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Gilmore Foundation gives $2 million for Laura Shaw Theatre

While Western's student actors have been working to dress up their performances, Western has been working to dress up its main theatre facility.

Now, thanks to a $2 million gift from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation of Kalamazoo, the University can proceed with plans to construct an addition to the Laura V. Shaw Theatre.

The theatre, built in 1967, houses classrooms, an experimental theatre-performance laboratory, a properties/new materials laboratory, a design studio, a seminar room, and faculty offices.

"We're excited about the opportunities that this very generous gift will provide our Department of Theatre students, faculty, and staff in the College of Fine Arts," President Diether H. Haenicke said. "We at Western are extremely grateful for the financial, as well as moral support, that Mr. Gilmore so generously gave to our performing arts during his lifetime. His interest helped serve as a catalyst for many others, and now his legacy continues to foster excellence."

Dr. D. Terry Williams, professor of theatre and chairperson of the theatre department, noted that faculty and students annually present approximately fifty performances to more than 10,000 audience members. The department, which consists of eleven faculty and staff members, eighty-six student majors, and approximately fifty student minors, offers preprofessional and theatre education degrees.

When Shaw Theatre was built, a funding shortfall limited the amount of space that could be built into the facility. In addition, Williams noted that the number of theatre majors has more than quadrupled since the late 1960s and there has been a significant increase in the number of students choosing theatre as a minor and choosing to take theatre courses for other reasons.

Williams said the new space will enable the Department of Theatre to accomplish five goals. Enlarging the facility will increase opportunities for better performance training for student actors and directors; will provide design and technical students with sophisticated space, materials, and equipment to practice their craft; and will alleviate the serious lack of adequate rehearsal space for University Theatre productions. Also, he said, the addition will provide patrons with the latest in experimental, state-of-the-art theatre productions and will provide faculty and staff with needed office/studio space.

To illustrate the need for the new addition, Williams reported that most theatre classes currently are being conducted in non-performance spaces, such as Brown Hall, Shaw Theatre's Green Room, and even in lobby areas. Western has a rich history and tradition of presenting first-rate theatre productions and producing talented performers, Williams said. From its inaugural season of two one-act plays in 1966, the annual program has

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Special reunion brings sisters together after decades-long separation

Two sisters, both alumnae, met each other last October for the first time in sixty-two years, thanks to the efforts of Russell Strong.

Jane Britton Smith, B.A. '50, had contacted Strong at Western seeking information about her natural sister, Joan Dodd, B.A. '46, M.A. '53. Strong, who retired January 1 as director of the Office of Alumni and Developmental Research, came through, supplying an address where Smith could write to Dodd's long-lost sister. Smith's search began last summer when she found a letter her sister's adoptive mother had written to Dodd's cousin. At that point Smith contacted the University for assistance and received the help she needed to get in touch with her sister, who is now living in Muskegon.

The two held a reunion in Lansing, spending the afternoon sharing pictures and talking about their experiences. Smith's husband observed the scene and was struck by how the two talked and laughed alike. As it turns out, they also have their professions in common—both were school teachers. Dodd retiring in 1981 and Smith in 1986. Working together, the sisters hope to find other members of their birth family and to learn why the family split up. Their natural parents were Katherine and Howell Pierce of Richland.

Now that they've become reacquainted, the sisters talk with each other often and keep the postal carriers busy. They also had a second reunion when Dodd visited the Smiths at their winter residence in Palmetto, Florida. Not forgetting Western in all of this, the visit was timed so that the sisters could attend the February 18 alumni gathering in Bradenton, Florida.

Colorado alumni are on the move

More than 50 alumni gathered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, January 23 to cheer on the Colorado hockey team. Following the game, alumni director Jamie Jeremy updated graduates on campus happenings by presenting a slide show. Below (top): during the post-game get-together, associate hockey coach Tom Newton, right, visited with, from left, Mark, Betty, B.S. '69, and Jim Marzono of Littleton.

Above: also enjoying the evening were, from left, Sara, Andrea, John, B.A. '16, M.A. '71, and Jason York of Broomfield, and Dave, B.B.A. '68, and Mary Miller, B.A. '14, of Springs. The January event was the fourth gathering for our Colorado alumni in the last few months.

Former Western student goes to the Grammies

KalamaZoo native Narada Michael Walden, who attended Western in 1970, took Producer of the Year honors at Grammy Awards for non-classical music at this year's Grammy Awards held March 2 in New York City.

Walden began his music career at Western, attending the University on a scholarship named for Martin Luther King Jr. Although he left school after three semesters, the singer-songwriter-musician-producer has saluted the MLK Program for assisting him in becoming aware of his black heritage, while at the same time giving him a chance to obtain a college education that he may not otherwise have had.

Walden produced No. 1 hits for Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Narada Michael Walden, and the ever-changing Chapter 5. His best-selling duet with partners in crime, Konnie, and Bobbie, "You've Got A Friend," won him the coveted Grammy for best country performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. Walden won his first Grammy in 1986 for co-writing Franklin's hit "Freeway Of Love." He also wrote a song called "Swapped In" for Western's Gold Company this year, which the group performed for the first time at its annual spring concert. See related Gold Company story on this page.

"He offered the song as a gift when he was in KalamaZoo in September," said Stephen Zegree, Gold Company director. "The next thing I know I received a cassette with lyrics through the mail." Zegree said that Walden also is working on a classic piece for the Cold Company Singers, another group that Zegree directs. "I thought he was a little surprised at how much Western's music program has changed since he was here," Zegree said, "and he was very impressed by the new recording studio. We're looking forward to a long music-writing association with him.

Gold Company celebrates its tenth anniversary

Gold Company added a new twist to its annual show February 20 in Miller Auditorium as past members from as far away as Washington and Florida returned to celebrate the group's tenth anniversary.

"Having (the alumni) there for the show was really terrific," said Stephen Zegree, Gold Company director. "The best thing was the fact that so many of them made a big effort to be there."

In planning the show, Zegree started contacting the group's alumni last summer. The planning paid off, with forty Gold Company veterans from across the country participating in the event. The alumni put together their numbers during a rehearsal Friday night before the show. Afterward a reception was held in their honor at the Hilton Inn in KalamaZoo.

During the show, the alumni sang "A Medley of Medleys" in combination with the current members. The medley featured chosen moments from medleys the group has performed in the past about commercial jingles, disco tunes, sixties music, and other topics. The alumni were also featured in an arrangement of "Georgia on My Mind" by Gene Puerling. The reunion brought back memories of past performances for Zegree, who has developed Gold Company since he inherited it in 1978 when it was the Variety Vaquhounds.

Since that time, the group has received several awards, including winning Downbeat magazine's Outstanding Performance Award for college vocal ensembles five years in a row. Besides its annual Miller show, Gold Company travels extensively in the United States and Canada performing at conventions, jazz festivals, Disneyland, and numerous high schools, colleges, and concert halls. It also does occasional studio work, such as cutting record albums, making demonstration recordings for music publishing companies, and recording radio and television commercials. The current group has just finished a week-long tour of Michigan and surrounding states.

With the 1989 Miller concert, scheduled for February 18, are already underway. Zegree noted that this year's performance sold out earlier than usual and this will probably be the case next year. The group's annual concert has been added to the Miller Auditorium Patron's Choice Series, and tickets for the series go on sale this summer.

Catch the wave; show your Western pride at Homecoming

This summer's Homecoming celebration of Western Pride—Catch the Wave—will feature Western alumni and friends should mark October 1, 1988, on their calendars for this year's Homecoming celebration of Western Pride—Catch the Wave. To show their Western pride alumni, faculty, staff, and emeriti will gather in the Bernhard Student Center for the annual indoor tailgate and champagne brunch sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association. Then it's off to Waldo Stadium for the 1:00 p.m.

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Appointment made for Upjohn Chair

An internationally known scholar, Dr. Roger Y. W. Tang, has been appointed to fill Western's Upjohn Chair of Business Administration in Accountancy.

Tang is currently associate professor of accounting and chair of the accounting area with the faculty of management at Calgary University in Alberta, Canada. His appointment as a full professor with tenure is effective July 1.

"The selection of Dr. Tang to fill this distinguished post represents the very successful conclusion of an extensive international search," President Dieter H. Haenicke has said.

"He is an established scholar with an excellent research and publication record. Thanks to The Upjohn Company's generous support and our program quality, we were able to attract him here." Dr. Theodore Cooper, chair and chief executive officer of the Upjohn Company, said his company is also pleased with the appointment and Tang "will add value to an already strong academic program. American industry depends on institutions of higher learning to provide the business leaders of tomorrow." Tang's major interest is multi-national transfer pricing, which also is a major interest of The Upjohn Company.

Computer center to replace Maybee

Maybee Hall, home of Western's School of Music from 1949 until the opening of the Dalton Center in 1982, will be readied soon to make way for a new computer center.

The Board of Trustees in January approved a recommendation for the building's demolition, rather than continue with plans to renovate the hall so it could house the University's Academic Computer Center and other offices.

The recommendation was made by the WBDC Group, the Grand Rapids architectural firm which was to do the renovation and which is also renovating and expanding nearby Waldo Library.

"It is our professional opinion that Maybee Hall cannot meet the requirements of a new, modern computer center within a reasonable budget," said Robert E. Self, vice president of the WBDC Group, in a recent letter.

The building is named for the late Harper C. Maybee, head of the music department at Western from 1923 to 1946. His name will remain associated with Western through the music and dance library in the Dalton Center, which is named for him.

The new building housing the computer center has been combined with the $15 million Waldo Library project, which was announced in the February 1986 issue of the Westerner. The computer center will cost about $7 million and will be attached to the library by a walkway.

When completed, the new facility will house the academic computer center; Project EXCITE, the University's academic computer initiative; administrative data processing; the new campus telecommunications system now being installed; and microcomputer laboratories.

Tang will be rated at about the same time the construction begins on the combined library/computer center project, which could be as early as fall of 1988.

Three honored at April commencement

More than 1,670 students received their degrees April 23 during Western's winter commencement exercises. In addition, one honorary degree and two Distinguished Service Awards were presented.

State Rep. Morris Hood, Jr. (D-Detroit), received an honorary doctor of laws degree. Hood was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1979. He is currently a member of the House Appropriations Committee and chair of his Higher Education Subcommittee. He also serves on the Ways and Means Subcommittee that handles the budgets for the departments of labor, commerce, and licensing and regulation. Hood is the host of the successful Martin Luther King Jr. /Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks legislative initiative to provide Michigan's public institutions of higher education special support for a four-part program: doctoral fellowships, visiting professors, a college visitation day, and scholarships for minority students.

He was present on Western's campus in October 1986, when the University became the first institution to award King/C Chavez/Parks doctoral fellowships.

Receiving Distinguished Service Awards were Dean R. Tyndall, professor of occupational therapy, and Christine G. Zimmer, administrator of University Wellness Programs. Both were recognized for their dedicated service to Western and their respective fields, as well as their related activities in the community and state.

Tang was appointed as a faculty member since 1955. He was part of a small group at the University that developed the first graduate program in occupational therapy in the United States in 1959.

Zimmer began working at Western in 1979 as a health educator. In 1985 she was named administrator of wellness programs. Her duties have included overseeing programs for students and for faculty and staff.

Trustees, legislators cite Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate celebrated two anniversaries and six decades of faculty participation in University governance at its annual dinner April 14 when it was honored with resolutions by the Board of Trustees and the Michigan Legislature.

This year the Senate is observing the sixtieth anniversary of its predecessor organization, the Faculty Council, as well as its own thirtieth anniversary. Dr. Stanley S. Roblin, professor of sociology, is the Senate's current president.

The Board of Trustees' resolution was presented to the Senate by Vice President for Academic Affairs Carol A. Waskiewicz of Kalamazoo. It stated that the board "is pleased to recognize, with pleasure and respect, both the sixtieth and the thirtieth anniversaries of the University's Faculty Senate and to thank all those members who have served and continue to serve this University by providing wisdom and counsel to the University's Board of Trustees and exemplary leadership for their faculty colleagues."

Rep. Mary Brown (R-Kalamazoo) and Sen. Haron Cropsey (R- Decatur) presented the Senate with the special tribute from the legislature. The tribute was signed by them and Reps. Donald H. Glimmer (R-Augusta) and Paul Wartner (R-Portage), and Sen. Jack Welborn (R-Parchment).

"This outstanding organization has served the University superbly," the tribute said. "May all who currently serve in the Western Senate and those who have in the past know of our deep gratitude for their impressive leadership and dedicated work."

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Generosity of those who give, for which we are extremely grateful.

Seven of the twelve scholarships are newly established, while the remainder are renewals of awards established four years ago.

One of the new scholarships was created by the late Barbara Waldo Brown of Kalamazoo, who endowed a scholarship in the name of her father, the late Dwight B. Waldo, first president of the University. It is designated for a student in the Honors College. The other new scholarships were created by Harold and Beulah McKeef of Parchment, who endowed their third scholarship; Dr. Merze Tate of Washington, Beulah McKee of Parchment, who endowed their third scholarship; Dr. Merze Tate of Washington, Beulah McKee of Parchment, who endowed their third scholarship; the University's President Dieter H. Haenicke said in announcing the newest awards. "It also reflects the University's appreciation for the years of service and dedication provided by these honored friends."
Bronco basketball heavyweight inducted into Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame

It’s impossible to look through Western’s all-time basketball records without encountering the name Manny Newsome. Now this name also will appear on the roster of charter members of the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame.

The league’s first commissioner, along with one representative from each of the nine MAC schools, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame May 23. The school representatives were selected by a committee of news media members from a list of nominees provided by the institutions.

During his Bronco career from 1962 to 1964, “Marvelous Manny” scored more than 550 points in each of his three seasons (freshmen were not eligible) to place him second on the MAC career scoring list among three-year players.

Newsome, now dean of students at the University of Toledo, led the Bronco squad by pumping in 1,786 points, almost 400 points more than any other cadre in the school’s history.

In addition, he established a career record for field goals (729) and per-game scoring (26.3), was second in free throw shooting (.824), and turned in a .471 field goal percentage. He twice had forty-five-point, single-game performances, which ranked as school marks at the time.

Once considered by collegiate scouts as “too small for big-time basketball,” the five-foot, ten-inch guard was runner-up his senior year, despite turning in his best overall year. It took a MAC record pace by Bowling Green State University’s Howard Ronkeros, a former Detroit Piston, to dethrone Newsome in 1964. Both men waged a fierce battle for national scoring honors that winter, with Newsome in the lead until suffering an injury to his shooting hand midway through the season. He ended up third in the final totals.

In his last year, Newsome averaged 23.7 points in twenty games and threw in 202 field goals, both of which remain single-season records at Western. He earned All-MAC honors during all of his varsity seasons to become the second Bronco ever to accomplish this feat. He was selected first team All-America as a senior.

Much of Newsome’s success can be attributed to a rigorous daily training program consisting of both roadwork and shooting, regardless of season or weather. That kind of dedication earned him several honors in addition to those noted in the record books. The Kalamazoo City Commission declared March 2, 1964, in Newsome’s honor.

Moreover, Western retired his uniform number 50 and in 1974 included him among the second group of inductees into the University’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

Road trip planned to kick off 1988 Bronco football season

The Alumni Association will be on the road to Madison, Wisconsin, to kick off the exciting 1988 football season.

Plan to join alumni and friends from Michigan, Wisconsin, Chicago, and Minneapolis on September 2 and 3 when they gather to cheer on the Broncos.

Fans will unite in downtown Madison Friday, September 2, to discuss this year’s season and rally support for the team.

A section of rooms has been reserved at The Inn on the Park Hotel, and the excitement will continue to build with a pre-game brunch at the hotel at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 3.

It’s on to Camp Randall Stadium to cheer for the Broncos in their season opener against the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers.

Three packages are being offered for the Wisconsin trip, the Bronco package, the Brown package, and the Gold package.

The Bronco package includes a double-occupancy room Friday night, two brunch tickets, and two game tickets. The approximate cost is $112.

The Brown package includes a single-occupancy room Friday night, one brunch ticket, and one game ticket. It will cost about $70.

The Gold package, which includes a brunch and game ticket, will cost about $27.

Transportation is available from Kalamazoo to Madison on Friday and back home after the game Saturday. The approximate cost is $35 per person. Bronco fans in certain areas are arranging car pools and caravans.

For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (616) 387-6179 or write to: Madison Road Trip, WMU Alumni Association, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3854.
Filmmakers fulfill their dream with a little help from their friends

Horror reigned in Kalamazoo for five weeks last August when two alumni returned to town with a mad scientist and a chilling tale to tell. When the five weeks were over, theatre majors Robin Nuyen, B.F.A. '79, and Richard Gasparian, B.F.A. '80, had realized their dream of making their first full-length feature film—Housesitter.

Together, they wrote the script, and produced and directed the movie. In addition, Gasparian acted in the film, along with several Department of Theatre faculty members and students, other alumni, and Kalamazoo residents.

Gasparian described Housesitter as a comic horror movie where a mad science professor tries to get a smart medical student, played by Gasparian, to help him with experiments on human brains.

The two men, along with Nuyen's brother Marc, a Seattle concert promoter, and New York attorney Andrew Hall, formed Production, Inc. so they could produce the picture.

The film, with a projected budget of half a million dollars, was originally written for a California setting. But both men decided to shoot their picture in Kalamazoo because the script required a college town setting, and the movie could look like a big budget production for less money.

"People were telling Richard and I, "it's going to cost you two million dollars and nine weeks in production to make this movie," Nuyen said during an interview last fall after finishing the filming. "We made it in five weeks for quite a bit less. I think it looks like a two million dollar picture."

Nuyen, who was born and raised in Kalamazoo, originally chose to attend Western because his girlfriend didn't want to leave town. Later he saw a play on campus, which reinforced his decision to enter the theatre program.

"I was impressed with the theatre productions, even though I didn't know much about theatre at the time," he said while sitting in the almost empty living room of the Astel Street house which served as Production's Kalamazoo headquarters. "Western gave me a great background in theatre training. What I really wanted to do is what I'm doing now. But there isn't a program there (at Western) that is on how to be an independent feature film maker."

That didn't stop Nuyen, however. He augmented his theatre training by taking some film classes that helped with the production aspects of movie making and some business classes that helped in forming the corporation.

Gasparian grew up in Southfield and came to Western intending to major in psychology. "I was cast in the first play I tried out for," he said in a separate interview adding that he never took a psychology class, but did take every theatre class the department had to offer.

"I have fond memories of a very nurturing, safe environment," he said about Western. "You got to do anything you wanted, and it was okay. There were nice sets and nice costumes, some with far trim. The real world was a slap in the face—coffee can lights."

Gasparian and Nuyen became friends while attending Western, but went their separate ways after graduation, meeting up again later in first New York and then Los Angeles.

"We lived together in a basement (in New York). That's where Basement Productions comes from."

Both men have written scripts and acted in the theatre, soap operas, and motion pictures, in addition to working various jobs between parts. It was in Los Angeles, while the two were working as production assistants at Twentieth Century Fox that the inspiration for Housesitter hit them. "We were strolling around the studio one day and saw a hairdryer and mentioned to each other that it would make a great brain transformer in an old 1950s science fiction film," Nuyen said. "We kind of laughed, went home that day, and started writing it."

The two quit their jobs, moved out to the desert, and wrote the first draft working day and night, while at the same time producing a short sixteen-millimeter film called J-D Witness.

Although they wanted to use Western to shoot exterior shots for Housesitter, Gasparian said they ran into problems with scheduling, so they couldn't use the University for scenes. Shots that needed a college background were filmed at Kalamazoo College. Some scenes for the movie were filmed in Western's Shaw Theater, where a science laboratory was set up on stage using science equipment from the physics department.

The movie also used the basement of Kalamazoo's State Theater as an insane asylum and the Bourbon Street Restaurant for some bar scenes.

"I love Kalamazoo, and I wanted to come home and make a movie," Nuyen said. "There are advantages financially to coming back here because there are a lot of people willing to get involved for very little money, be very supportive, and be part of a film."

The majority of the film takes place in the landmark Henderson Castle, a three-story, twenty-room mansion that comes complete with a turret and is located on the West Main hill by Kalamazoo College.

"Originally the play was planned for a suburban house, but the castle was offered to us," Gasparian said. "It really brought the production value of the picture up and promoted Kalamazoo. Anyone who knows Kalamazoo knows the castle."

Among those starring in the film are theatre professors David Karsten, Lyda Stillwell, and Vernon Stillwell. Other alumni, numerous students, and community residents played smaller parts, did production work, and served as extras.

The lead roles were written specifically for Karsten and the Stillwells. Nuyen said, "It was very exciting to direct people that were once your professors," he added, especially when I heard things coming out of my mouth that were word for word what they would say as a director."

Friendships that he and Gasparian made while studying at Western contributed to the film. "People from Los Angeles, Seattle, and New York came back to Kalamazoo to make this movie with other people from Western." Nuyen said. "This picture has Western Michigan University written all over it."

Passion for the work and the movie is what both men make a picture work. "The biggest thing was keeping that passion up on long days where there were no days off, an occasional cold meal, and no milk for the coffee," Nuyen said.

But the hardest part was maintaining a sense of unity while combining one hundred people, including some professionals from Los Angeles, with enthusiastic people who had never before worked on a movie. Nuyen said, Gasparian added that many people compounded their difficulties by continually telling them they couldn't make the movie. "We were always fighting the negative," he said. "People would say, 'you're on a suicide mission'. They didn't believe we could do it, but we made it happen and pushed it forward."

At times, both Gasparian and Nuyen confessed they found it hard to believe too. "I would stop and look around and say, 'we're making a movie.' It was sort of unbelievable," Gasparian said.

"When I saw the size of the grip truck and the amount of equipment the first day, I was very elated, and at the same time I was very scared," Nuyen said. "I didn't realize how huge the whole project was."

After filming, Gasparian had good feelings about the movie. "I hope the film is successful," he said. "But if it's not a commercial success, it certainly could be a cult movie. There is a lot of passion in it—the type that goes into making a good movie."

Currently in post-production, the film is slated to premiere this spring at the State Theatre in Kalamazoo. --by Pati Gillum, '88
On the road with 'Doc'  

George Mallinson  

On the road with 'Doc'  

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Every large organization needs a few movers and shakers: go-getters who make things happen because of their intellect, energy, and creativity. George Mallinson, also known as 'The Travlin' Man,' was one of Western's major movers and shakers. The seventy-year-old distinguished professor earned his place of fame and fortune. Mallinson's career at Western started in 1948-49 when he was hired as an associate professor of psychology and science education and as acting head of the psychology department. But he's best remembered for his accomplishments while serving as dean of The Graduate College, a position he held from 1955 to 1977.

Mallinson's hard work and creativity were limited not only to contributing to Western's academic growth, however. He also exhibited the same energy and ingenuity in contributing to its cultural growth. 'I had always been very interested in jazz,' he says. 'My father, Cyrus, had been a jazz pianist. ... But at any rate, I found myself in early 1954 in a position to foster jazz music in the Kalamazoo area. I was dean of Western's summer session, another one of those temporary ad-hoc positions that I always found myself in.' Mallinson remembered the jazz greats his father had played with and thought it would be a good idea to bring some of them to Kalamazoo during the summer. The idea led to a successful series of summer performances. Although things are quieter these days, the two remember when their Kendall Avenue home seemed like Grand Central Station. 'Doc's place,' as their recreation room was dubbed by friends and associates, opened for business in 1956, two years after the Mallinsons were married. For years it was the watering hole where Western's leading lights could exchange some camaraderie and stories, and rub elbows with notables like great jazz musicians and high-level government bureaucrats.

Numerically known as one of the best programs for the visually impaired, it got off the ground around 1959-60 when Mallinson was working with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hines, Illinois, to develop occupational therapy programs and business administration internships. The hospital director was interested in setting up a joint program for blind services and asked if Western had a program underway in this kind of special education. 'If we had, and it was a pretty good one,' Mallinson says. 'To be truthful, I wasn't completely cognizant of the local situation, but I did know that Western was being offered a tremendous opportunity ... in order to get in on the ground floor, Mallinson received the blessing of then President Paul Sangren and implanted the hospital's unique long-cane program at Western. ... what gave me so much personal satisfaction is that Western was regarded in Washington as being on the cutting edge of rehabilitation for the visually impaired,' Mallinson says. 'We had the only finger on the long-cane technique in providing it to the civilian sector.'

But Mallinson didn't stop there. His interest in getting in on the ground floor led him to help establish Western's physician assistant program before other schools in Michigan. Once that program was in place, Mallinson lent a hand in Western's effort to provide graduate training for substance abuse professionals. Once again, his contacts in Washington came in handy, and the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse became a reality.

Thousands of miles later, Mallinson and his faculty and administration colleagues had developed a stable of post- graduate programs. Mallinson seemed to have a knack for figuring out what was available and which decision-makers could help Western get involved. He maneuvered through the federal and state bureaucracies, cashing in markers, and doing what seemed impossible at the time. Among his major accomplishments were arranging for Western to offer five graduate fellowships before it was eligible to offer them and beating out thirty-five other institutions all vying for an electron-volt Van de Graaf accelerator at the Argonne National Nuclear Research Laboratory. He also managed to work out a deal with a federal agency in Chicago to acquire a central processing computer for Western. Just as importantly, he was able to secure apace funding to pay for three bricks-and-mortar projects needed to house Western's science programs.

'We had to pull some rather interesting strings,' Mallinson recalls. 'For example, the rules were that a school could only put forward for approval one proposal for one building, and we really needed three. ... So I told the powers that we were using them to computer and calculator, which we were. Thus, it amounts to being a single-science complex.

'That was a shot in the dark. You know what? Somebody bought it and I never really asked who or why. You never ask questions about things which you really don't want to hear the answers,' he says. 'That was the 'in thing' back then,' he says. 'Big science was the buzz word. I just took advantage of it. I guess you could call me a hustler.'

Just when things seemingly were going smoothly, in came the proverbial monkey wrench. 'All of this funding was supposed to become available by March of 1966. ... Then, I got a letter saying that the funding could only be held until 1965. Instead of a matter of months, we had to be ready with all the work in a matter of days.

The "we" turned out to be Mallinson and his partner in many other professional endeavors--his wife, Jackie, the former Jacqueline V. Robb, an administrator of science education at Western. The two took a short "vacation" and put together the complicated documentation.

Mallinson solicited money from, as he puts it, "all over." He was no stranger to Washington, D.C., or Lansing, especially during the 1950s and 1960s when Western was developing its own graduate program.

In 1950 the school offered only one master's degree--an education degree. Western was linked to the University of Michigan and the degree came from Ann Arbor, not Kalamazoo. In 1951, however, the situation started to change and Western was authorized to offer its own master's in education.

During a previous gathering of Western colleagues at "Doc's Place," memories and good cheer were shared by, from left, Dr. Donald Blasco, director of the Evaluation Center; Dr. James W. Miller, president emeritus; Donald Blasco, president emeritus; Dr. Larry T. Seibert, president emeritus; and Harry A. Petty, retired manager of grants and contracts.
Theatre gift
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grown to five or six full-length, fully-staged productions, plus a studio series and numerous one-act plays and scenes. Hundred of playwrights and plays representing every genre of theatre production have been presented on Western's stages. Improvisational, musical, black, and traditional, children's theatre have been staged along with favorite classics, operas, comedies, tragedies, avant-garde and poetic works, and new and unproduced plays.

Construction of the new addition is expected to begin during 1989, with completion planned for the fall of 1990. Gilmore, an arts supporter and civic leader, was chairperson of the board of Kalamazoo's Gilmore Brothers department store when he died in January 1986. The foundation is to support community initiatives that sustain or improve cultural, social, or economic life in greater Kalamazoo.

Printing center dedication
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Western's new Printing Management and Research Center drew a crowd during dedication ceremonies March 25. The center, located in Welborn Hall, will serve undergraduate students, industrial clients seeking research facilities, and seminar participants in paper and printing. Its completion makes Western the only University in the nation with an operating pilot plant in both printing and paper.

Several physical improvements slated for campus
A number of physical changes are set to take place on Western's campus in the coming months as a result of several contracts approved by the Board of Trustees in April.

The contracts focus on three projects: the renovation of four buildings in the University's Elmwood Apartments at a cost of $1,289,663; the expansion of the University's Auditorium at a cost of $353,454.

The project will include new roofs, synthetic plastic exteriors, new doors and windows, steel stairs and handrails, new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, new bathrooms, fire sprinkler systems, new lighting and new furnishings.

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Robert B. Howland, '57, retired as principal of Pickford High School after thirty years of service.

Carroll A. Jensen, '57, MA '52, was named Michigan Intercollegiate Golf Coach of the Year for 1987. He has been coach of the Battle Creek Lakeview High School for many years and this past year he was honored with the only B. Davis title, but also the state class B title.

Marcia MacKain Stoddard, '82, has been the title of the honors colonel in the Army National Guard of New Jersey. She is a library and media specialist for the Illinois State Board of Education. Springfield. She edited a book that was published in 1987 entitled School Library Management Notebook, and also was selected as a master teacher at Land Community College.

Ronald L. Cutler, 'BBA', 1984, has been named vice president of sales and marketing for North America and the Semiconductor Systems for TRW Inc. He resides in Bloomfield Hills.

Alumni Association is seeking information about ‘lost’ members of the Class of 1963

The Alumni Association will host a silver reunion anniversary for the Class of 1963 in conjunction with the 1988 Homecoming festivities.

Class members will join other alumni Saturday, October 1, for nuances Homecoming activities. Saturday evening class members will gather for a special reunion dinner.

Reunion details will be mailed to class members in August. A reunion committee, comprised of John Strayer, Michael Bennion, Sharon (Huntall) Norris, Bill Badger, Erka Ann (Vogt) Ellis, George and Helen (Ector) Waters, and Bill Waring, is working with the Office of Alumni Relations on plans for this special occasion.

Over the years, the alumni office has lost track of many of them. Listed on page are class members for whom there is no current address. Your help is needed in locating these individuals so they, too, will receive notification of the reunion.

Please send any information you have to Western Michigan University, Alumni Relations Office, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3854.

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Bonnie Sue (Maine) Adams
Norma Lee (Rice) Arnold
Charles J. Adkins
Susan G. (Moores) Allen
Light Wiley Allensworth
Gloria Ann Allsbrook
Carla Gall (Kofahl) Altemus
Laurence Eugene Sedgley
Helen Dubey Baker
John R. Baker
Sonya R. Balm
Bruce A. Bann
Evelyn Ann Bartlett
Gardner Na Hazel (Leub) Bartl
John Henry Baker
Janice M. Baxley
Jeanne L. Beal
Jean Marie Benoit
John Charles Bernath
David B. Berquist
Jean Charlotte Berquist
Joanne Helen (Beran) Hansen
Richard Karl Koehn
Michael Kyran Mulready
Marie Jo (Hardy) Vanselow
Wayne Harry Buddemier
Helene Miriam (Labrecque)
A. Baron
A. Brock
Mary Jo (Hildyard-Green) Gary F. Hoff
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Curtiss
Barbara Jean Kisscomi, BBA '70,
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'S76. has
domed, maintains, manages, and develops
properties for use by Bronson Healthcare Group

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Jane Almose Allman, BS '73, was appointed
the President of the Van Houten School of Education
at Grand Valley State University.

Dr. Richard E. Root, MA '71, has been
nominated for the Board of Education
at Western Michigan University.

Robert Walter Grochow, Richard Joseph Cipri
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Charles M. Miller
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When we receive it, we also publish "head and shoulders" photographs

sent along with your alumni information, except for Advisors. Photographs are not used, however, if they are of poor technical quality or if space is limited. Black and white photographs are preferred. Color photographs reproduced when they are highly contrast and of exceptional quality.

Patricia J. Edwards, BS'81, MS'86, has joined the staff of High Key Psychological Consulting. Larry E. Engle, DE'81, has been named secretary of the Saginaw Intermediate Schools Board of Education.

John Q. Groff, III, BBA'66, has been named assistant vice president of Commercial Bank-Jackson.

Philip F. Kuzmenko, MPA, has been appointed head of the Metropolitan Transportation's Bureau of Urban and Public Transportation.

Stephen F. Kinney, BS'81, is now district manager for food stores and is located in Palm Desert.

Gary Kircher, BS'81, has joined the Holland Sentinel, Holland, as a reporter.

Joana芙ey Learner, MA'83, has been elected president of the Battle Creek Area International Relations Committee Inc.

Karen L. Clark, BBA '76, has been named assistant vice president of the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Richard A. Wells, BBA '74, is fiscal director of the National Bank of Detroit. He is president of Chandler Lee & Associates.

Karen M. Bowman, BBA '84, has been named controller of Peoples State Bank of St. Joseph. She is the women's volleyball coach at St. Joseph.

Michael A. Lester, BBA '81, is now branch manager of Resolution Trust.

Joanna Leamer, MA '81, has been named associate director of the American Health Planning Association of Michigan.

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Mary Lee Goode, BS'82, has been promoted to assistant loan officer by National Bank of Detroit. She is located in Livonia. E. Engel, DEd '81, has been named an associate in the audit department for PricewaterhouseCoopers, Pittsburgh. He is a certified public accountant.

2nd Lt. Thomas Balaze, BS'82, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative management course at Lackland Air Force Base, TX.

Robert Heath, BS'82, has been named village officer manager in Nanticoke, PA.

Sylvia S. Miclea, Ph.D. '82, is director of administrative services, All-Phase Resort and Spa.

Denise A. Fleckenstein, BS'81, has been named assistant director for the Kalamazoo County Airport, winning tickets for future flights.

Jeanne M. Hebert, BS '81, is account officer by National Bank of Detroit. She is a certified public accountant.

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New Alumni Association life members

Stephen J. Gallo, BBA '50, was an Exchange Man of the Year for 1967 in Hastings.

Don Miller, BBA '57, has been promoted to director of retail banking at Breck & Co., a Northville investment firm.

Linda L. Hodel, BBA '82, has been named assistant vice president of the University of Michigan's alumni association.

David Kienes, BBA '57, has been promoted to director of retail banking at Breck & Co., a Northville investment firm.

College's football team and will also be head coach of men's tennis.

T. W. Walters, Ma '86, has been assistant principal at Northern Hills Middle School, Grand Rapids.

Dale W. Clark, BS '78, is teaching math and science at Ottawa County.

J. C. Tietz, BBA '83, has been named an assistant professor of accounting at the University of Michigan in 1972. She teaches her daughter, two granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters.

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