplifying Quality, Success For All Students

HONORS. In the academic world, that word conjures up images of excellence, quality, success, intellectual curiosity, and commitment.

At Western, those images find expression in the Honors College. Now twenty-five years old, and well past its adolescence, the college has a new director and a new mandate to serve as an important focus of a campuswide commitment to academic excellence and the opportunity for achievement.

"I see the Honors College as a statement of this institution's commitment to quality education and success for all of its students, not just those in the Honors College," Dr. Faith Gabelnick said.

Gabelnick came to Western this spring from the University of Maryland, where she was associate director of the general honors program. A specialist in the use of literature to understand human development, Gabelnick already has begun a revision of the college's curriculum.

Gabelnick said Western's Honors College has had "an excellent reputation nationally for many years, thanks in no small measure to the tireless work of my predecessor, Dr. Sam Clark."

Clark, who retired Dec. 31, 1986, after thirty-eight years at Western, became the founding director of the Honors College in 1962 when it was established by President Emeritus James W. Miller. "We needed a way to compete with other institutions for some of the really bright kids," Clark said. "An honors program is one effective way to do that."

The college still has the role of helping Western to attract and to serve bright students. "In the Honors College and on behalf of the University, we try to create an environment where bright students can learn in an active, involved, and committed way," Gabelnick said.

"At the same time, we encourage faculty members to develop their skills in an honors college context."

About 40 of the University's 770 faculty members teach in the Honors College at any one time. The college currently serves some 750 students, although no more than a quarter of a student's curriculum is in the Honors College. In addition to special courses and seminars, honors students can choose from such options as the Russell H. Seibert Fund for student research, an internship program, foreign study, honors seminars away from the campus, and field trips.

However, the Honors College director is looking toward the future when discussing the goals she sees for the college. "We're trying to foster a dynamic intellectual atmosphere for students, for faculty members, for parents, for alumni—for the entire University community," Gabelnick said. "We are among the places at Western where students can lead classes, conduct research, work closely with faculty members in a kind of apprentice relationship, and support one another academically and socially."

That will become even easier, in the foreseeable future, than it has been. Plans are being developed for an Honors College center, which will be "a visible manifestation of the University's commitment to academic excellence," Gabelnick said. "Funds for the center are being raised privately, and contributions are welcome." She added that the center, as well as the college itself, has the enthusiastic support of President Diether H. Haeniicke.

"Students, teachers, visiting scholars, parents, and alumni will be able to gather at the center to share in the excitement of learning or just to relax and enjoy each other's company," Gabelnick said.

The center will have a lounge as the hub of its activities, a place where the tone of honors education can be set and shared. Seminar rooms, a small library/study, a small computer room, and a display area to show off students' works are included in the building's plans.

Participation in the Honors College is by no means an exclusive experience. While honors students are encouraged to participate in the Honors Student Association and other honors activities, they frequently seek and share leadership in a wide variety of other campus student organizations, using their experience in the Honors College as a base. Membership in the Honors College is open to any qualified student.

Freshmen are recruited mainly from Michigan high schools. Gabelnick is working with the Office of Admissions to increase the number of academically talented students who come to Western.

"A lot of very bright students don't work in the context of the Honors College," said Dr. E. Thomas Lawson, chair of the Department of Religion and an Honors College faculty member since its inception.

"That's not a bad thing. You don't want all the cream in one place."

"We're not trying to create a clique, a closed circle here," Gabelnick said. "But we are trying to foster a real sense of community among students, faculty members, parents, and alumni, a sense of the inherent value of learning, exploring, and sharing."

Ties with alumni are especially valuable. The college is seeking to renew ties with honors alumni and to organize an honors alumni group, Gabelnick said.

"Current students need the insight and support they can get from Honors College graduates, as mentors and as members of a network," Gabelnick said. "For example, if an honors student needs to know what an accountant does, he or she can talk to someone who is an accountant." Or, an alumnus could help establish an internship that would be available to one or even several current students, she said.
Distinguished Alumni Award winners remember their school days

The WMU Alumni Association has selected Richard T. Cole, B.A. '69, Lela A. (Williams) Llorens, B.S. '53, and Barbara Marineau, B.A. '72, as recipients of the 1987 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The trio will be honored at an October 10 dinner held in conjunction with Homecoming. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner may make a reservation using the Homecoming reservation form in this issue of the Westerner.

Cole is chief of staff to Michigan Gov. James J. Blanchard. He was appointed to this position in January, 1987, having previously served as the governor's press secretary for four years. When asked about his career to date, Cole said he considers his appointment as chief of staff to be his most significant professional achievement to date thus far.

Prior to his return to state government in 1983, Cole was chair of Publicom Incorporated, a Lansing-based communications consulting and association management firm.

Cole has also served as a legislative committee aide, executive director for the Senate majority leader, and consultant to a Washington D.C.-based institute for educational leadership.

"I've been one of the most talented people in our state," Blanchard says of Cole. Others describe him as a capable and astute leader and tireless spokesman for higher education. In addition to his numerous responsibilities as chief of staff, Cole is one of nine charter directors appointed to the Michigan Education Trust Board. A behavioral psychology major at Western, Cole attended the University of Florida for his graduate work.

"I hope to see the University of Florida's Department of Occupational Therapy named its award recognizing outstanding research by a graduate student in her honor."

In 1986 the American Occupational Therapy Association presented Llorens with the Award of Merit, its highest award, in recognition of her service to the profession as an author, researcher, writer, lecturer, and educator. She is also the recipient of the association's Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship award, the highest academic honor of the association. She considers these awards two of her most significant achievements, along with being invited back to Western earlier this year as a visiting scholar.

Llorens graduated from Western in 1953. She says she was attracted to the University because of its excellent occupational therapy department. Of her educational experiences at Western, she said, "Western gave me a broad liberal education along with professional skills to serve the ill and disabled, first as a practicing occupational therapist and later as an educator in the field."

She went on to receive her master's degree in vocational rehabilitation from Wayne State University in 1962 and her doctorate from Walden University in Florida.

"Her fondest memory of Western, however, is not of an academic nature but rather of "sitting in the stadium in snowy weather rooting for the Broncos," Llorens said.

Marineau's career has taken her from the stage of Western's Shaw Theatre to the lights of Broadway. Triply talented as a singer, actress, and dancer, she has starred in Broadway and national tour productions.

"I think the most significant professional experience that I can point to is the part of Jenny in the movie Funny Girl," says Marineau. "I feel that throughout my career I've been involved in a number of significant events, but the Donna Summer role was the most exciting."

Marineau is currently appearing in the Darien's production of The Robber Bridegroom. "The Robber Bridegroom, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas and Shemadonah, in which she worked with such nationally known stars as Alexis Smith, Howard Keel, Jim Stafford, and Tom Wopat.

Marineau received the prestigious Carbonell Award for her role as Rosemond in The Robber Bridegroom. A highlight of her career was when she returned to Western's Miller Auditorium in that role.

Last fall she received rave reviews for her portrayal of Nellie Forbush in South Pacific at the Darien Dinner Theatre, one of the finest dinner theatres in the nation. She is currently appearing in the Darien's production of The Ponder Heart.

A native of Battle Creek, Marineau has frequently returned to Southwestern Michigan to delighted audiences at the Barr Theatre with her summer stock roles as Fanny Brice in Funny Girl, Babe in Pajama Game, and Jenny in Chapter Two to name a few. In 1979 she appeared with fellow Western graduates Mary Jackson, David Wayne, and Jack Zaremba in The Ponder Heart.

While she believes her most significant professional achievement "is yet to be," Marineau is proud of the fact that she "continues to survive in the crazy fast or famine business."

She graduated with honors from Western's theatre department and went on to study at London's Commonwealth Theatre Workshop.

Marineau was encouraged to attend Western by her parents, both of whom are graduates of the University. While still in high school, she also had contact with Western theatre students which reinforced the good things she heard about Western at home.

"Western gave me all my structured educational and professional training," Marineau says. "The foundation for professional growth 'on the job' was built at Western. Drs. David Karsen and Russel Grandstaff had a profound effect on my life and career."

When asked about her fondest memory of Western, Marineau recalls rehearsing a one-act play in an acting/directing class during the day, appearing in Becker at the Kalamazoo Civic at night, committing suicide at the end of the first act, jumping in a cab with full make-up on, and arriving at Shaw Theatre in time to rehearse Marat/Sade late into the evening.

Exceptional professor, dean earn Distinguished Service Awards

Dr. James H. Powell, professor of mathematics and statistics, and Marie L. Stevens, dean of students, are the recipients of this year's Distinguished Service Awards.

Each was presented with a plaque and a $1,500 honorarium at the June 20 commencement exercises. The award was established in 1980 and is presented to up to two people each year.

Powell has been instrumental in steering Western into the "information age." A faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics since 1955, he has been a leader in the areas of computers, statistics, and graduate education, among others.

He is perhaps best known as coordinator of Project EXCITE, a program implemented in 1982 that ensures all WMU students graduate with some computer literacy. Under his direction, Western was the first public institution to establish a computer literacy requirement for undergraduate students.

Stevens has devoted her thirty-year career to serving students. She is known for the personal attention she provides when counseling students and their parents and the faculty and staff members who come to her with student-related concerns.

She came to Western in 1957 as assistant dean of women, and in 1968 she became the first woman to serve as the University's dean of students.

Though students have changed a great deal in those years, Stevens' support for them has remained a steady force.
Corporate crime is the most deadly, sociologist concludes from his studies

Corporate crime in the United States is far more expensive and deadly to society than all other types of crimes combined, according to Dr. Ronald C. Kramer, associate professor of sociology at Western Michigan University. "More money is ripped off by corporations involved in various illegal activities than all of the street and occupational crimes rolled together," Kramer said. "But more importantly, corporate crime kills and maims people."

According to Kramer, corporate—or organizational—crime is classified as a type of "white collar crime," a phrase first coined in 1959 by Edwin H. Sutherland, an American criminologist. Another type of white collar crime is occupational crime.

"Criminologists make a distinction between the different types of white collar crime," he explained. "Occupational crime is when individuals commit crimes during their employment for their personal gain. Corporate crime, on the other hand, is really occupational crime. It's crime committed by the organization, as a whole, to reach its goals."

Stock scams differ from poor products

Kramer cited as an example of Street scams as occupational crimes, where individuals, such as Ivan Boesky, benefited from illegal insider trading. Examples of corporate crime include violations of environmental protection, occupational health and safety, and consumer protection.

Kramer has studied several historically significant cases of occupational crime, including the Ford Pinto case, which he said is more recently, NASA's role in last year's Challenger disaster. He says national figures show that crimes like these cost U.S. consumers billions of dollars and thousands of lives every year.

"A Senate subcommittee, a number of years ago, estimated that corporate crime costs Americans $200 billion a year. That compares with about $3 billion to $5 billion on the average for street crime."

"In addition," he continued, "100,000 American workers lose their lives every year due to occupational disease—with a good bit of that attributed to willful violations of health and safety laws by corporations. And 30,000 consumers lose their lives every year due to harmful and unsafe consumer products."

Theoretical explanation in the works

Kramer, who is developing a theory on why organizations engage in criminal activities, said the competitive struggle of the corporate world pressures organizations to struggle for—and achieve formal goals—usually bigger profits and a larger share of the market.

"As they strive to meet these goals, they encounter various constraints and operating problems," he said.

"When they can't meet their goals through legitimate means, they try to cut corners or get around those organizational obstacles. And if there are no controls—either internal or external—the organizations may not prevent deviant tendencies, then the corporation will engage in crime."

Corporate crime is one of the most frustrating crimes to study and track, Kramer said, because there is little official data on it. "Unfortunately, the federal government doesn't put out a uniform crime report on white collar crime as it does with street crime," he noted.

Another reason why it is so elusive to law enforcers is that the consequences of corporate crime are not always immediately apparent. Kramer said the damaging effects may not be identified for many or even generations later, making it nearly impossible to pinpoint a cause and link it to an illegal activity by an organization.

Corporate crime may be increasing

He also believes corporate crime is on the rise in America. One explanation Kramer gives for the increase is that there are simply more corporations that produce products that directly affect our health and safety. But moreover, Kramer blames the Reagan Administration's hands-off policy on regulating commerce and trade.

Kramer says stronger social control on the structural, organizational, and individual levels is the key to deterring and controlling corporate crime.

In terms of the individual level, Kramer emphasized developing a stronger sense of ethics within the business world and stronger sanctions within the judicial system. "Tougher penalties might have an impact on corporate and occupational crime because they cause destruction in both the business and social lives of people who are caught," he said. "And these penalties will have more of an impact on white collar offenders than street offenders because they have more to lose."
In joint project with Michigan State University

Western researchers seeking public input on package designs

What type of medicine bottle can be opened easily by a senior citizen but not by a child? Western researchers are challenging the public to help them find the answer.

"We think that out there somewhere this morning, an elderly gentleman was frustrated because he couldn't get the cap off his bottle of heart medicine and cursed it for the umpteenth time," Brian L. Akers, assistant professor of industrial engineering, said. "But we also happen to think that person and others have some ideas on how we can solve the problems without endangering the lives of our children and grandchildren."

Akers and Barbara A. Rider, professor of occupational therapy, are willing to bend an ear and sift through suggestions from those people if that's what it takes. In a cooperative effort, Western and Michigan State University students are teaming up to design and produce a minimum of six innovative package prototypes that are tamper-proof and child-resistant, yet "user-friendly" to elderly and handicapped consumers. Three reclosable packages and three non-reclosable packages will be developed during the ten-month project.

New ideas will lead to new packages

With Akers and Rider serving as the principal investigators, Western is soliciting ideas and suggestions from the public on possible package designs and studying the human factors associated with the opening and closing of packages. The researchers will consider the physical and mental capabilities and limitations of older adults, handicapped persons, and children. The project will be funded by a $57,075 grant from the U.S. Consumer Protection Agency.

While Western's researchers are going to the consumers for new ideas, Michigan State's School of Packaging is seeking assistance from packaging manufacturers, suppliers, and users. In addition, researchers at both universities will be studying existing packaging systems and testing and evaluating possible prototype packages for their design, construction, material properties, commercial feasibility, and safety features.

Contrary to the convenience trend, Akers said the drug industry has been searching for ways to make opening and closing containers more difficult, in order to comply with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act and reduce child poisonings.

"Although the public is frustrated, these child-resistant closures have reduced the number of child poisonings by about 50 percent," Akers said. "So they are effective."

But while child-resistant closures are keeping more children out of medicine bottles, they also are keeping elderly and handicapped persons.

Survey spots trouble areas

In 1985, Rider and Akers conducted a mail survey of handicapped and elderly persons through the Centers for Independent Living in South Central and Southwestern Michigan. The purpose of the study was to identify specific packaging types that are the most problematic for elderly and handicapped persons.

The results of their survey showed that twelve types of packages were reported impossible to open by 87 percent of the handicapped respondents. Furthermore, about 10 percent of the elderly respondents were unable to open two types of packages.

"So we don't need any more gripes—we know what's wrong with the troublesome packages," Akers said. "But we do need some suggestions on how to fix the problem."

"No matter how wild the idea may be, we would still like to hear about it. It's our feeling that some very good ideas are waiting to be discovered among the frustrated users of products packaged in the current packaging systems."

Persons who would like to share their suggestions for innovative packaging closure designs are encouraged to contact Akers or Rider between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays by calling (616) 253-8904. They may also write to: "Packaging Project", WMU-Box 1987, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-5851. Return postage-paid flyers will also be distributed to select members of the elderly and handicapped communities to receive their input.

Two faculty members receive prestigious Fulbright grants

Dr. Sisay Asefa, associate professor of economics, and Dr. Edward "Mike" Jayne, associate professor of English, have been awarded prestigious Fulbright Grants.

Fulbright Scholars receive funds to travel abroad for two to ten months to conduct research, lecture, consult, and/or teach. More than 100 countries offer awards under the Fulbright program.

Asefa will lecture at the University of Botswana in Southern Africa and conduct research on the economics of food security in the region. He will help design the first regional study of the economics of food access in that region in collaboration with researchers from the University of Botswana, Michigan State University, and the Ministry of Agriculture and of Finance and Development Planning of the Republic of Botswana.

Jayne will be a senior lecturer at the Amerika Institute of the University of Munich in Germany. His topics will include contemporary trends in American criticism, poetry, and nonfiction prose. He also will be compiling papers and articles for his book, Negative Poetics, to be published this year by Duke University Press.

Three students help develop solution to temporary flooding as part of research project

A trio of Western students and a Kalamazoo firm have developed what they think is the solution to temporary flooding problems—a flood control unit called the "Superbag."

Last fall, JGI Enterprises of Kalamazoo approached the Department of Mechanical Engineering and requested assistance in evaluating and refining a flood control unit it had developed.

Under the direction of Dr. Richard C. Schubert and Dr. Jerry H. Hamelink, faculty members in the department, the students began redesigning the flood control unit for their senior project.

The students involved were David A. Lee of Bay City, Thomas C. Cottrell of Farmington, and John T. Truax of Mt. Clemens. The seniors were required to participate in an applied research and development project to meet their graduation requirements.

"They did an engineering redesign of the structure, tested and assessed the stress points, and made material change recommendations," Schubert explained.

The "Superbag," as it has been dubbed, is a four-foot-high and ten-foot-long triangular bag made of a material that is similar to what the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers currently uses to retain oil spills. The polyester bag is supported by a wooden superstructure consisting of two-by-fours bolted together. Once filled with 840 gallons of water, the structure resembles an elongated pup tent.

"Although each unit will cost approximately $750, it's reusable and could be developed into larger or smaller versions," Schubert said. "Sandbags cost about $250 for about 310 of them—which is equivalent to the volume of the Superbag—but are only good for a two-week flood and take considerably more time to fill and place."

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Westem's head football coach last December, it marked the fifth time in his career that he was taking over a new program.

When sixteen-year coaching veteran Molde took over, he posed to hiring an assistant from a more well-known school.

"Our offensive line should be a strength because of its experience," Molde continued. "The players work very well together as a unit and also are together a great deal of the time off the field."

Players, coaches promote stability

It is not just the players, however, who bring experience and a sense of unity to the 1987 team—Molde and his staff do as well.

Molde has fashioned a win-loss record of 106-57-2 in positions at Sioux Falls College, Minnesota-Morris, Central Missouri State University, and Eastern Illinois University. He attributes much of this success to coaching staff continuity, and he has brought six of his EIU assistant coaches to Kalamazoo.

"I've said coming here was just a case of moving the site of our staff meetings," Molde said. "Time is very valuable in taking over a job because you're behind in recruiting even if you don't have to select a staff. Fortunately, we didn't need to review applications and conduct interviews and lose time in the recruiting process..."

The assistant who hasn't worked with Molde before is linebackers coach Jerry Rosberg, who like his new boss, is a Minnesota native, and who most recently was the defensive coordinator at Northern Michigan University.

Some of the staff has worked with Molde at more than one place. Assistant head coach and defensive coordinator Larry Edholm had similar duties for fourteen seasons at M-M, CMS, and EIU.

"Larry is in charge of the defensive half of our football team and having continuity like this in the upper echelons of your staff is extremely important," Molde stressed. "I'm very fortunate Larry has stuck with me for this long a period."

The other staff members are Joe Swisher, offensive backs and tight ends; Rob Kuhlman, offensive line; Marty Higgins, wide receivers; Bill Bye, defensive line; and Dana Chambers, outside linebackers.

Assistants, Molde have long history

Kuhlman was an All-Northern Intercollegiate Conference fullback for Molde at M-M and then followed him to CMS and EIU.

Bye coached at the latter two schools and was Chambers' position coach during his playing career at CMS. Chambers and Swisher coached for Molde in his final three years at EIU, while Higgins joined that staff in 1985.

"You get to know and understand how each other thinks," Molde added. "If you're constantly replacing coaches, it's like you're replacing parts in a machine, always having to adapt."

"Basically, Al has had the same approach to treating kids as when I played for him," Kuhlman said. "He's a real stable influence on both the players and staff. We do things together as a staff besides just work, and we do get along together. A team can tell if the coaches get along, and if they sense friction, you can have a breakdown."

Swisher, who was also a head coach for ten years at three schools, echoes the importance of continuity. "It's hard to continually re-educate new people to your philosophy and offensive and defensive systems," he said.

"Knowing each other and being able to work together as a staff is most important...our philosophies have blended together. We don't have to start over. Football is a team effort, so is ours as a coaching staff."

When he has to hire a new coach, what kind of a person is Molde looking for? Al Molde

Good teachers make good coaches

"I try to find someone who is a good teacher because that's what they have to do well in coaching," he explained. "Also, I'm not a real vocal guy who yells at players a lot, and I want our assistants to reflect this approach. That's not to say that some people can't be screamers and good coaches, it's just something I don't want to do."

In how he selected Rosberg to join the staff this past winter, Molde said: "Eastern Illinois had played Northern Michigan and I was impressed with Jerry's defense."

"He was highly recommended by Buck Nystrom (Michigan State's line coach), whose opinion is very valued in coaching circles. We had three men in for interviews and since the new coach would be working with the defense, Larry spent the most time with them and had the most input. Jerry was easily the best choice."

What's it like for Molde to have his former players (Dana Chambers and Rob Kuhlman) as coaching associates?

"I liked Dana as a player and he reflected the qualities I look for in a coach," Molde said. "He's one of our younger staff members, but he's learned well and is continuing to grow professionally. Rob was in a role like Dana's, but now he's been with me longer. He will be a good head coach some day."

Senior-scholar athletes named

Women's basketball guard Shelly Klare of Cincinnati, Ohio, and baseball centerfielder Kevin Meehees of Orting are Western's senior-scholar-athletes for 1987.

Klare, who is pursuing a career in elementary education, had a 3.33 grade point average (4.0 scale) and received District IV academic honors in her sport. Meehees registered a 3.13 grade point average in criminal justice and was named to the 1987 All-MAC Academic Baseball Team.

Eight baseball, hockey players selected by professional teams

Four Bronco baseball players and four Bronco hockey players have been chosen to play with professional sports teams.

In baseball, junior outfielder John VanderWal, senior pitchers Mark Anderson and Bob Bevis, and senior outfielder Kevin McNees have a chance to play minor league ball.

VanderWal was drafted in the second round of the 1987 draft by the Montreal Expos. He is Western's highest draft pick ever. Anderson has signed a free agent contract with the Kansas City Royals. Bevis and McNees were chosen in undisclosed draft rounds by the Toronto Blue Jays and Atlanta Braves respectively.

In the National Hockey League's annual player draft, Broncos selected were Andy Rymsha and Wayne Gaines, members of the 1986-87 squad, and Chris Clarke and Mike Eastwood, incoming freshmen who have signed national letters of intent to play at Western.
President's Club Associates speakers offer their thoughts on giving

W. B. Thomas

Corporate executive W. B. Thomas addressed the President's Club Associates last fall, speaking on corporate giving to higher education. Thomas, B.A. '50, is vice chair of administration and chief financial officer of the USX Corporation (formerly U.S. Steel), and is a member of the WMU Foundation Board of Directors.

Thomas recapped the history of voluntary support of higher education, citing figures reported by the Council for Financial Aid to Education, or CFAE. According to the council's figures, all giving to higher education has increased by a factor of four between 1969-70 and 1984-85. During the same period, corporate giving has increased by seven times, becoming the most important single giving source.

As for Western, Thomas said during that fifteen-year period, the University has increased its grant total of voluntary support from about $300,000 to more than $4 million—an increase of close to fourteen times. Business support has gone from $8,000 to $1.2 million, he said, following the national trend of being the most important single giving source for the University.

"If the mathematics that I was taught in this institution forty years ago by Pearl Ford do not fail me," Thomas said, "that is an increase of almost 150 times—which I would submit to you is nothing short of dramatic, and is a tribute to all of those in this room who engaged in the pioneering efforts that have produced those results.

"If there is one area in which we would all like to see greater progress, it is in alumni giving." Thomas continued. "The CFAE statistics indicate that giving by Western's alumni has increased from $62,000 in 1969-70 to $876,000 in 1984-85, which is a remarkable improvement. However, the CFAE statistics also indicate that alumni participation (as a percent of alumni of record) has actually declined during that fifteen-year period." (Western alumni contributed $1,606,292 to the University in 1986-87.)

Alumni giving is critical, Thomas said, because it holds enormous potential for corporate giving. It provides the broad base of more than 126,000 alumni of record available to assist the University. Additionally, he noted that alumni support has a ripple effect because many foundations and corporate prospects pay close attention to alumni giving statistics when evaluating funding proposals.

"Let me close by commending all of you," Thomas concluded, "professionals and volunteers alike, for the striking improvement you have brought to this institution's development efforts over the last several years. You know, as well or better than I, that private financial support is the key to the ultimate excellence we all seek for Western Michigan University."

Robert Sparks

President Haenicke

This spring Dr. Robert Sparks, president of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, spoke to President's Club Associates about being both a spokesperson for the interests of higher education and a representative of a private organization.

"First of all, as I watch what's happening at universities in that part I have been in, I recognize that they seem to have an insatiable appetite for money," Sparks said. "Well, I'm not embarrassed about that, and in fact, I applaud them because I think that if they are doing it right, they should be telling us about what is yet to be done; what's the agenda."

Sparks said he believes that there is no institution more important for setting the course of the country's future than is the institution of higher education.

Consequently, he said, universities must be relentless about what it is that is important and what opportunities are yet to be developed. But they cannot do this alone, he argued, and called upon the private sector to "invest in the quest" by forming a partnership with public and private educational institutions.

"The quest as I see it is not simply the educational opportunity, the opportunity for developing new ideas, but it's also to try to reach beyond what we have now," Sparks said. "Let's make an effort to do this together. It is not a question of how much, but how much more can we do together."

In terms of specific types of funding assistance helpful to educational institutions, Sparks emphasized endowed and unrestricted gifts.

He said public universities need to utilize endowments more in the future as they develop their partnership with private individuals and institutions. In addition, university presidents continually seek greater general support for their institutions.

"... the unrestricted kind of funds that we're willing to contribute to, maybe in smaller quantities, are very important to making a difference," Sparks said. "They give the president and the faculty of these universities the opportunity to move flexibly, to support either excellence in the faculty or excellence in the effort in those students that we want to do well and to attract."In closing, Sparks said as he and those present think about being part of the The President's Club and being part of the university, he feels they all have an "opportunity, and an obligation, to help, universities think through the future. The point is "to ask them what they can do," he said. "I believe you can help as private organizations or as private institutions to capitalize on what I think is a most remarkable success in this world, that is, the public institutions of higher education."

Personal dreams, generosity promote academic excellence

From time to time I like to feature a story in this column about people's dreams. I can't begin to relate all of the stories of generosity that I have encountered, but I try to share some of them with you, as I'm doing in this issue. In 1924, Ruth Lindahl graduated from Western Michigan University with a teaching certificate. In 1925, her long-time friend, Milton Scherer, received a bachelor's degree. She first accepted a teaching position in Niles, and then moved to Sturgis, Michigan. He went on to graduate studies in the Far East; and they both fondly remembered the days of their youth and Western Michigan University. They have helped us to measure the quality of education received by our students now and in the future.

Lisa M. Holde, center, is the 1987 recipient of the Sigma Kappa Sorority Scholarship. Holde, a senior from Grass Lake, received the scholarship from John Sparks, director of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, and Judi Beam, Sigma Kappa's scholarship chair. The sorority established the scholarship, which is to be offered to Western students (preferably female) who are United States citizens or either juniors or seniors. Recipients must have attained a minimum 3.2 grade point average and have demonstrated campus leadership. The scholarship is to be offered for the fall and winter semesters, with $1,000 awarded per semester. It is renewable at the discretion of the scholarship committee.
Schedule of constituency activities

Alumni Band—Members are to report with their instruments to Read Fieldhouse at 9:00 a.m. October 10 to prepare for the Blairstown Alumni Band at 6:00 p.m. in the Bernhard Student Center.

College of Business—The college will host its annual alumni reception from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. October 10 in the Fetzer Business Development Center.

Delta Upsilon Fraternity—The fraternity will begin its annual Homecoming festivities October 10 with a 10:00 a.m. pregame open house at the fraternity house. Participants will then attend the 1:00 p.m. football game. The evening's activities include a 5:00 p.m. reception, 7:00 p.m. dinner, and 9:00 p.m. dance at the Holiday Inn-West. For further information, contact Tom Leak at (616) 329-0282.

Minority Advisory Committee—The committee will sponsor a dinner at Mr. President's in downtown Kalamazoo on October 10. The entire selection is prime rib or rack of rib. Dinner will be served between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The cost is $12 per person. Contact Joan Harris at (616) 385-4072 for information and reservations.

School of Social Work—Social work alumni will conduct their annual meeting and champagne brunch at the Holiday Inn-West on October 10. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Contact Nancy Siegrist at (517) 782-2052 for information and reservations.

Omegas Delta Phi—A reunion brunch is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. October 10 in the Bernhard Student Center. After the football game, the group will reconvene for a social hour and dinner. Contact Ted Hunkins at (616) 383-6160 for information and reservations.

Office adding staff member

Western's Office of Alumni Relations is currently searching for candidates for an additional assistant director position. At the present time, the alumni staff is comprised of a director, an assistant director, and two support staff members.

Assistant directors have the responsibility of working with alumni volunteers in planning Homecoming and reunions, assisting various regional and constituency groups, and organizing programs such as the Alumni Ambassador program. "The new position will enable us to expand our regional programming, as well as provide the opportunity to develop new programs which serve the University and its graduates," Jamie Jerome, alumni director, said.

"Assistant directors are involved in a variety of programs which require strong communication skills, both written and verbal, and exceptional organizational and management skills. Western graduates who are interested in the position should send their resume to the management and employment services in the University's Department of Personnel.

Alumni Association new life members

Wendy A. Breen, Jr., B.S., '85, Grandville, Michigan
Carla G. Durey, B.S. '77, Kalamazoo
William E. Hackett, M.B.A., Detroit
Ronald K. Nannen Fish, B.S. '57, Phoenix, Arizona
Kevin L. Wicks, B.S. '74, Ann Arbor
Laurie Wilcox Wicks, B.S.A. '79, Ann Arbor
Kevin A. Verellen, B.A. '76, Edwardsburg

ABE meeting set

The Inter-Chapter Council meeting of Alpha Beta Epsilon, Western's Alumnae Sorority, will be held in Kalamazoo, Saturday, October 3. Members of XI chapter will host delegates from the ABE chapters throughout Michigan.

A Real Western Homecoming
Dear Alumni:

On Saturday, April 25, I attended the graduation ceremony to watch some of our newest alumni receive their diplomas. Their commencement speaker was fellow alumnus Dennis W. Archer, a Michigan Supreme Court Justice. Justice Archer's message to the Class of 1987 was reassuring, encouraging, and challenging. Listening to him, I found myself thinking his message should be heard by all Western alumni. And so today I would like to use this space to do just that, to share some of his comments with you.

Quoting Justice Archer, "Western Michigan University provides an excellent education. The educational process is rigorous and demanding, but are understanding. I am confident that you are more than able to meet or exceed the standards that are established for you."

Justice Archer chanted the young graduates to get involved and do something to improve understanding between peoples and to improve the quality of life for all. He also expressed his faith in the Class of 1987. "I do not have concerns about what you men and women will do," he said. "From one Western Michigan University graduate to another, we were taught by the best." In closing, Archer said, "You may not think so today—but Western Michigan University has given you the foundation you need to become successful." He then encouraged each of the graduates to respond positively when called upon by their University.

While Justice Archer's remarks were directed to the Class of 1987, they apply to all Western Michigan University alumni. Western Michigan University gave Justice Ar- cher the foundation he needed; it gave this year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, Dr. Cole, Dr. Llorens, and Ms. Marisian, the foundation they needed; and it gave you the foundation you needed to meet the challenges presented you.

That foundation has allowed you to compete successfully in your professional fields of endeavor with graduates from many other highly reputed institutions. Justice Archer's remarks helped deepen the sense of pride each new graduate in the audience has for Western Michigan University. By sharing them with you, I hope they help to deepen your sense of pride in your alma mater.

And, too, I hope they will inspire you, as well as the Class of 1987, to respond positively when called upon by your University.

One of the simplest ways to respond positively is to display your pride in Western when talking to a prospective student, when talking with potential employers of your graduates, and when talking to your area legislator.

Respond positively to our invitations to return to campus for Homecoming and to alumni events in your hometowns. Your participation in these programs will keep you apprised of all that is happening on campus and will keep you a part of the University.

Respond positively to our invitations to join the Alumni Association. As a member of the association, you will receive all issues of this publication, which again, will keep you informed of and involved in all current campus developments.

Respond positively to our request for Alumni Admission Ambassadors. This program involves alumni in the University's ongoing recruitment efforts and allows you to share your excitement about Western with prospective students.

Respond positively by financially supporting this fine institution. Repeating Justice Archer's closing remarks, "Western Michigan University is a foundation you need to become successful." By displaying your pride in Western and by responding positively to our call for assistance, you can play a major role in insuring the continued success of this institution.

Remember, respond positively to Western.

La Quinta Motor Inn of San Antonio, Texas, has established a $10,000 endowed scholarship fund at Western. The firm has also created a plan to assist the University in supporting the scholarship.

Initiated last September, an initial $2,500 contribution was presented to President Diether H. Haenicke by the executive vice president and chief operating officer of La Quinta.

In addition to the $2,500, La Quinta will contribute 10 percent of the room rate for anyone, including alumni, salespersons, and the parents of students, who mentions Western when staying at the Kalamazoo La Quinta.

To generate the contribution, persons must identify their university affiliation when checking in at the Kalamazoo inn.

The scholarship is administered by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. Recipients are selected by the University Scholarship Committee from among full-time undergraduates. The scholarships are awarded based on demonstrated academic ability.

Sail away on the 'fun ship'

Alumni and friends of Western are invited to sail the Carib- bean January 16 through 23 on the Third Mid-American Conference Alumni Cruise. Take a break this coming winter and join the other alumni associations of the MAC aboard the "Fun Ship"—Celebration. Cruise prices range from $1,395 to $4,669 per person. For details and a brochure, call the Office of Alumni Rela- tions at (616) 383-1660 or write the office at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-2854.

Regional gatherings slated

California: President Diether H. Haenicke will join alumni in the Bay area for a November 12 dinner meeting. In addition, he will meet with alumni in southern California on November 14.

Detroit: A family picnic will be held August 16 at Camp Dearborn. Detroit alumni should also mark September 17 on their calendar for the annual Bronc- co Round-Up at the Carlos Murphy restaurant in Southfield.

Florida: The dates are set for the 1988 alumni gatherings in Florida. Alumni visiting Florida during that time who wish to join their classmates should contact the Alumni Relations Office for more information.

Washington, D.C.: Sunday, September 20, is the date of this year's family pic- nic. The contact person is Jim McCormick, (703) 481-0033.

Class of '37 reunion

Having traveled from near and far, members of the Class of 1937 returned to campus June 12 for their Golden Anniversary Reunion.

Left: During the celebration, the reunion gift committee presented, on behalf of the entire class, a check for $1,500 to the University. The gift is the largest ever given by a reunion class. It will fund the Class of 1937 Medallion Scholarship, as well as part of an endowed scholarship. The Medallion award was named in remember- ance of you and to Western that you need to become successful. By displaying your pride in Western and by responding positively to our call for assistance, you can play a major role in insuring the continued success of this institution.

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Maj. Roger B. Burrows, BBA '90, has been appointed commander of the 156th Signal Battalion of the 84th Army National Guard. He is a manager, military vehicle sales, General Motors Corp., and lives in Niles.

Michael Durka, BBA '77, MA '79, has closed out his career as boys' basketball coach at Battle Creek's Pennfield High School and is the Pennfield basketball 'benevolent coach only the girls' team.

William E. Jenkins, BS '69, MA '70, has become manager, products and market research, for the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Louise Kenny, BBA '89, MA '70, has been named to the board of directors of the advisory committee at the State Technical Institute, Pine Lake Union Pump Co. (Kalamazoo, MI), an associate of the technology training center for The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Thad W. Miller, MA '72, 8Ed '73, was chosen as Assistant Principal of the Year by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. He is assistant principal at St. Joseph High School.

John D. Nelson, MA, 8Ed '73, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and is a division chemical officer at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Daniel Prayle, BA '76, MA '72, was a finalist for Middle School Principal of the Year honors by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. He is principal of Lawton Middle School.

James Cooper, BBA '71, has been appointed marketing communications director for the Borroughs Co., Kalamazoo.

Linda Crumh millennials, BS '71, was elected to a four-year term on the Kalamazoo Board of Education in June.

Gordy T. Ferreira, BA '71, has become director of the water department for Flintshire Township, Grand Rapids.

Roger A. Haug, BS '71, has been promoted to co-manager of Wendy's restaurant on Airport Road, Jackson.

Patricia Barrhombritto, MA, 8Ed '71, has been elected for excellence in education as assistant principal at St. Monica's school, Kalamazoo.

Wendel A. Reese, BS '71, has been appointed an assistant vice president and operations manager for First of America Bank Financial Co., Kalamazoo.

1972

Michael Collins, BA '72, July became assistant superintendent of schools in Portage.

Donnie N. Doueihi, BS '72, received the Master Club Award for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance office in Battle Creek at the top person in sales volume in 1986.

Todd Harrell, BS '72, has been elected assistant vice president and consumer loan officer for Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, South Haven.

Lawrence Herman, BS '72, in May became executive director of the St. Joseph County Community Mental Health Services.

William C. Lake, BS '72, has become controller at Abra, Alma.

Frederick Martin, BS '72, has been promoted to director of programming and development, for the Whitepool Corp., Benton Harbor. He lives in Colon.

Paul Parchesi, BS '72, was elected to a four-year term on the Mendon Board of Education in June.

William P. Rochelle, BS '72, has been promoted assistant vice president and sales for the XFP/Dunn sales organization of XFP, Battle Creek.

Nancy Smith Selheim, BS '72, has become assistant vice president of Commercial & Savings Bank, St. Clair.

Paul A. Smith, BS '72, has opened her own business as director of American Temporary Services, Inc., Farmington Hills.

1973

James DePueff, BS '72, MFA '78, has been elected officer of the Laperre County Department of Social Services.

Melinda Ellison, BS '73, has become principal of the Peach Plains Elementary School in Grand Ledge.

Vincent R. Harrington, BS '73, MA '74, has been promoted to circulation marketing manager for the Detroit News. He lives in Huntington Woods.

Marlyn Koel, BS '73, has been elected president of the Grand Valley Chapter of the Association for Systems Management. She is with the Union Bank, Grand Rapids.

Wayne K. Kruger, BS '73, has been named commercial loan officer for First of America Bank-Michigan, Kalamazoo.

Douglas L. Posthumus, BS '73, is now manager of distribution-scheduling for Intermplastics in Plainfield, CO.

Dr. Robert A. Smith, BS '73, has been transferred from Niles to the Cedar Springs and East Nelson United Methodist Churches.

1974

Jerry L. Blaisdell, BS '74, has been promoted to trust marketing director for the marketing department of First of America Bank, Kalamazoo.

Sharon Watson Brandon, BS '74, in June was appointed community education director for the Battle Creek Lakeside schools.

Robert Boulton, BS '74, MFA '76, has received the 1987 Community Service Award from the Kalamazoo Community Relations Board for his work with the Vice President for Marketing and Sales for EnCo, Kalamazoo.

Danny M. Davdowski, BS '74, has become manager of the new trust division office in Traverse City for First of America Bank Corp. He is a vice president and senior trust officer. Cherry Hardman, BS '74, was named "lender laureate" at Marquette Elementary School, Muskegon, for his teaching the Montague Choralist.

William R. Miller, BS '74, has received an award of excellence from the Grand Rapids Advertising Federation. He is a coprincipal on the J. D. Thomas Co.

Dan R. Ouding, BS '74, has become supervisor, Gelinas, Inc., one of the soft capates and agricultural permit, for The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Ann Whitlach Preston, BS '74, has become technical supervisor in care of Fabrikor and development at Michigan Fruit Canners, Benton Harbor. She lives in Michigan.

Gretchen Dael Reeves, MAT '74, has been named to the Roster of Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She is a teacher of printing at Kenowa Hills High School.

Richard A. Wells, BS '74, has been promoted to fiscal director, business office student finance, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. His wife Linda Gerres Wells, BS '73, is a teacher in Lafayette.

1975

David Chadderdon, BS '75, has joined the Kalamazoo Child Guidance Clinic staff to handle substance abuse problems.

Dr. James J. Coleman, EDO '75, was appointed director of the Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Hospital in May, having previously headed the Poughkeepsie Ridge Center for children.

James K. Dus, BS '75, has been appointed as administrative assistant for the Brainard, MI, Water Board.

Kevin N. Pynn, BS '75, was elected to a second four-year term on the Portage Board of Education in June. He is manager of Ameritech Financial.

Judith Freethwayhirth, BA '75, MFA '79, has been cited for excellence in education as an algebra teacher at the Gulf Lake Middle School.

Timothy Knowlton, BS '75, has left the Community Action Agency of Southwest Michigan to become a communications coordinator for the Kellogg Co, Battle Creek.

Mark R. Peterson, BS '75, MA '76, has become supervisor, fluids and streams manufacturing, for Michigan Consolidated.

Hugh Stacke, BS '75, has been promoted to manage and inventory control at Union Pump Const, Battle Creek.

Jerry Tubergen, BS '75, has been promoted to part owner of the Grand Rapids office of Touche, Ross & Co.

1976

Carol Pedel Ulrichan, BS '75, MA '76, 8Ed '79, received her Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership from Western in April. She is a school psychologist at Calhoun Community College.

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1984

Nader Fahil Al-Qaimi, MA '84, received his Doctor of Education degree in counseling and personnel from Western in April. He is with the U.S. Air Force Aircrew at Tachikawa, Japan.

1983

V. Belsa Barmash, MA '83, has become a career development specialist at Glen Oaks Community College, Center, Schoolcraft, and Kalamazoo. 

1982

Ingrid K. Keely, BS '82, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force transportation officer course at Sheppard AFB, TX. Kenneth R. Morris, MA '82, has completed training as a U.S. Air Force pilot at Laughlin AFB, TX. He is a second lieutenant. 

1981

Michael A. Dangerfield, BA '79, MBA '84, has been promoted to unit manager II by the Kellogg Corporation. 

1980

John E. Dillworth, BBA '79, has joined the Saginaw News firm of Dupertuis, McKennon, Sabin and Burge. 

1979

G. Theodore Baker, BBA '79, is now president of the administrative chapter, National Association of Accountants. She lives in Fair Oaks, CA.

1978

Charles A. Beken, BBA '78, has promoted his assistant to the mayor of Detroit.

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Thomas J. O'Brien, MBA '77, has become assistant to the mayor of the city of Kalamazoo. She lives in Sault Ste. Marie.

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Elisabeth C. Byl, TC ’22, died February 17 in Grand Haven. She taught for a while, and then worked for a while for Dutch Holland business until retiring in 1960. She leaves two brothers.

Helen Hartzell Craig, TC ’22, died May 5 in Grand Rapids. She was a longtime resident of Kalamazoo. She is survived by her husband, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Salome S. Sahlin, TC ’23, died June 1 in Scotts. She leaves two sons, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

John R. Slichter, BA ’38, died May 26 in Kalamazoo. He had retired from Clariance Pan Co., and was an apartment manager. He leaves his wife, one daughter, and two great-grandchildren.

1940-49

Arthur D. Olds, BA ’16, died February 22 in Mt. Clemens. He had been principal at East Detroit Junior High School, where he served for thirty-eight years. He leaves his wife, one daughter, four great-grandchildren, his brother, and three sisters, including Betty Olds, BA ’48, Grand Rapids.

Margerie L. North, BA ’24, died November 26 at the Chelsea United Methodist Home.

James A. Walker, BS ’16, died May 15 in Warren, OH, where he was an associate professor of art on the Triumblitt campus of Kent State University. He leaves one sister and one brother.

1950-59

James R. Bond, BS ’51, former president and chief executive officer of American National Bank in Portage, died April 27 in Kalamazoo. He had retired in 1985. He leaves his wife and four grandchildren.

Eva Fairbanks Laffin, BS ’52, died May 28 in Kalamazoo. She had taught in Ogden. She is survived by five daughters, three sons, twenty-four great-grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Wendell E. Hartman, BBA ’53, MA ’54, died April 28 in Midland, where he was a high school counselor. He leaves his wife, Barbara Whims Hartman, BS ’52; three children; and two grandchildren.

1925-29

Sister Marie Augustin Bejard, TC ’25, BA ’29, died May 20 in Grand Rapids. She had taught in Holy City, Muskegon, and Grand Rapids, retiring in 1972. In 1984 she received the Catholic Central St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Award for her dedication to educating Grand Rapids youth. She leaves one sister and one brother.

Bertha Henson Driksa, TC ’25, BA ’26, died May 13 in Grand Haven. She taught in Spring Lake and Grand Haven, retiring in 1972. She leaves three daughters, two sons, and thirteen grandchildren.

Marguerite O. Smith, TC ’25, died April 12 in Grand Rapids. She had taught and then entered the insurance business in Lansing. Clifford Rippy, TC ’26, died April 19 in South Haven. He had been a teacher, and was widely recognized for his service from 1948 to 1979 as executive director of the Southwest Michigan Construction Association.

Iva Swanson Cameron, TC ’27, BS ’31, died March 16 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and in 1978 she retired in San Antonio, Texas. She leaves one daughter, fifteen grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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1930-39

Orbell B. Terry, BS ’33, died May 22 in Kalamazoo. He was a school teacher, and he worked for the Standard Oil Co., retiring in 1966. He leaves his wife, Louise Green Terry, BS ’31; one daughter; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mildred Hakes Peikowe, TC ’23, died April 28 in Kalamazoo. She had taught in Van Buren County. She leaves two sons, one daughter, five great-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

George J. Wurster, BS ’33, died December 30 in Carmichael, CA, where he had been an olive grower. He leaves his wife, one daughter, and two grandchildren.

Margie Clawson Shaw, BS ’37, died April 26 in Alleng. She leaves one sister.

Mary DeLeys Brown, BA ’65, died April 25 in Kalamazoo. She was a retired Kalamazoo area teacher. She leaves one son; one daughter, Nancy Brown Babcock, BA ’61, Grand Rapids; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one sister, Margaret DeLeys Harrington, BA ’44, MA ’59, Richland.

Patricia Underkock Brol, BA ’97, died May 16 in Kalamazoo. She was an industrial consultant for the Berrien County Economic Development Committee and lived in St. Joseph. She leaves two children, her mother, two brothers, and one sister.

Roger A. Bennett, MS ’66, a former member of the College of Engineering faculty and more recently a project engineer for the Bellgard Co., died May 3 in Kalamazoo. During his eighty years on the faculty he served three terms as president of the Faculty Senate and served one term as president of the University's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. He leaves his wife, four sons, including Allen Bennett, BA ’75, Grand Rapids, and Roger Bennett, Jr., BS ’73, Fort Collins, CO, and two grandchildren; his mother; one sister; and one brother.

Joe DeShazer, BA ’78, was a former student at Grand Valley State University. He learned his wife, two children, two grandchildren, and his mother. He left his father.

Barbara Kinder, TC ’29, died May 28 in Grand Rapids. She leaves one sister and one brother.

Nancy Smith Riddle, BA ’54, died May 4 in Brinklow, MD. She had been an elementary school teacher. She leaves her husband, one daughter, three sons, and her mother.

Mary N. Tyler, BS ’53, died April 27 in Houston, TX. She had been supervisor of the Occupational Therapy Department at Richmond State College for the past year. From 1955 to 1984 she was an occupational therapist in Detroit. She leaves her husband, Gladys Sue Potter, BS ’58, BS ’58 May 23 in Colorado. She taught thirty-nine years in Michigan and Ohio. She is survived by two daughters, four stepsons, one stepdaughter, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

William F. Yousko, BS ’59, MA ’94, died April 29 in Lowell. He was formerly assistant director of job placement for special education in the Grand Rapids schools. He leaves his wife, two sons, his mother, and one sister.

Terry D. Iqbal, BS ’70, died May 8 in Cedar Springs. She taught in Montemont and Kent counties, retiring in 1963. She is survived by three children, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Ottovino Brasagnini, BS ’54, died May 30 in Battle Creek. He had lived in East Leroy. He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, two step-children, four grandchildren, his mother, and two brothers.

Cora Buehler, BA ’40, MSL ’48, died April 26 in Kalamazoo. She had been a Kalamazoo librarian. She leaves her husband, one daughter, and one grandson.