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 (Continued on page 8)
Among Alumni

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. Dodd, B.A. ’46, M.A. ’53. Strong, who retired January 1 as director of the Office of Alumni and Development Research, came through, supplying an address where Smith could write her long-lost sister.

Smith’s search began last summer when she found a letter her sister’s adoptive mother had written to her own adoptive mother when the girls were young. The letter, sent from Granger, Indiana, asked whether the sisters could become acquainted. Although Smith’s mother kept the letter, she vetoed the idea of the two getting together.

When Smith discovered the letter, her husband, Jim, encouraged her to contact Dodd’s adoptive mother. The letter was returned, however, as was a subsequent letter she wrote 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 talk and laugh 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 150 alumni gathered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, January 23 to cheer on the 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 Marzonie of Littleton.

Above: also enjoying the evening were, from left, Sara, Andrea, John, B.A. ’68, M.A. ’71, and Jason Yellich of Brookfield, B.A. ’88, and Mary Sue B.S. ’68, of Lafayette. 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 for his first non-classical music album 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 have otherwise had.

Walden produced No. 1 hits for Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, and Starship last year. He also played a role in three other hits: "Huston’s ‘Wanna Dance With Somebody." Female Pop Vocal; Franklin’s "Aeries" album, Female Rhythm and Vocal; and Franklin’s and George Michael’s "I Know You Were Waiting for Me." Rhythm and Blues 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 "Swoopin’ 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.

"I offered the song as a gift when he was in Kalamazoo in September," said Stephen Zegree, Gold Company director. "The next thing I knew I received a cassette with lyrics through the mail."

Zegree said that Walden also is working on a classical piece for the College 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 the 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.

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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 Varsity Vagabonds.

Since that time, the group has received several awards, including winning Billboard 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.

Plans for next year’s 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

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 Activities Center for the annual indoor tailgate and champagne brunch, sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association.

Then it’s on to Waldo Stadium for the 6:00 p.m. football game against the Bowling Green Falcons. Western pride continues to shine into the evening with the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fetzer Business Development Center and other activities sponsored by various constituency groups.

Details, a reservation form, and a list of constituency group activities will appear in the August issue of the Westerner.
Appointment made for Upjohn Chair

An internationally known scholar, Dr. Roger 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. Haessig 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.

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 1976. He is currently a member of the House Appropriations Committee and chair of its Higher Education Subcommittee. He also is chair of the Repayment Subcommittee that handles the budgets for the departments of labor, commerce, and licensing and regulation.

Hood is the author of the successful Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks legislative initiative to provide Michigan’s public institutions of higher education special funding 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/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.

Trustees, legislature 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. Robin, professor of sociology, is the senate’s current president.

The Board of Trustees’ resolution was presented to the senate by Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Carol A. Wilson.

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 maybe 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 1932 to 1946. His name will remain associated with Western through the music and dance library in the Daltion 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.

Maybee will be razed soon to make way for a new computer center project, which could be as early as fall of 1988.
**Additional Medallion Scholarships available**

Twelve additional Medallion Scholarships have been established at Western, bringing the number of these prestigious awards to forty-one.

Now valued at $22,000 each over four years, the scholarships are part of what is regarded as one of the largest merit scholarship programs in American public higher education. The program was established in 1984 and the first Medallion recipients graduated this April.

"This remarkable scholarship program makes a statement of excellence about undergraduate education at Western," President Diether H. Haenicke said in announcing the newest awards. "It also reflects the 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, D.C., who also endowed her third scholarship; the University's Medallion Scholarship Special Events Committee; the 1938 Fiftieth Reunion Class; alumni at the Michigan Bell Telephone Company; and an individual donor in the name of the late William McKinley and Cornelia Robinson of Kalamazoo.

An existing scholarship in the name of McKinley and Robinson was also renewed. The remaining scholarships that were renewed were created by: First of America Bank for a student in business; the Howard and Howard law firm of Kalamazoo; The Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo and the University for a student in business; and Guido and Elizabeth Linda of Battle Creek.

The twelve students selected to receive the newest Medallion Scholarships, their home towns, and their intended academic programs at Western are: Lynn H. Chenesy of Fall River, Wisconsin, accountancy; Joyce E. Hinders of Torrance, California, theatre; David K. Redrow of Farrell, undecided; Corey A. Leon of Detroit, physics; Sandra E. Marble of Ann Arbor, education; David M. Witters of East Leroy, mathematics; and Karre Waalrath of Milford, theatre.

Annually, prospective Western students have the opportunity to compete for the $22,000 Medallion Scholarships, as well as for scholarships valued at $12,000, $8,000, $6,000, and $3,000 over four years, in a financial aid program worth $1 million. This year's on-campus scholarship competition was expanded from one day to two days better to accommodate the growing number of top high school students applying for the awards.

Nearly 580 students participated in the 1988 competition. As in other years, students were invited to participate if they had been admitted to Western by January 20, and had at least a 3.7 grade point average or at least a 3.5 grade point average and an American College Test score of at least 30. Criteria also included grades, courses taken, test scores, performance in the on-campus competition, scholarship leadership abilities, recommendations, and, in some cases, personal interviews.

Uncle Sam, as well as Western, provides benefits to volunteers

Many of our University's alumni and friends have, over the years, volunteered their services and their time to the University. Volunteering is in the best tradition of America, and a debt of gratitude for the benefits to which you are entitled. If you would like more information on volunteering, contact the University's Office of Volunteer Services.

You may deduct unreimbursed expenses that you incur in support of your volunteer work. For example, fares spent in going from home to the campus or other places where you render services are deductible as charitable donations as are meals, postage stamps, stationery, and similar out-of-pocket costs. If you use your car for transportation in your volunteer work, the gas, oil, tolls, parking, and similar costs are also deductible as charitable contributions. However, insurance and depreciation on your car are not deductible.

Alternatively, you may deduct twelve cents per mile in computing the costs of operating your car while doing volunteer work. If you use the optional twelve cents per mile, you may also deduct your unreimbursed parking and toll costs.

If you travel as a volunteer and must be away from home overnight, reasonable payments for meals and lodging, as well as your travel costs, are deductible. However, if there is a "significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation," in the travel, these expenses are not deductible.

The one item that you cannot deduct is the value of your services. If some of my fellow attorneys wished to volunteer their legal services, they would have the benefits to which they are entitled. If you would like more information about these benefits, please contact me at the WMU Foundation, Hillside East, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3855, (616) 387-6167.
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 charter slate of inductees into the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame. The photographs above show the former guard at various times in his career at Western, and (top) in his current career as dean of students at the University of Toledo.

It's not too late to donate to 1988 Gary fund campaign

Although Mike Gary Athletic Fund officials are still savoring their 1987 record-breaking campaign, they aren't resting on their laurels. The 1988 annual campaign is in full swing, and fund officials hope to top last year's record high of $455,500, which once again made the organization No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference in athletic fund raising.

The 1988 campaign kicked off April 20 and will conclude with a victory celebration May 25. More than 150 volunteers are working to secure cash and gift donations from Western's Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. This year's goals are to obtain $400,000 in cash donations, $25,000 in gifts from businesses and industry, $70,000 worth of "in-kind" gifts, and $20,000 in proceeds from the Homecoming Victory Run.

The 1987 total reflects $387,000 in cash donations, $16,300 in gifts from businesses and industry, $59,800 worth of "in-kind" gifts, and $11,500 in proceeds from the Homecoming Victory Run.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact the Gary fund by calling (616) 387-3100.

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. It's possible to look through Western's all-time basketball records without encountering the name Manny Newsome. Now this name also will appear on the charter slate of inductees into the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame. The photographs above show the former guard at various times in his career at Western, and (top) in his current career as dean of students at the University of Toledo.
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 Basement Productions, 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 Axtel Street house which served as Basement Productions' 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 fur 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.

Pointing to the company logo on his shirt, Gasparian said, "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 3-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."

Gasparian moved back to Los Angeles, where a science laboratory was set up on stage 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 Theater in Kalamazoo. --by Patti Gillum, '88
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 Travelin' Man," was one of Western's major movers and shakers. The seventy-year-old distinguished professor emeritus of blind rehabilitation, and as acting professor of psychology from 1964 to 1981, was 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. When Mallinson notes the first performer ruffled a few feathers.

Mallinson's hard work and creativity were not limited 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 also paid a high price in fulfilling his role as promoter and fund-raiser once he settled in as head of The Graduate College.

"I bet I was on the road 2,500 miles a week for those twenty years or so. I was out there promoting our school, and finding out where were Western could get some money and what new kinds of innovative programming our University could provide," he says. "Well, nobody ever really knew where I was half the time. Around campus, I was known as the 'dean in absentia.' But just about every time, I would come back with a wad of money, report in, then pack my bags and be off again."

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.

Thousands of miles later, Mallinson and his faculty and administration colleagues had developed a stable of post-graduate students. Mallinson seemed to have a knack for figuring out what was available and which decision-makers could help Western get the most. 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 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 locate funding to pay for three bricks-and-mortar projects needed to house Western's science education.

"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 going to try to outmaneuver with our computer and accelerator, 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. "Big science was the buzz word. I just took advantage of that. I guess you could call me a hustler."

Just when things finally seemed to be going smoothly, in 1965. Instead of a matter of months, we had to be ready with all the paperwork and a new building 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. Rehm of Ann Arbor, and an associate professor of science education at Western. The two took a short "vacation" and put together the complicated documentation.

What's up at Doc's Place?

George and Jackie Mallinson have worked long, hard hours for Western, science education, and many other organizations and endeavors. Partners in every sense of the word, they compliment each other in activities ranging from winning and dancing the famous and influential in their basement recreation room to collaborating on a best-selling science textbook series for elementary students. Jackie, who served fifteen years as associate director of in-service institutes and school-science programs at Western, remains on the faculty. Not surprisingly, George remains active in retirement, pursuing a variety of professional interests. 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.

During a previous gathering of Western colleagues at 'Doc's Place," memories and good cheer were shared by, from left, Dr. Donald Schaefer, Executive Director of the Evaluation Center; Dr. James W. Miller, president emeritus; Donald Blaisdell, professor emeritus of music, and Mamie Zietlow, professor emeritus of physics; Dr. Russell H. Siebert, vice president emeritus for academic affairs; and Harry A. Petty, retired manager of grants and contracts.

Nationally 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 occupa-
tional therapy programs and business administration internships. The hospital director was interested in setting up a joint program for blind ser-
vices and asked if Western had a pro-
gram underway in this kind of special education. "If we had it, and it was 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, Mallin-
son received the blessing of then President Paul Sangren and implanted the hospital's unique long-cane pro-
gram at Western.

... what gave me so much per-
sonal 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 pro-
gram before other schools in Michi-
gan.

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 Speciality Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse became a reality.
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 electrical distribution system at a cost of $1,010,533; and the landscaping of the plaza near the Dalton Center and Miller Auditorium at a cost of $353,454.

A construction contract of $257,000 was awarded to Bailey Excavating Company of Plainwell to replace concrete; $190,000 to Kalamazoo to remove and discard the existing concrete; $136,663 to Windemuller Electric Incorporated for the electrical distribution system; and $93,000 to the Bailey Excavating Company of Plainwell for shrubs, trees, grass, and the irrigation system.

The project will include new roofs, synthetic plastic exteriors, new doors and windows, steel stairs and handrails, upgraded electrical systems, new kitchen cabinets and appliances, new bathroom fixtures, air conditioning, and carpeting. The work will begin as soon as possible and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The project is a continuation from last spring and summer, when buildings J, K, and N in the complex were renovated. This year buildings A, B, C, and D will be renovated. The capacity of the existing distribution system will be exceeded with the new buildings on line.

The modification of the system will involve adding a third "feeder" line from the power plant on Stadium Drive. In addition, the method of providing power to campus buildings will be rearranged to increase reliability. The expansion will begin as soon as possible and is expected to take about eight months to complete.

The landscaping project for the plaza near Miller Auditorium and the Dalton Center is designed to provide a practical as well as aesthetic setting for students, faculty, staff, and University guests to meet and study or socialize.

Numerous trees, bushes, and flowers will be planted in the area, and walkways will be redesigned to better accommodate pedestrian traffic. An outdoor classroom will be developed near the Dalton Center, and an underground sprinkling system will be installed.

Four major contracts were awarded on the landscaping project: $257,000 to the Bailey Excavating Company of Kalamazoo to remove and discard the existing concrete; $190,000 to the Wolthus Concrete Construction Company of Mattawan to replace concrete; $93,000 to VandenBerg Construction of Kalamazoo to do the masonry work; and $44,754 to Newcomer and Sons Landscape Service of Plainwell for shrubs, trees, grass, and the irrigation system.

The work will begin the first week of May and is expected to be finished by the end of August. All contracts were awarded to the low bidder on the project.
Robert S. Howell, NA '37, retired as principal of Pickford High School after thirty years of service.

Carroll A. Jensen, BA '57, MA '52, was named to the Michigan Basketball Coaches of Michigan's Hall of Fame. He coaches at Battle Creek Lakeview High School for many years and this past year he was named to his conference title, but also the state class B title.

Marcia B. Miller, BA '72, has been given the title of honorary colonel in the Army National Guard. She is a nurse 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 by the Washtenaw Land Community College.

Ronald L. Cutler, BBA '84, has been named vice president of sales and marketing for North America Automotive Systems of Tremex Inc. He lives in Bloomfield Hills.

Caryn J. White, BS '74, MA '72, retired in June after twenty-seven years as a business education teacher in the Marshall Public Schools.

Jean, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Traverse City. J. Duane Taylor, MBA '93, is now director of financial officer relations for the Consumers Power Co., Jackson.

Paul Fenton, BS '64, has been promoted to assistant to the executive vice president at Lake Superior State University. Sault Ste. Marie. George Formann, BS '53, MA '61, has been promoted to senior vice president, Metro National Bank, Denver, CO.

James Links, MA '64, is now assistant administrator for the work activities center of Canton Community Mental Health Services, Marshall.

1965-69

Dr. Jerry M. Cooper, BS '65, has returned to the history faculty at the University of Missouri-St. Louis after a year of teaching at the University of Kent in angle, Norway. England. His second book, Climate or Soldiers, has recently been published. Mervyn Kaye, BS '65, received an outstanding teacher award for 1965-66 at Purdue University-Calumet campus, where he is an associate professor of industrial engineering technology.

Larry Massarutto, BA '63, has been appointed the chairman of the Kalamazoo Regional Commission for the Social Security Administration in Pennsylvania. Dr. David Murphy, BA '58, a Markt dentist, has become a fellow of the International College of Lifeguard-Handicap Orthopedics. Allen D. Schau, BS '58, MA '57, is superintendent of schools in Bucyrus, Ohio.

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Anna L. Nagy, BA '56, has been named executive director of the Center for Human Services, Grand Rapids. He is chair of the board of the Center for Human Services.

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Martha Scharlach Weirick, BS '31, MA '36, has been named general manager of Michigan Bell's large business services.

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

The Alumni Association will host a silver reunion celebration for the Class of 1963 in conjunction with the 1983 Homecoming festivities. Club members will join other alumni Saturday, October 1, for nutritious 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 Sraijer, Michael Bennson, Shawn Huilgaard Norris, Bill Badger, Erika Arr (Vogt) Ellis, George and Helene (Ector) Waters, and Bill War- ing, 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 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 49008-3851.
We would love you hear from you.

If you have news to share about your research activities or awards, a change in your employment, or the death of one of our alumni, please send the information to: Western Michigan University, Office of Alumni Relations, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3854.

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1982-83

Mary Lee Goode, B.B.A. '82, has been promoted to assistant loan officer by National Bank of Detroit, the successor to BBA '81, is now a physician's assistant at Haslett.

Richard T. Graf, B.S.M. '82, is now a physician's assistant in Hastings.

2nd Lt. Thomas Haluska, B.S. '82, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative officer in Kalamazoo, MI.

Bonnie Beaton Hoyle, B.A. '82, has been elected as the president of the Michigan State Bar Association, an architectural and design firm.

Janelle Bethel Lehy, M.S.W. '82, is director of occupational therapy at Emory University Hospital.

Larry M. Mackenzie, B.B.A. '82, has been named an associate in the audit department for Plante & Morris accounting firm in Birmingham.

Michael S. Milligan, B.S. '81, is an account executive for Alexander and Alexander of Michigan, Inc.

Susan Neuring, B.B.A. '82, has been promoted to senior product analyst for General Motors Service Parts, Saginaw.

Mark D. O'Connell, B.S.M. '82, is manager of manufacturing quality and engineering, Jeep Division.

Patricia Sheahan O'Shea, B.S. '81, is a clinical dietitian at Michigan Bell. Paul E. Sanderson, B.S. '81, is now assistant producer at WDIV, Detroit. They are of poor technical quality or

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Gregory Barnoll, BBA '84, has become a marketing product manager for GDL Inc., Holland.

Richard T. Chambers, BA '64, is now a public relations associate in corporate communications for the Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo. He was managing editor of the Three Rivers Commercial News.

1986-87

Rosemarie Allard, BS '86, is now a lighting designer for Illuminating Concepts, Farmington Hills. She lives in Berkley.

Kathryn Barber, BBA '86, has been promoted to credit manager, United Corp. Co., Kalamazoo.

Karen Cooper-Bayer, BBA '86, has been appointed consumer affairs supervisor for Consumers Power Co., Kalamazoo.

Dale Croom, BBA '86, has been appointed assistant director of Consumer's Service for the City of Kalamazoo.

Jennifer R. Ham, BA '86, is teaching home economics at the University of Michigan.

Jeffrey A. Kacmarczyk, BA '86, joined the Alpinia Group, Inc., Grand Rapids.

Susan O'Neill; BBA, 86, is now a new company director at Unique Care for the City of Battle Creek.

Raquel J. Schellhase, BBA, 86, has been named sales manager at Unique Care for the City of Battle Creek.

Dave Kleiner, BBA '84, has been promoted to director of sales at Par B&B, Co., a Northville, Mich., food brokerage.

Biosyoha Moses, BBA '84, has been promoted to analyst in systems and training for State Farm Insurance Co., Bloomington, Ill. He lives in Kalamazoo.

Thomas A. Walters, MA '86, is assistant principal at Northern Hills Middle School, Grand Rapids.

Scott D. McCull, BS '87, is teaching mathematics and science at Otsego.

Michael Gerets, BBA '84, has been appointed assistant director for Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Sharon Groholiski, BBA '86, has joined the staff at the First National Bank of Southfield, Southfield.

Mary E. Grossman, BS '86, is teaching in Dearborn.

Nancy L. Issa, BBA '83, has been promoted to assistant vice president and controller at Citizens Trust and Savings Bank, South Haven.

Susan Jablonski, BBA '83, has been promoted to account executive at AFFLO Information Systems, and works in the greater Saginaw area.

Bob Kleiss, BBA '83, has been named to head the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce's Right Place program.

Dr. Matthew Kretsch, BS '83, has joined his father's dentistry practice in Coldwater, after graduating from the University of Detroit.

James P. May, BSE '83, has been promoted to project engineer at Aeroquip Corp., Jackson. He lives at Present Lake.

Flint D. Nakas, BBA '83, has been named to associate project engineer at the control improvement project at the Kellogg Co., Battle Creek.

Corinne Smith, BBA '83, has been named assistant vice-president-controller division for First of American Mortgage, Kalamazoo.

Margaret Regular, BBA '83, is assistant city manager for administrative services in Grand Rapids.

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John J. Story, BBA '83, has been promoted to assistant vice president of business services at the Paul Deere Co. Group, Grand Rapids.

Diane Summa, MA '83, has opened a counseling office in St. Joseph.

Richard J. Toder, BBA '83, has been named financial manager of Pullman Health Systems Inc.

Dr. Larry E. Codrury, BSE '83, Division, Delaware University, Philadelphia, Pa., is teaching as an associate professor of management at the Wharton School, B.S., 1970, New York University.

Richard C. Cook, BSE '93, has been offered a position as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Dr. Ben K. Hsiao, M.D. '83, has been named to head a high-risk pregnancy program at McLaren Hospital, Flint.

Donna J. Hathaway, BBA '83, has been named assistant professor at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo.

Dennis Devisser, BBA '83, has joined the staff at the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo. He had been named an officer of First of America Bank-Michigan. He is the father of a group of children.

Randall R. Shaw, BS '83, has been renamed assistant director of corporate communications for Visalia Insets, Los Angeles.

Kerry C. Wojcik, BS '84, has been promoted to assistant director at George Miller Associates, Kalamazoo.

Paul Ameen, MA '83, in Kalamazoo, has become manager of the department at the First National Bank of Grand Rapids.

Lisa K. Kaiser, BBA '85, is an internal audit manager at Security Bank-Michigan.

Janet Ray, BSE '85, is now in her second year as a volunteer working in El Salvador with the poor and homeless.

Steve A. Vanhefoot, BBA '85, has been appointed assistant risk management manager, Smith Gas Liquids Co. Holland.

Michael F. Milburn, BS '85, has joined the staff at the Michigan State University, East Lansing, and has been named to head the Grand Rapids Office of the First National Bank of Michigan.

John Wright, BBA '85, has been appointed assistant director of the Battle Creek Drop-In Center Inc. He is a resident.

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