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Meet our outstanding teachers for 1987

The WMU Alumni Association proudly announces the recipients of its 1987 Teaching Excellence Awards. This issue of the Westerner includes several stories highlighting the achievements of alumni teachers, in addition to featuring profiles of the three teaching excellence recipients: Robert E. Bone, Gary Chartrand, and Meshulam Groper.

The Alumni Association salutes the efforts of all teachers, especially its three award recipients, who were recognized during National Higher Education Week at the University's eighth annual Academic Convocation October 27.

Alumni Association leaders serving on the group's board of directors for 1987-88 are: from left (seated): Robert Lyman '73, Deaver; Deb Mazur-Baker '81, Berkley; Michael Dallas '71, Ada; Alberta Studler '45, Muskegon; Patricia Muth '42, vice president, Okemos; (standing) Allen Emmons '65, Grand Rapids; Wendy Stock '72, Grand Rapids; Kevin Scott '78, treasurer, Detroit; Keith Pretty '73, past president, Kalamazoo; Marilyn Peterson '66, St. Joseph; James Betzke '52, Niles; Emily Word '77, Battle Creek; Ted Humins '40, Battle Creek; Rick Carlson '71, president, Winnebago; Richard Chormann '59, Kalamazoo; Philip Zuwegel, street department, and James J. Blanchard, executive director. Not pictured are Patrick Laughlin '68, Lansing; Barb Leit Simmons '49, Washington, D.C.; Lawrence Ulmer '73, Kalamazoo; and Georgia Van Aderistine '78, Jackson.

How many alumni are in your family?

During the Alumni Association's 1987 Homecoming celebration, more than once returning alumni were heard to make comments such as, "Our daughter is a freshman here this year, in fact, she's living in the same dorm I did and studying what my mother studied here." In future issues of this publication, we would like to include stories of some of these families with three or more generations of Westerners.

Governor Blanchard appoints two new Board of Trustees members

The most precious gift that trustee can give the University is their commitment of time, Board of Trustees chair Gary E. Reed said during swearing-in ceremonies conducted October 23 for the newest members of Western's governing body.

James S. Brady, a 1966 alumnus and a Grand Rapids attorney, and Richard Y. St. John, a Kalamazoo executive, were sworn in as trustees one month after Gov. James J. Blanchard appointed them to the board.

"Being a contributing trustee," Reed said, "requires a tremendous and continued commitment of time, getting to know the institution, its programs, and its people. While there is much to be given and shared in this world, the most limited and precious gift for each of us is time. "But with the commitment of time comes knowledge and knowledge equals power," she said. "And the governor has empowered you with the trust of the University. On behalf of the people of the state of Michigan, act fairly and wisely and above all, do what in your mind and in your heart is best for Western Michigan University."

Brady is a partner in the Grand Rapids law firm of Miller, Johnson, Snell, and Cie. He responded to Reed's call by saying, "The responsibility and trust I assume today is that this University should continue, as it has in the past, to foster quality education and that it should make that education available to the sons and daughters of the working class and the middle class."

St. John, who is manager of community relations at The Upjohn Company, said he will devote his time to seeing that Western is a leader in promoting cooperation between the public and private sector to encourage economic development.

"Gov. Blanchard had indicated that jobs and economic development are the fort of his administration and named No. 1 in supporting that endeavor is higher education," St. John said. "Western Michigan University should certainly be a leader in that effort."

Circuit Court Judge William G. Schima of Kalamazoo administered the oath of office to the new trustees. Their eight-year terms on the eight-member board expire December 31, 1994.

Brady replaces Fred W. Adams of Grosse Pointe, who was appointed to the University's first governing board in 1964 and had been the only charter member of the board still serving on it. St. John replaces Charles H. Ludlow of Kalamazoo, who had served on the board since 1967.

Speaking on behalf of the board, Reed thanked Adams and Ludlow for their long years of outstanding service.

"We are extremely grateful for their dedication, loyalty, and love for Western," she said.

"Grateful faculty" praises Haenicke's vision and leadership

Citing President Diether H. Haenicke for his "broad vision and dynamic leadership," the University's Faculty Senate gave Haenicke "a resolution of appreciation" in a surprise presentation at the end of this year's Academic Convocation October 27 "on behalf of a grateful faculty."

"I was deeply touched," Haenicke told the Senate a week later. "It was very, very appreciated. I found that I was speechless. I am no longer speechless. I say thank you to all of you from the bottom of my heart."

Such a presentation is unprecedented, observers say, coming as it does early in the Haenicke presidency and just three years after the University community was divided by a faculty strike. Haenicke assumed the presidency in August 1985 after serving as provost at the Ohio State University.

This year's three-year agreement between the University and the WMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors was reached after only nine sessions in three weeks of what were described as "nontraditional, very unusual, prolonged" talks.

That was the shortest period of negotiations, and the earliest an agreement was reached, in the twelve-year history of faculty collective bargaining at Western.

At the time the contract was ratified by the University's Board of Trustees, Haenicke's role in the talks was praised by board members and union negotiators alike. In fact, in another unprecedented action, the board ratified the contract July 31, more than a month before union members did, in an act of good faith.

In its resolution, the Senate praised Haenicke for providing Western with "an example of dedication to and af

fection for academic values and pursuits pervaded by fairness, strong collegiality, ready humor, and an unfailing integrity." It expressed its "deep gratitude to President Haenicke for the broad vision and dynamic leadership with which he stimulates, protects, and guides the University."
Dear Alumni:

Let us share some good news with you and ask for your assistance

This fall, the University's student population numbers 23,336, the largest enrollment figure since 1975. Of the 23,336 students, 3,240 are beginning freshmen.

Earlier this fall, Susan Hannah, assistant vice president for academic affairs, expressed "great excitement over the fall figures," especially the large number of freshmen. "Some of the factors that contributed to this impressive enrollment growth include the diversity and high quality of our programs, outstanding cooperative efforts of our deans, faculty, staff, and alumni," Hannah said. "The community of Western alumni and friends from around the world have been an influence on this year's students and will continue to be an important part of their lives." Hannah added.

This year, Western introduced new spirit to this Homecoming celebration: the Distinguished Alumni. "We are excited about the fall's enrollment figures, and we want you as alumni to share our excitement. The steady increase in enrollment in recent years is a great source of pride for all associated with Western," Hannah said. "If you have not already, we encourage you to register as an Alumni Admissions Ambassador in 1988. It is a perfect opportunity for alumni to make a significant contribution to Western's recruiting activities, and we want you as alumni to share our excitement." Hannah added.

We've already begun to recruit next year's freshman class. Once again alumni volunteers are needed to join the Alumni Admissions Ambassadors program. Please send us further information.

Name __________________ Grad. Year ________
Maiden Name ____________________________
Address _________________________________________
City State Zip __________________________
Phone __________________________ Business Phone _________
Return form to: Western Michigan University, Alumni Association, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3854.

M. Jamie Jeremy
Director, Alumni Relations

Yes, alumni played a part in the recruitment of the 1987 freshmen class. The entire University community joins me in saying "thank you and congratulations!" to all the alumni who served as Alumni Admissions Ambassadors during 1986-87. Your telephone calls to admitted students in your hometowns did make a difference, as did the time you devoted to meeting with students personally during Gold Pride receptions.

All of us are excited about this fall's enrollment figures, and we want you as alumni to share our excitement. The steady increase in enrollment in recent years is a great source of pride for all associated with Western.

That increase is proof that knowledge is spreading about our excellent academic programs, our friendly campus, and our dedicated faculty and staff. It's still important, however, that each of us continues to spread the word about the many good things Western has to offer.

We've already begun to recruit next year's freshman class. Once again alumni volunteers are needed to join students, faculty, and staff in sharing their enthusiasm with those who will make up that class. But as the number of admitted students continues to grow, more volunteers will be needed.

Let me take just a moment to explain what is asked of those who volunteer to be Alumni Admissions Ambassadors. Ambassadors are given the names of five to eight high school seniors from their hometowns who have been admitted to the University.

During January and February, we ask that you contact these students and share with them your enthusiasm about Western. The Office of Admissions provides each ambassador with a packet of information about Western, enabling you to answer questions of a general nature. Should a specific program, admission, or financial aid question arise, simply refer students to the admissions office and give them the office's toll-free telephone number.

Having talked with many of those who have served as ambassadors in the past, I hear similar comments from all of them. Here are just a few: "I thoroughly enjoyed talking about Western with the young people," "I learned a lot about Western from my involvement in the program," and "it was fun! Make sure I am on the list for next year." Are you on the list of alumni who have volunteered to be an Alumni Admissions Ambassador in 1988? If not, I urge you to do so today. Simply return the form accompanying this letter or call the Office of Alumni Relations. More information will be mailed to you.

I guarantee you'll enjoy being an ambassador, and at the same time, you'll be making a significant contribution to your institution.

High spirits and the return of past traditions mark Homecoming festivities

Student Activities

A: The newly resurfaced east corridor of West Michigan Avenue provided a perfect race track for the annual Soap Box Derby.
B: Adding new spirit to this year's Homecoming was the return of several old traditions, including house displays (exhibits built on residence hall lawns), which were popular in the 1950s and 1960s. Hoekie Hall's creative display placed first in the contest.
C: Thousands of fans enjoyed the football game and the Bronco Marching Band's half-time show, despite Western's 17-0 loss to Miami University.
D: As always, plenty of spectators cheered on Fritter Fest participants in the two-minute donut eating contest.

Alumni Activities

E: The highlight of the 1987 Homecoming celebration was the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner. President Dietter H. Haenicke, far left, and Alumni Association president Rick Carlson, far left, visited with the year's inductees, from left, Leila Llorens, Richard Cole, and Barbara Mathieu.

G: Alumni enjoyed a delightful meal while remembering their school days during the annual pre-game champagne brunch.
WMU Foundation holds annual meeting

Top officers retained; new directors elected

Willard A. Brown Jr., B.B.A. '53, and William U. Parfet have been re-elected to one-year terms as president and vice president, respectively, of the WMU Foundation.

Their election, along with that of four new directors, took place at the Foundation Board of Directors' annual meeting October 9 in the John E. Fetzer Business Development Center. Dr. George M. Demnison, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was the featured speaker. He outlined Western's critical funding needs in an address titled "The Pursuit of Excellence: The Challenge Before Us."

Brown is chair and chief executive officer of Rubloff, one of the nation's leading industrial real estate development firms. Since he joined the Chicago, Illinois, firm in 1955, it has grown from a local company to a national operation.

Parfet, chairman, vice president and treasurer of The Ujjo John Company in Kalamazoo, has held a succession of positions with the company in accounting and finance, assumes was present post in 1980. He is a 1970 graduate of Lake Forest College, and has a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan.

Elected to three-year terms as directors of the Foundation were: Richard M. Hughey, B.A. '52; Clarice P. Jones, T.C. '55, B.A. '37; Joan H. Krause, B.A. '72; and Theodore F. McCarty, B.B.A. '59.

Hughey, an attorney with the Kalamazoo law firm of Deming, Hughey, Lewis, Keiser, Allen, and Chapman, received his law degree from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Foundation and a past president of the WMU Alumni Association.

Jones retired from Western's faculty in 1974, and completed her master of social work degree at the University of Michigan, where she lectured from 1949 to 1965. The chair of the board of the American Association of Retired Persons from 1984 to 1985, she received an honorary degree from Western last year.

Krause, an interior decorator with Mettnerich-Cole Limited in Grand Rapids, owned several businesses in the city before joining Mettnerich-Cole. She was vice president of Behavior Associates for Business and was director of development at the Kendall School of Design. She is a member of the WMU President's Club of major donors and the Foundation, and a former board member of the WMU Alumni Association.

McCarty is chair, president, and chief executive officer of Old Kent Bank in Kalamazoo. Before joining Old Kent, he was with American National Bank for more than twenty years, most recently serving as its president. A member of the Foundation, he earned his master of business administration degree from Indiana University.

Investing in the University pays big dividends

Russell Howes
Director, Planned Giving

I think we'd all like to have our cake and eat it too. I know I would.

There are many different ways that you can lend your support to Western Michigan University. But, did you know that you can give money away and keep the income? Well, it is possible, and what's more, the government encourages you to do just that with an extra tax incentive.

The most common way in which this works is for you to give a certain sum of money to a fund which is operated by Western. In many respects this fund operates just like a mutual fund and it can earn you a lifetime income. The fund is invested by professional money managers and pays its recipients a quarterly income based on earnings.

Buying into this fund is an irrevocable decision, and because of that, a portion of your original investment is deemed to be a gift to the University. The amount of that gift will vary depending upon the number and age of the beneficiaries.

For example, if a husband and wife who are both seventy years of age decide to invest in the University and place $10,000 in the fund, they can arrange to receive an income for as long as either of them lives. The amount of the return will vary from year to year. The government encourages this type of investment by making a charitable deduction available to this couple based on the number of years a little more than $2,900.

Even better, I've found that many people are holding assets which they bought much earlier in life for growth potential. Those assets are now worth many times their original value but actually produce a very small income. For example, the couple previously mentioned might very well be holding some stock which they originally purchased for only $1,000. Although that stock is now worth $10,000, it may be earning a current dividend of only $200 or $300 a year (two to three percent). If our donors sold that stock to invest in something that would give them a larger annual income, they would have to declare a $9,000 capital gain, and under the new tax law, that could cost them more than $2,500.

Instead of incurring that kind of expense, the couple can donate their stock to Western as an investment, avoid paying any capital gains tax, substantially increase the annual yield, and still get the same $2,900 tax deduction.

Eventually, of course, the principal which they have given to the University will become the sole property of Western and will be put to good use in helping us educate future generations. That gift can either be an unrestricted gift to the University or designated for some specific purpose. We're always happy to work with our friends to determine how these funds will be used.

If you would like to receive further information about investing in Western, or if you would like to talk to someone in person about this, please contact me, Russell Howes, WMU Foundation, Hillside East, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3855, (616) 383-4973.
The throwing of safety—both on campus and in society—has been underscored at the University by a terrible tragedy, raising everyone's awareness of both individual and institutional precautions that should be taken routinely everywhere.

The tragedy was the November 14 murder on campus of Julie K. Cunningham, an eighteen-year-old freshman from nearby Vicksburg. She apparently took a study break that night to go jogging at the Kalamazoo outdoor track, where her body was found the next day.

Campus safety practices are frequently reviewed by University police and student services personnel; many new measures were put into place before November 14 and additional steps have been taken since the tragedy.

"The key ingredients to any safety program are the choices we make as individuals about what we do," University President Diether H. Haenicke told members of the University community in a November 18 letter published in the Western Herald student newspaper. A suspect, Timothy J. Bergman, twenty-four, was charged with first-degree murder and felony murder in a two-count warrant authorized by James Gregg, Kalamazoo County prosecutor.

Bergman, who lived in the Lovell Street neighborhood east of the campus, is not and never has been a WMU student or employee, Haenicke said. He was arrested the same day a campus memorial service was held for Cunningham in Kanley Chapel.

"Though there are no words to comfort Julie's parents or ourselves, we need this moment to express our grief at Julie's death, and our outrage at what has happened to this woman and to us all," Haenicke said at the service.

On November 25, Julie's parents, Dennis and Margaret Cunningham, established an endowed scholarship in memory of their daughter. Contributions may be sent to the WMU Foundation in Kalamazoo. Both are bachelor's and master's degree graduates of Western, he in 1966 and 1969 and she in 1964 and 1968. A twenty-one-member task force of seven law enforcement agencies conducted the investigation under the leadership of WMU police. A reward of $33,400, the first $10,000 of which was pledged by Haenicke on behalf of the University, was offered through the Kalamazoo County Silent Observer Program.

Haenicke published the open letter in the Herald to review security measures the University provides and to point out precautions individuals should take.

"Julie's death reminds us all of the vulnerability of students, faculty, and staff in spite of all our efforts to provide a safe environment," he said in the letter.

Haenicke said that long before the November 14 murder occurred, the University was concerned about safety on campus and had taken several actions this fall. They included installing additional lighting and initiating efforts to replace burned out lights within twenty-four hours.

In addition, twenty-four students were hired to patrol the campus on foot in three pairs between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. seven nights a week. A student-run escort service was established, warnings in campus media about after-dark travel were issued, letters were sent to campus residents urging them not to use a pathway through the woods into Goldsworth Valley, and articles were published in the Western Herald asking individuals to use caution when traveling alone on campus.

An additional pair of students was added to the student patrols immediately after the murder. The patrols began one hour earlier, at 6:00 each night. Effective November 23, residence halls hours were changed so that all close at 7:00 each night and reopen at 8:00 each day. Formerly they were closed from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. weekdays and 1:00 to 8:00 a.m. weekends.

Also, locks on all side rear entry doors to residence halls were changed so that residents could enter only by main entrances. Additional student staff members monitor all traffic into the residence halls between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. All resident students must be prepared to show identification and any non-resident must register between those hours.

Activities implemented this fall were in addition to a number of long-standing safety measures already practiced at the University. Haenicke said. For example, campus buildings are connected by well-lit paths and students have been strongly advised not to take short-cuts or travel alone after dark. None of Western's outdoor intramural, athletic, or recreational facilities is lighted and none is intended for use after dark.

Three times a week marked police vehicles are on patrol twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, there are eighteen police call boxes, with telephones that require no dialing, located throughout campus under blue lights. Three-night emergency dialing is available at all other telephone stations on campus.

Tragedy emphasizes importance of safety on and off campus. Arranged by now professor emeritus William Morrison, the internship involved a lobbying effort in Lansing for which I would leave Amoco—one of the finest oil companies in the world at that time.
Rob Buck 
guides 
spikers 
to the top

Western’s volleyball picture has improved dramatically in the ten years since Rob Buck took over as head coach. Not only have the Broncos won six straight Mid-American Conference titles, but the program is now recognized as one of the country’s best.

Buck, who went into this year’s play with a seventy-six match conference winning streak, posted winning records in all his inaugural season and has more than match conference winning streak, posted winning records and the Broncos’ rise to national prominence, one of the country’s best.

Western’s volleyball picture has improved dramatically in Not only have the Broncos won six times, but I had so much enthusiasm that nothing got in build a volleyball tradition at Western Michigan says.

Buck contends there “It’s a crazy period of time when wanted to be able to build my own program, to I wanted to do it now. I didn’t have the concepts, structure, goals, or resources. The only things I had were myself and a whole bunch of energy."

When the going gets tough... The thirty-five-year-old native of Battle Creek says initially he had numerous failures. “But they never stopped me from continuing,” he adds. “I was terribly frustrated at times, but I had so much enthusiasm that nothing got in my way. No disappointment was insurmountable.” Although Buck characterizes himself as a competitive person who loves to excel and win, he says it’s his personal growth as a coach that motivates him. “It’s the satisfaction of getting better every day that drives me,” he explains. “Each day I go home and evaluate. When I stop growing as a coach, that’s when I’ll get out of this whole thing.”

Buck contends there are three things coaches have to do to be successful. “First,” you must coach the team—getting the players physically in shape, technically smart, and ready to compete,” he says. “Next, you have to recruit good athletes so that you continue to build the program. Well, a lot of coaches stop there. We don’t. Our philosophy is that you have to promote the program, and be a visible entity not only in your community, but regionally and nationally as well.”

Program, player growth go hand in hand Today Western’s team considers time and energy into a number of activities away from the competitive collegiate scene, and Buck feels the activities have made Bronco volleyball such an outstanding experience for student-athletes. His players regularly go out into the greater Kalamazoo area to conduct clinics and schools for young players. They also participate in Volleycamp, a number volleyball camp at Western for youngsters from throughout the Midwest.

“I believe we have the best overall program in the country right now in terms of the complete package,” Buck says. “This program has gone through such transition over the last five or six years that we’re just now starting to understand and develop the exact structure. My idea of a college program is for it to be well rounded—a resource center for the whole student. When the 1987 season began, the Broncos were ranked twentieth in the nation by the College Volleyball Coaches Association, and they were being led to a two-time MAC “coach of the year” and Volleyball Monthly’s 1983 national “coach of the year.”

The honor honors who earned the year Buck’s team won thirty-two straight matches before losing to eventual runner-up UCLA is the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s Midwest region.

Late start didn’t dim enthusiasm Buck, who didn’t begin to compete in volleyball until he was out of high school, played for three seasons at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. His ability earned him an invitation to attend the U.S. team trials for the 1975 Pan American Games.

Although he got a relatively late start in the sport, Buck says his enthusiasm for volleyball has continued to increase. Now, he says, it has become his life. “It’s what I’ve spent most of my life on for the last ten years,” he says. “I don’t expect it to be important to other people as it is to me, but I’d like others to recognize and have an appreciation of how I feel about this program. And then maybe they can deal with me in a little bit different light.”

Noting that volleyball is “fast, powerful, and aggressive,” Buck says the sport demands an enormous amount of discipline. However, he adds that instilling discipline is only part of the challenge of coaching the game. “The secret is to find a way to have your players make conscious decisions about their own actions, and where they develop their own goals and structure a path towards achieving those goals. That’s how you make a champion.”

Hockey standout offers pointers at clinic Former Broncos’ great Dan Donlon took time out of his professional routine to pass along a few hockey tips during a clinic held earlier this year at Western. A 1983 draft pick of the National Hockey League’s New Jersey Devils, Donlon played right wing for the Broncos while attending Western. He was a first-team selection in both the 1982 and 1983 NCAA college hockey tournament. In his last year at Western, he led the nation in scoring and was current winner of the Harry Butcher Award. College hockey’s equivalent to the Heisman Trophy. When he completed that season, he had broken every WHA scoring record and had become the Central Collegiate Hockey Association’s all-time leading scorer.

Western inducts five into its Athletic Hall of Fame; pays tribute to athlete/coach John Gill

One coach and four athletes are the newest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame, which was established in 1973 and now includes sixty-seven members. The five, swimming coach Ed Gabel, track standout Bill Loving, baseball star Wayne Terwilliger, nationally known field hockey performer Karel Bailey, and wrestling champion Doug Wyn, were honored during induction ceremonies held October 2 and 3.

The “W” Club, in conjunction with the hall of fame activities, paid tribute to John Gill, one of Western’s best known athletes and coaches. Gill lettered in, and later coached football, track, basketball, and baseball. He was one of the charter hall of fame inductees.

Ed Gabel

Gabel joined Western in 1947 as athletic trainer and physical education instructor. He began the swimming program on a club basis in 1956 and elevated it to varsity status the following year. During his fifteen seasons, his teams won two Mid-American Conference titles (1963 and 1964).

Gabel retired in 1972 as associate professor of physical education. Two years later, Western’s natatorium was named in his honor.

Bill Loving

Loving earned four letters at Western, co-captained the 1929 and 1930 track squads, and won two Mid-American collegiate high hurdles crowns. He died in 1976, and in 1982 the newly constructed William C. Loving Jr. Elementary School in Detroit was named in his honor.

Loving had a lengthy tenure as a teacher and counselor in the Detroit Public School system until his retirement in 1973. Instrumental in forming numerous school and community youth programs while a counselor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt cited him for two awards based on his achievements in education and civic affairs.

Wane Tervellinger

Tervellinger is best remembered at Western for his talent as a baseball player. He lettered as an infielder from 1946-1948, and had .323 career batting average, hitting more than .300 each season. He also lettered in basketball.

After graduation, Tervellinger signed with the Chicago Cubs. He played parts of nine major league seasons with the Cubs, Brooklyn Dodgers, Washington Senators, New York Giants, and Kansas City Athletics. In 1961 he began taking to the playing field as a minor and major league manager. Currently, he is first base coach for the world champion Minnesota Twins.

Karel McCallough Bailey

Bailey graduated from Western in 1974 after competing four years in field hockey and one year each in volleyball and track. While performing in the U.S. Field Hockey Association from 1972 through 1983, she was named to seven Great Lakes sectional all-star squads, including five first-team selections.

Since 1975 Bailey has coached girls’ track at North Muskegon High School, where she has won three state, two regional, and five conference championships. She has also directed the school’s volleyball team to a district title and its basketball squad to two district crowns.

Doug Wyn

Wyn had an 89-5 mark from 1971 through 1974, earning a 30-4 record against collegiate opponents in 1974 and winning the NCAA 167-pound championship. He is one of only three MAC wrestlers to ever pick up three All-American honors. He is the only Western man to have won three MAC titles.

Following graduation, Wyn spent several years with Northern Air Services of Grand Rapids as a flight instructor and charter pilot, while also working in sales, marketing, and advertising. Currently he works for Rapids Control Services, where he is involved with sales, high technology engineering, and design work.
Mathematics professor finds the right equation for success

There's no mathematical formula to tell faculty members how to divide their time between teaching and research. But Dr. Gary Chartrand must have come up with the right equation.

This year, the professor of mathematics and statistics was recognized for his classroom skills with the Alumni Teaching Excellence Award. In 1979, he earned the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award—the University’s most prestigious recognition for research.

"I guess I primarily think of myself as a researcher, since there's always some mathematical problem floating around in my head," he says. "But I know that it's possible to do justice to both teaching and research."

More important than recognizing his achievements as a teacher, Chartrand says this year's award is special to him because it's being presented for the first time to a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

"Our department has several outstanding teachers," he says. "I'm happy that the department is being recognized for its teaching in addition to its fine research record.

Chartrand has been a faculty member since 1964. He began teaching at Western immediately after earning his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in mathematics from Michigan State University.

"I've always loved mathematics, even in junior high school and high school," he says. "I started out in engineering at Michigan State, but it was only the mathematics that I thoroughly enjoyed. So I decided to major in math."

Chartrand is a specialist in graph theory, which he explains as an area of mathematics that "explores relationships between objects. Although I especially enjoy the theory," he says, "I am also very interested in its many applications, particularly those that involve computer science."

The author or coauthor of five books and more than 100 professional journal articles, Chartrand was the first managing editor of the award-winning Journal of Graph Theory.

Where does he find the time for research and publication between class preparation and teaching?

"I'm constantly juggling my schedule between teaching, research, and committee work," he says. "Each one takes a great deal of time.

"When I'm teaching, there's always the number one priority," he continues. "If I'm not teaching, say during the spring or summer, then I can devote more time to research. Otherwise, it's not until I'm done teaching for the day that I can start thinking about research."

Chartrand has taught a variety of subjects at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Some of the courses include algebra, pre-calculus, all levels of calculus, linear and modern algebra, discrete mathematics, mathematical proofs, and graph theory.

His goal in any class, he says, is to present the material in such a way that the students both want them to enjoy it as well as "explore a current topic that I use. However, it certainly helps to be prepared and to be ready to answer questions.

"I think no matter how many times you've taught a course, you must always go into class prepared," he says. "I think I'm a fairly organized person. I always know what I intend to discuss and the order in which I want to discuss it."

A recognition from "the one of the eleven doctoral degree recipients Chartrand has advised emphasized the professor's skill in that area. "It's obvious from looking at the students that he respects the students," the former student said. "No question ever seems to surprise him. In fact, he seems to have already anticipated it."

Chartrand says that once people have been teaching for a while, they get accustomed to the questions students are likely to ask. "But one thing that is very important is not to put the student down," he says, "no matter what the question is. Sometimes students say, 'This is a stupid question,' but the question they have, then it's not a stupid question as far as I'm concerned—it's a good question."

Besides organization and receptiveness, Chartrand says he thinks all teachers need to have a deep interest in their subjects so that it spills over onto their students. The same doctoral recipient who praised Chartrand's skillful class preparation called him a model for others when it comes to that kind of enthusiasm. "It is for other reasons that I feel he deserves to be recognized as an outstanding teacher," he continued in his letter. "First, there is his enthusiasm and genuine love of mathematics. This love is converted into an infectious energy and excitement in class that can only stir a student's interest."

While Chartrand admits his research and teaching often compete with each other, he also says his research activities stimulate his enthusiasm in the classroom. "Through research, I'm constantly seeing mathematics evolve in front of me. There are new things going on all the time. The advantage of doing research is that I know how mathematics is growing, and I can present this exciting information to my students."

Agriculture specialist has a down-to-earth classroom style

Dr. Max E. Benne's teaching career can be summed up in one word—dedication.

Benne's dedication to teaching, to students, and to agriculture were the most frequently cited reasons former students nominated him for an Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award.

"This man's dedication is what makes the WMU agriculture program so special," one alumna wrote in her nominating form. "His support to this program has earned the respect of all who have been involved...I feel that Dr. Benne is Western's agriculture program."

An associate professor of consumer resources and technology, Benne is currently the only full-time member of Western's agriculture program, which has about forty agriculture and agri-business majors. He teaches a full load of courses while handing most of the program's advising, recruiting, alumni relations, and job placement duties. In addition, he promotes the program throughout the state and represents it on various campus committees.

Becoming such a dedicated and versatile teacher has been a natural progression for Benne, who says he considers his greatest teaching achievement to be the positive feedback he has received from students and alumni. The soft-spoken, inquisitive professor grew up on a small farm near Mason. As he puts it, "he milked cows and went to class." Benne went on to work as a farmer and taught agricultural chemistry at Michigan State University.

Benne, a former 4-H agent stationed in Lenawee County, co-owned a farm himself by the time he began his teaching career in 1960. Half seriously, he says he started teaching agriculture and science courses in a
small Brighton, Indiana, high school because somebody offered him a job.

"We bought the farm, and I tried to find a job in that area; that's how I found the teaching position," he explains.

The farm Benne refers to is a 512-acre crop and livestock operation in Sturgis. He and his wife, Beverly, and his wife's father, Richard, bought the farm together and continue to operate it along with Benne's son, Brian, and his wife, Richard's daughter, Erin.

Benne's qualifications as a teacher, however, don't come solely from his interest in farming. He has three degrees from Michigan State—a bachelor's degree in dairy production, a master's degree in dairy farm management, and a doctoral degree in continuing education. He made his decision to pursue a doctorate that eventually led him to Western in 1964.

To offset the cost of his doctoral studies, he took a part-time teaching position in Western's College of Education. "So I was commuting between Sturgis, East Lansing, and Kalamazoo," he says, shaking his head and noting that "it was a lot cheaper then."

Benne left Western briefly in 1967 to help coordinate an international living program and then to teach at the Technion (University) in Haifa, Israel. While at Technion, he served as an adjunct professor and senior researcher in the Department of Civil Engineering.

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He came to Western in 1980 as an adjunct professor in what was then the Department of Mathematics. After teaching calculus for one year, he was reappointed as an associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, where he now teaches courses on the mechanics of materials, statics, dynamics, and mechanical systems, among others.

Groper can usually be found in his office seven days a week writing research papers and preparing lessons, which are a combination of lectures and experiments. While developing demonstrations to accompany his lectures may take extra time and effort, Groper believes they're necessary to help students grasp concepts and ideas that are often abstract. "I give demonstrations even for courses in which I'm not supposed to bring in all kinds of little experiments," he confides. "I believe that when you present a new concept to students, you must come prepared with an experiment which reinforces this new concept."

"My intense desire to transmit knowledge is readily seen when viewing the active, participatory atmosphere he creates in the classroom," wrote one student nominating him for the award. "Dr. Groper establishes an environment of mutual respect with his students, which are a combination of lectures and experiments. While developing demonstrations to accompany his lectures may take extra time and effort, Groper believes they're necessary to help students grasp concepts and ideas that are often abstract. "I give demonstrations even for courses in which I'm not supposed to bring in all kinds of little experiments," he confides. "I believe that when you present a new concept to students, you must come prepared with an experiment which reinforces this new concept."

"It's my job to be a tough grader," he says, "but I also want to see if the students understand the material. I like to see their faces when they understand something new."

Groper believes that type of passion for teaching can't be forced. Rather, he says, it comes naturally. "If you don't like to teach, you had better go and find something else to do," he recommends. "A desire to teach is one of the most important qualifications for being a teacher, besides having the academic credentials."

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Virginia Glenn Wolbrick, TC '72, and her husband, Fred, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary June 28 at Menomonee Falls. He is retired from the Fenn College and Community College Foundation of Michigan. They have two sons.

Louis Roberts, BA '29, and his wife, Leda, celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary June 29 in Memphis. He is retired from the Fenn College and Community College Foundation of Michigan. They have four children.

Denver Florida

Denver area alumni, following will journey to Colorado Springs summer.

Rapids, was the subject of a long editorial 1920-44

selected for a Michigan First Lady Award for her service to area sports activities in June with a

plant wild flowers along Michigan highways.

serving as a high school coach there.

He lives in Plainwell, where he retired after

Kalamazoo Township supervisor, appointed to fill

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Robert D., B.A.

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Robert Husband and his wife were digging for grasshoppers on a glacier in Montana when it was announced he had been named 1967 Michigan Professor of the Year by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in Washington, D.C.

Husband, a biology professor at Adrian College, is the school's 12th master's degree in physical science and focuses on the impact a professor has had on the lives and careers of his students. Recipients of the award are chosen from twenty undergraduate institutions in the state.

"He's a dedicated man," K. S. Xavier, chair of Adrian's biology department, said in the Telegram article he will do anything for the students. He will go all the way to get a job or into graduate school.

Along with his devotion to his students, Husband is also devoted to aracology—the study of mites. He is considered an authority on the subject, and has been credited with discovering several new species, which he has named in honor of friends and family.

Husband was in the Rocky Mountains researching a strain of mites found on grasshoppers when he received news of having won the award.

Robert Husband

Photo by Rhonda Maii, courtesy of The Telegram Daily

Alumnus is Michigan Professor of the Year

1962-63

C. Vincent Loschi, BA 92, has become director of personnel at John Deere in Clarion, Iowa.

Thomas Schaberg, BS 92, is the new treasurer of Goodwill Industries of Western Michigan. He is manager of plastic products manufacturing for The Upjohn Co.

Carol Johnson VanderPug, BA 92, is now a first grade teacher in the Hamilton schools.

Cathy Clements Campus, BA 63, MA 94, SE 97, has been named the "outstanding community educator" in Michigan for 1985 by the Michigan Adult Community Education Association. She is director of adult and community education for the Allston schools.

Elisha G. Atkinson, BA 93, is on loan to a professor of offices at Central Michigan University to serve as an office automation consultant for the Dow Chemical Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md.

Richard V. Washburn, BS 93, MS 96, has become president-elect of the American School Counselor Association. He has been a counselor at Farmington High School for the past twenty-two years. His wife, Patricia Hughland Washburn, BS 94, is a loan officer for Standard Federal, and they live in Bloomfield Hills.

1964-65

Reid Comzy, BS 94, is the new treasurer of the Michigan State Association in Grand Rapids.

Timothy J. Dargen, BS 94, MA 70, in June was appointed assistant professor of political science at Western Michigan University.

Dr. Thomas Elmer, BS 94, MA 66, is chair of the Michigan section, Mathematical Association of America. He is a professor at OMG Engineering and Management Institute, Flint, and lives in Flushing.

James R. hoop, BS 94, has become assistant controller/manager for Mack Trucks, Inc., in Detroit.

David C. Smith, BS 94, has been named vice chair-tas for Pet Marwick in New York, N.Y.

Marjorie Stale, BA 94, MS 79, retired in June as a Kalamazoo teacher.

Janel Carg pepp,Elders, BS 85, is now director of dietary services for Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington, Pa.

Terry Storrad, BBA 85, has become director of administrative services for Presbyterian Senior Care, Washington, Pa.

1966

Carl F. Aldnesson, BS 86, is chair of the Grand Rapids section of the American Society for Quality Control for 1987-88.

Red Begeman, BA 86, MA 76, has been named principal of the Constantine Middle School, moving there from Niles.

Glen Beebe, BS 86, MA 70, has been appointed lead reader teacher for the Battle Creek schools.

Susan Walton Bower, BS 86, is a new name to the teacher in Grandville.

Eugene L. DeWynn, BS 86, June became principal of Remora Hills Junior High School, Grand Rapids.

Roger A. Elliford, BS 86, has been promoted to principal of Owensville High School.

James W. Goe, BBA 86 has moved his law office to North Gratton Avenue, in Mt. Clemens.

George Jepson, BA 86, MA 70, has been appointed the Army Hockey Association of the United States to coach one of the U.S. National Midget teams (ages sixteen and seventeen) for the 1988 Eusco Cup competition in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Peter W. Krawutschke, BS 86, MA 70, has been promoted to chair of the Department of Languages and Literature at Western. He replaces Dr. Robert A. Palmero, BA 55, MA 55, chair since the department was formed in 1968, who will continue to teach.

Robert Ruciero, BS 86, MA 70, in late spring was appointed athletic director at Lay Norwood High School.

Roselle Ann Amerson, BS 86, MSW 76, has been named executive director of MRC Industries, Inc., Kalamazoo, which helps find employment for developmentally disabled people.

Kay Stanton Pajunen, BA 86, MSW 83, was selected in April as one of the outstanding teachers in the Oxford schools, where she teaches second graders in Leslie Elementary School.

Dr. Dennis W. C. D. Rittenmeyer, BS 86, BA 87, has been appointed to the Rockford Peace Commission.

Carol Toddletrich Trehus, BS 85, has been elected president of the Kalamazoo Poison Prevention Council for 1987-88.

Karen Teenor, BS 85, MA 72, has been selected in April as one of the outstanding second graders in the Leonard schools.

She is coordinator of compensatory, bilingual, migrant, and Title I education in the Kalamazoo schools.

1969

Carolyn Barbara Blough, BS 86, MA 76, is vice president-elect of the Michigan Reading Association.

Dr. William P. Brady, BA 69, has opened New Day, a psychology practice, in South Shore.

Nancy M. Flynn, BA 80, has been named assistant director of the center for Programs Operations in the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

Barbara Speas Huts, MA 80, has been appointed to associate professor of political science at Western.

D. Rittenmeyer, BS 99, Wayne Scheffler, BS 99

1970

Dr. Ralph Carnegie, Jr., BS 67, is the new president of Goodwin Industries of Southern Michigan. He is vice president and chief financial officer of CitiesBanking Corp., Flint.

John Winn, BBA 69, is now president of the Omn. BBA 66, and a vice president of Outboard Marine Corp. He was one of the partners founding the Four Winns Corp., Cadillac, which was purchased by Omn in 1986.

Autrine Gordon, '71 N. Jackson, '72

Carlos DeWyk Ziff, BS 90, won a three-year term on the Bayes Ley School District Board of Education in the spring elections. She lives in S. St. Louis, MO, and teaches the visually impaired.

Michael Elmer, MBA 70, has been appointed vice president of financial services for McGinity Properties, Inc., Ann Arbor. He lives in West Ann Arbor.

Thomas E. O'Malley, BBA 70, has been named a partner in the Chicago, IL, office of Seaford Federal and Savings and Bonds. He lives in Orland Park, Il.

James L. Pitcher, BBA 70, is now assistant superintendent for business affairs of the Cranbrook schools. He received a degree in college business management from Kalamazoo College.

Thomas Schriver, BBA 70, has been promoted to sales manager for Van Norden and Breckenridge, and development officer for Guarnne Federal Savings Bank. He lives in Grand Rapids.

E. G. Snyder, BS 70, heads the Detroit office of Toyota Motor Corp.

Dr. Peter Vanuoy, BS 70, has joined the obstetrics and gynecological practice of Gettero, Bald and White in Kalamazoo, and is living in Portage.

Camille Harte Warner, MA 71, has been appointed to assistant professor of speech and theater and audiology at Western.

1971

Michael C. Davis, BBA 71, MA 72, has become a staff attorney for Connex Corp., Ada. A. John, MBA 71, Kalamazoo, has been appointed vice president and controller of Paul Dow Co.

Aubrie Welch Gordon, BA 71, M.A. 73, has been promoted to assistant professor of social work at Western Michigan University.

She is also an outpatient therapist for the Van Buren County Community Mental Health Center.

Fred Bangen, BBA 71, is the president of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation and Accountant. He is a vice president of Old Kent Bank, Kalamazoo.

Dr. Joel Orl, BA 71, and his wife, are now in Liberia, West Africa, on a three year assignment as lay missionaries for the Lutheran Church in America. He is administrator of Photo Hospital in Suakoko.

Dr. Roberto DePouw, BBA 71, M.A. 73, M.S. 77, EdD. 82, has been appointed to associate professor of business information systems at Western.

David Wilt, BS 71, MA 77, has returned from residence in West Germany to become principal of the Gull Lake Intermediate School, Richland.

1972

C. Alon Ronger, BA 72, MA 74, is the Illinois Highway Teacher of the Year, as designated by the Greater Michigan Foundation. He is a teacher in Lake Forest.

John L. Bird, BS 72, MA 75, MS 79, was "teacher of the year" for the Spring Lake schools in 1986-87. He is also dean of students at the high school.

John J. Bueschel, BS 72, has become senior food technician for. Bunder Brands, Inc., Mt. Dora, Fl. He lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Dean Christopher, BS 72, was named "educator of the year" in Alpena where he is director of bands for the high school. He also directs bands for the high school.

Dr. Timothy Corby, BS 72, MBA 77, has been promoted to a senior manager for the Grand Rapids office of Deloitte Haskins and Sells.

David J. Farrell, BS 72, MA 78, has won the Leila Frey Award for excellence in education in Colon, where he is president.
David D. Gartnerr, BS '72, MSW '74, on August 1 became assistant executive director of the Calamosa Foundation, Kalamaoo. He has been a vice-president and executive director of the National Foundation for Counseling Material at the Findlay, OH, division of Western Michigan University.

Johnathan Jackson, Jr., BS '72, has been promoted to manager, human resource department of Aerotquip Corp., Jackson.

Edward D. Marchaud, BS '72, has been promoted to vice president of operations for the surgical division of Sterkir Corp., Kalamazoo. M. Catherine Phillips has been promoted to director of human resources at the U.S. Senate as deputy secretary of the Treasury. She has had six years headed the Agency for International Development.

John M. Thomas, BS '75, has been promoted to the position of director of human resources at Riverbend and regional editor of the Michigan Business and Industry Drive for the 1987 business and industry drive for the West Michigan area. He lives in Kalamazoo.

Robert L. VandenBosch, BS '77, has been promoted to senior manager by Deloitte Huskins and Company, Livonia.

Michael Petersen, BS '77, has been promoted to manager of product development department of Bemorra Manufacturing Corp., Kalamazoo. Thomas Solliit, BBA '77, has been promoted to manager of human resources at the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Seth Klocnack, BBA '77, has been promoted to tax manager for the Battle Creek office of Price Waterhouse. Donald N. Kolhoushe, BBA '78, has joined in a new post as a management consultant with Rapidus, Lemonwood and Kolehouse, Inc.

Karen M. Gminder-Green, BBA '78, has been elected president of the Battle Creek/Battle Creek Foundation for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Richard W. Johnson, BS '75, won top honors for his Michigan meal this summer from Michigan Leaning magazine, the American Association of Theatre for Youth and the Greater Michigan Community Foundation. For two days in August, he served as chef at Leeland Lodge in Leelanau County.

Greg Apgar, BBA '76, has been elected a vice chair of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a senior audit manager for Price Waterhouse.

Robert L. Boswell, BBA '76, has now received a division management award of the McGraw Hill Publishing Co. He lives in Flinton, PA.

Threeteen alumni win Kellogg Foundation grants

Out of twenty-six Battle Creek teachers that received $1,000,000 in grants this year from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, half of the group are western Michigan alumni.

 Teachers submitted proposals to explain how the money would be used to improve their students' skill, update their knowledge, and better understand their subjects. Among those who received grants are: Cliffon Conklin, art; Loraine Woother Cove, art; Stanley Stewart, academic librarian for the Western Michigan University System, Houston, TX.

Robert D. Stoops, BBA '75, has been elected treasurer of the Southwestern Michigan Association of Purchasing Management. He is with The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Rebecca Bried Wurrtert Wirt, BSL '74, has been named director of the Reinert Library at Miami University's Hamilton, OH, campus. She has been on the Miami staff since 1974.

Frederick Garehan, MBA '79, has been promoted to an associate for Crowe, Chizek and Co., Detroit.

Steven Ellis, BBA '79, MBA '90, has been promoted to senior account executive for Kellogg.

William C. III, BBA '76, is the general campaign chairman for the 1987 Grand Traverse Area United Way Campaign. He is a partner in a Traverse City Accounting firm.

Mary A. Hulko, BS '76, is president of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan-Western Region. She practices law in Grand Rapids.

Michael G. Houghton, BS '76, MBA '85, has received an appointment by the City of Battle Creek, Kalamazoo. This is director of marketing for Security Bank, Allen Park.

Janet Jowell Hubbard, BS '76, has been announced as executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Northern National Bank.

Sherrie Wartner, BBA '76, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Jesse H. Jones Community College. She is a former board member.

Robert L. Mitchell, BS '76, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Ricky Carlson, BBA '76, has joined the Bay City law firm of Smith and Smith. He will work in the Flint office.

Carolyn S. Yow, BBA '76, has been appointed as program director for the Big Rapids Community Foundation.

Sue Kurovsky, BBA '76, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Big Rapids Community Foundation.

Brian D. Lotter, BBA '77, has been named as the new director of community relations for Borroughs Manufacturing Corp., Kalamazoo. He is a senior audit manager for Crowe, Chizek and Co., Detroit.

Donald M. Kolehouse, BBA '78, has joined in a new position as a group leader with the law firm of Kitch, Drutchas, Detroit.

Beth Peck, BBA '76, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Big Rapids Community Foundation.

Brendan R. O’Reilly, BBA '76, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Big Rapids Community Foundation.
Mary Grace Cardwell Johnson, B.A. ’84, has gone to the head of the Grand Rapids chapter, National Association of Accountants. He is with the firm of DeMayo & Eadie, P.C., in Grand Rapids.

Linda Little, B.A. ’81, has been promoted to assistant professor in the Business Library at Western Michigan University.

Katharine Cary, B.S. ’82, has been named a manager of sales at Breene Food Service Co., Battle Creek.

Douglas Wengler, B.S.A. ’83, has been promoted to system manager in the Corporate Information Technology Division of the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek.

Sara Breedlove, B.S. ’86, has become assistant professor of accounting at the Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Michael T. Jenkins, B.A. ’81, has been appointed assistant professor of accounting at the University of Southwestern Michigan, Benton Harbor.

Barbara Steinbach, B.A. ’83, has been promoted to assistant vice president of the First of America Bank-Michigan in Battle Creek.

Frances R. Tamburino, B.A. ’83, has become advertising coordinator for the Plainwell city administrator in June.

Robert E. Norton, B.S. ’83, has become executive assistant to the president of the Battle Creek chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

Linda Schull, B.S. ’83, has been named the business services for the Michigan National Guard. She lives in Sylvania.

Erik M. Nyberg, B.A. ’83, has been appointed a second lieutenant in the Michigan Air National Guard. In 1980, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Michigan Air National Guard. He is with the firm of DeMayo & Eadie, P.C., in Grand Rapids.
Deaths

Prof. Ted Kibby, a member of the Western faculty in education for eighty years, died August 29 in Kalamazoo during a long illness. He was a graduate of Andrews University and Michigan State University, and for four years was a member of the Kalamazoo Board of Education. He leaves two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Malcolm "Das" Maxwell, a Bronco basketball star from 1978 to 1981, drowned July 7 in Littles Lake, Allegan County. He had been a bus driver for the Kalamazoo Public Schools. C. Gayle Pond, director of emergency nursing services, 1946-1966, died April 12 in Tempe, AZ, where she had lived much of the time since her retirement.

1915-24

Mildred M. Snyder, TC '35, died July 31 in Kalamazoo. She taught in Three Rivers for forty-three years, retiring in 1958.

Edith Duffy Sargent, '18, died December 17 in Detroit. She leaves two sons and ten grandchildren.

Marylisa Beadle Richards, TC '20, died March 3 in Fenton.

Bob Westfall Ingram, TC '21, died July 1 in Lansing. She leaves one daughter, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

May Faster Stall, TC '21, died June 29 in Kalamazoo. She was a Richland teacher, and leaves two sons, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Florence Stewell Osborn Fulker, TC '22, died June 20 in Kalamazoo, where she had lived the past six years. She leaves her husband, Wilma, seven children, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Joe W. Lee, TC '22, died June 24 in Owosso, where he had been an industrial arts teacher for forty-six years. In 1979 he was the highest award recipient of the International Graphic Arts Education Association. He leaves his wife, Eudora Sorensen Armstrong, '32, two daughters, one stepdaughter, and one stepson.

Margaret McGarvey Smith, TC '23, died July 17 in Grand Rapids. She was a teacher for varying periods between 1923 and 1966, retiring from her School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Plan in 1969 after retiring from her Kalamazoo practice as an orthodontist. He leaves his wife, Edna Sorensen Armstrong, '32, two daughters, one stepdaughter, and one stepson.

Mabel Allen, TC '23, died May 25 in Kalamazoo. She had taught in Kalamazoo for thirty years, retiring in 1973 as principal of the Yaleville school, which has since been named in her honor.

Leah Sallie Salcusan, TC '27, died July 21 in Paw Paw. She had taught principally in the Paw Paw School District for forty-one years. Mrs. Hilderbrand died August 11.

Thomas H. Thomas, BA '31, died June 18 in Chicago, IL, where he had had a long association with the Baker Furniture Co. at the Merchandise Mart. He was formerly president of two Great Rapids furniture associations. He leaves his wife, Ruth Conklin Thomas, '33, and two children.

1935-54

Emanuel Lull, BA '41, died May 14 in West Bloomfield. He was president of the Manny Lull Co. in Detroit. His funeral services were held at Temple Beth El of Detroit.

Donald V. Dennis, BS '43, died July 18 in Grand Rapids, MD, after a long illness. He leaves his wife, two daughters, two grandsons, and his mother.

Dr. Norman Weinheimer, BA '51, died July 19 in Lansing. He had been a professor emeritus of the School of Education. He leaves his wife, two sons, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Sorina Nienhuis Boot, BA '59, died June 6 in Denver. She was a teacher in Holland for thirty-eight years, and leaves her husband, Colton Boot, and five children.

Eleanor Foster Smith, BA '64, died July 19 in Owosso. She was a teacher in Bridgman, becoming an elementary principal before moving to Midland as principal. In 1985 she was elected to the Michigan Education Hall of Fame. She leaves her wife and three children.

1955-64

Alma Schrock Bennett, BS '52, died June 24 in Big City. She had been a teacher in Mendenhall, Clarksdale, and Houston, until retiring in 1971. She leaves her husband, four daughters, two sons, sixteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Julietta Hume Blinks, BA '59, died July 8 in Seattle. She was a teacher in Brethren until retirement in 1969. She leaves her husband, Hollis Blinks, and four children.

Susan Booth Kaler, BA, BS '64, died July 19 in Wildwood. She leaves her husband, three children, her parents; a twin sister, Carolyn Bohlske Stuck, BA '64, MA, '71, of Linden; and two brothers.

June Pelham VanOersden, BS '64, died July 19 in Zeeland. He was a teacher in Holland for thirty-eight years, and leaves her husband, Thomas L. Christiansen, MA, '64, and two children.

Janet Plum VanOersden, BS, '64, died July 19 in Zeeland. She leaves her husband, three children, her parents; a twin sister, Carolyn Bohlske Stuck, BA '64, MA, '71, of Linden; and two brothers.

1965-74

Dorothy Kalam, MS '67, died April 27 in Amsterdam, CT. She had retired in 1978 as a catalog librarian at the Kalamazoo Public Library. She leaves two sons, including Peter Kalam, BS '90, and five grandchildren.

David R. Hiltunen, BS '68, died September 1 in Kalamazoo. She was a social worker at Gypoyn Lodge, Wisconsin. He leaves his wife, one daughter, three sons, six grandchildren, four sisters, and one brother.

Verna Soops Holcomb, BS '69, died July 21 in Kalamazoo. She was a teacher in Holton for thirty-eight years, and leaves her husband, Harwood Holcomb, BS '66, MA, of Benton Harbor; one son, James A. Holcomb, BS '90; one daughter, CT; and two grandchildren.

Thomas W. Stock, BBA '69, MBA '73, died August 20 in Paw Paw. He leaves his parents and one brother.

Robyn Luster Trice, BA '72, died of injuries August 2 when her bicycle was struck by a car in Allendale. She had headed the mathematics and science department at Noble High School, Detroit. She leaves her parents, one great-grandmother, one sister, and one brother.

Alene Smiler, BS '74, BA '84, and her father-in-law, Calvin Miley, were killed September 5 in Ottawa County when a car crossed the median and struck their pickup truck. Smiler was a teacher in the Kenwood schools' Volleyball Middle School.

Melyanne Smiler, BA '86, MS '92, of Kalamazoo, is survived by her husband, two brothers; two parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

1975-84

Charles Baker, MA '75, died June 9 in Grand Haven where he was a teacher. He leaves one daughter, one son, and his mother.

Albert Colson, MPA '77, died May 25 in Fishersville. He had retired last March as

Detroit plane crash victims remembered

Two Western alumni died in the August 16 crash in Michigan that killed 255, which minutes before had taken off from Detroit on its way to Arizona. Randy Hoffman, BS '82, had moved to Prescott, Arizona, in 1985 and worked in sales at a car dealership. Hoffman, twenty-three, had returned home to Saline to attend his family reunion and a friend's wedding.

Former Department of Biology chair dies

Claurence J. Goodnight, who retired in 1984 after nineteen years as a faculty member in the Department of Biology, died August 9 in Kalamazoo. He joined Western in 1965 and served as department chair for ten years. He retired as a professor emeritus of biology.

Considered an expert in ecology, taxonomy, and limnology, Goodnight was a member of numerous conservation and scientific organizations, including the Benthological Society of North America, which he served as president of the American Microscopical Society, which he served in 1971 as president. Goodnight earned a J.D. as well as a masters' and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois. He taught at Purdue University, as well as at several colleges, before joining Western's faculty.

Clarence Goodnight

Along with being the author of several textbooks on biology and zoology, he also wrote more than 200 papers. He remained active during his retirement, continuing his research on the opilionid fauna of Central America and his work with the state of Michigan on Muskegon's wastewater treatment ponds. He also taught last fall as a temporary instructor at Albion College.

Longtime tennis coach Ray "Hap" Sorensen dead at seventy-nine

Longtime men's tennis coach Ray "Hap" Sorensen died August 22 at the age of eighty-nine as a result of heart failure.

Sorensen coached the Broncos from 1956 through 1972 and won fourteen Mid-American Conference championships, a league record for a coach in any sport. His squads won consecutive titles from 1954 through 1965. In the process, he coached forty-seven players who won MAC individual titles, including nine in the No. 1 singles flight, and twenty-three doubles teams which earned similar honors, including twelve at No. 1.

Under Sorensen's Western had a 401-150 dual match mark while facing sixty-nine Big Ten and twenty-nine Southeastern Conference opponents. Three current coaches in the MAC—Western's Jack Vredelt, Bowling Green State University's Bob Gill, and Indiana University's Bill Richards—played for Hap as undergraduates.

"I'll really miss a lot, not only because he was my coach but also a great friend who I saw on a weekly basis," Vredelt said. "He always came to our matches and was our most loyal fan. The fact that he was well thought of by his former players is evidenced by the fact that many of them sent gifts to the Gary Athletic Fund in his memory."

A native of Elkhart, Indiana, Sorensen was a tennis star at Western (1930-32). He won two Michigan Intercollegiate doubles titles and was unbeaten in 1930 and 1931 single play. After graduation he returned to Elkhart to coach that city's high school squad for fourteen years, winning ten Northern Indiana titles.

In 1979, Sorensen was selected for membership in the WUH Hall of Fame. On June 19, 1982, the varsity tennis courts were named in his honor and the city of Kalamazoo designated the day Raymond F. "Hap" Sorensen Day.

Sracehship created in honor of Maher

A scholarship fund has been established in the name of Robert "Hap" Maher, former chair of the Department of Anthropology, who died in March, 1968. He worked as an industrial psychologist for Intel Corporation. He had spent the previous two weeks in Western Europe vacating with his mother and brother before returning to Michigan to attend a wedding.

Twenty-seven-year-old Steve Bronson, B.S. '52, M.A. '54, was originally from Grosse Pointe Park. He was returning to Chandler, Arizona, when a car crashed into a telephone pole, killing him.

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