Distinguished Alumni Award winners

The WMU Alumni Association has selected C. Patrick Babcock, B.A. '67, William R. Lajoie, B.S. '56, and Lawrence W. Lezotte, B.S. '63, M.A. '65, as recipients of the 1986 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The trio will be honored at the October 1 awards dinner held in conjunction with Homecoming. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner may make a reservation using the Homecoming reservation form on page 9 of this issue of the WMU Alumni Association newsletter.

C. Patrick Babcock is director of the Michigan Department of Social Services. The department, with more than 300 offices throughout the state, has about 13,000 employees and fiscal-year expenditures of $4.4 billion.

Babcock's appointment as director in 1987 was not his first association with the agency, however. While an undergraduate at Western pursuing his bachelor's degree in sociology, he was a DSS caseworker.

In 1968 Babcock joined the staff of the Michigan House of Representatives as an analyst. In addition to working in the Capitol, he enrolled at Wayne State University and received his master's degree in social work. In the early 1970s, he was appointed director of the Michigan Office of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism and then director of the Office of Service to the Aging.

Babcock's career in government continued in 1975 when then Gov. William G. Milliken named him his executive assistant for legislative affairs. Three years later, Milliken appointed him director of the state Department of Labor, which he headed for three years until being named director of the state Department of Mental Health.

Recognizing Babcock's outstanding leadership abilities, Michigan's current governor, James J. Blanchard, appointed him to head the DDS, the largest cabinet department in the state.

Upon his appointment, a Kalamazoo Gazette editorial said Babcock is "no heartless paper pusher even though he has a reputation for being an astute manager of people and departments. He's regarded as being both compassionate and progressive."

During his career, Babcock has served as chairperson, and member of a number of state commissions, governor's committees, and advisory councils. He has also served as a social work field instructor for both Wayne State and Western. He is currently an adjunct professor for the University of Michigan's School of Social Work. His wife, Patricia, is also a Western graduate, having received a bachelor of science degree in 1964.

Bill Lajoie, as vice president-general manager of the Detroit Tiger baseball club, is responsible for all major league operations. The Tiger organization has said that Lajoie "offers the Tigers a distinguished and thorough baseball background and intricate knowledge of the game. He is considered one of baseball's most respected negotiators."

Throughout his career, Lajoie has experienced first hand the many facets of baseball operations. Inducted into Western's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982, he was a player, manager, and scout prior to his move to the Tiger front office.

Lajoie wore a Bronco uniform for four seasons (1952 to 1955). During his junior and senior years, he was named to the all-league team and in 1955 he was named to the All-American team as a catcher. During his final season as a Bronco, he set records for number of hits, runs, and runs batted in. These records stood for twenty years. At conclusion of his senior season, Lajoie signed a contract with the Baltimore Orioles. He batted more than .300 in four seasons in the minor leagues, before a broken leg ended what appeared to be a major league career. As it turned out, he spent ten years as a minor league standout for a succession of teams before joining the Cincinnati Reds organization as a scout in 1965.

He spent three years with the Reds, returning to his hometown of Detroit in the off season to substitute teach, and then accepted a scouting job with the Tigers. In the ensuing years, he held positions as manager of the Tigers' rookie club in the Appalachian League, supervisor of the club's Michigan scouts, coordinator of scouting, and director of player procurement.

Lajoie became vice president-baseball in 1978 and held that position until being named vice president-general manager in 1985, a position he continues to hold. In 1988 Lajoie was named vice president and general manager, a position he still holds.

Lawrence Lezotte is director of the National Center for Effective Schools Research and Development in Okemos. The center is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the improved improvement of education.

Legislature counts Western among 'Big 5'

This has been a year of achievement and recognition for Western Michigan University, President Diether H. Haenicke told the Board of Trustees July 29.

For the first time, the Michigan Legislature has recognized the University as one of the state's "Big Five" graduate-intensive universities, he told the trustees. And the recognition, he said, has come where it counts—in increased state appropriations.

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Miss Michigan

Senior Ann Blomgren was all smiles June 18 after winning the 1988 crown at the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant. Blomgren, twenty-one, was third runner-up in last year's pageant and was among the favorites this year. The three Oak Park News Service article that she will write during her reign has been selected by the Michigan legislature this year.

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Dear Alumni:

Last year’s major ‘headlines’ give us a lot to be proud of.

Because this issue of the Westerner is mailed to all of our graduates, it provides an opportunity to address more than 85,000 individuals.

Can you imagine the diversity which exists among 85,000 people? Readers of the Westerner range in age from twenty-three years old to ninety-plus years young. They reside in every state in the union as well as numerous foreign countries. And the professional endeavors and personal interests of our readers are as varied as their age and residency.

Yet, given the many differences which exist among our readership, the composition of a publication for thousands of individuals isn’t difficult because each of you share a common bond and have a common interest.

Western Michigan University is the only Doctoral institution in the state of Michigan and one of only forty in the nation chosen to perform during this year’s Theatre Festival.

So, in this space, let me talk to you about Western and the many ‘headlines’ given us a lot to be proud of. The Carnegie Foundation was not alone in its recognition of Western as a quality institution. Greater numbers of students chose Western as the place to start building their futures, and even more are expected to do so this year. Western is the only university in the nation to have just completed.

Western recognized for graduate programs

In the 1987 national classification system of more than 3,400 institutions of higher education, the internationally acclaimed Carnegie Foundation defines Doctoral 1 institutions as those which offer a full range of baccalaureate and residency.

Research activities increase dramatically

The quality of classroom instruction is to a large degree dependent on the scholarships. Students and faculty alike are benefitting from the renewed emphasis on this vital educational component. (See related building improvements story on page 5.)

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Painter/illustrator assists art students through ‘living’ bequest

A retired painter and illustrator from New Mexico has made a $100,000 living bequest to the Department of Art to provide scholarship aid for promising art students. James Wilfrid Kerr of Albuquerque, New Mexico, made the gift "to help the very best students in the department." The gift, which will come to the University over a three-year period, is designed to aid graphic design students in particular, but is not limited to students in that field.

Melvin N. Strawn, who resigned in July as chairperson of the art department, said the gift "will enable us to give scholarship aid to some promising students that we might not otherwise have been able to assist. It's a very generous open gift that will encourage quality and high achievement among our best students."

The Kerr connection with the University dates back to 1910 when Kerr's late wife, Rose Netzing Kerr, received her degree from what was then Western Michigan Normal School. She joined Western's art department faculty two years later and directed the department's activities until 1923 when she left the University.

Mrs. Kerr went on to enjoy a career as an author and freelance artist and in 1952 was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her illustrated work, 100 Years of Costume in America. In 1984, Western's New Issues Press published a group of her 1926 illustrators in a book titled Interpretive Costume Design. Mrs. Kerr died in 1974.

James Kerr has maintained close ties with Western over the years, funding an annual art scholarship and making repeated gifts of artwork to the University. The University now has nineteen works by James and Rose Kerr in its permanent collection. Some of those works are displayed on campus in such locations as the Sebert Administration Building and the Bernhard Center.

Strawn said he expects the first student awards from the gift to be made during the 1988-89 academic year, probably during the winter semester. The gift, he said, will be set up in an endowment fund and interest from the principal will be used for student scholarships.

Strawn praised both the generosity and the openness of the gift saying that it could be used to aid either undergraduate or graduate students in a variety of ways.

Through guaranteed tuition program

Western is in the forefront of helping minority students

For the second consecutive year, Western is participating in a statewide program to foster educational opportunity for certain minority students by enabling them to pay their tuition.

This year the University added another twenty students to those it has pledged to support, bringing to forty-four the total number it will assist.

The program began two years ago as a cooperative effort of the Detroit Public Schools and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. It is a part of a four-year initiative aimed at significantly increasing minority participation in Michigan higher education by 1990. The program offers a tuition grant upon a student's successful completion of a four-year college preparatory curriculum with at least a "B" average.

Western is one of eight Michigan universities working with the Detroit schools this year to guarantee tuition for 158 students. The state's other public, four-year universities are currently participating by supporting students in school districts located near their institutions.

Now named the Wade H. McCree Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program, seven institutions joined the program last year, including Western, with all fifteen of Michigan's public, four-year universities participating this year.

McCree, an internationally known black lawyer and former U.S. solicitor general, was the Lewis W. Mikes Professor of Law at the University of Michigan until his death in 1987. He was the founder of the Higher Education Opportunities Committee in Detroit, which now helps 500 students enter higher education each year.

"I'm thrilled that the University is participating in the program," said Trustee Geneva Jones Williams of Detroit, who represents the Detroit area on Western's Board of Trustees.

McCree in Detroit announced this year's program at a conference announcing this year's program. "It's important for Western to make this kind of commitment at this time," McCree said.

By 1990 the McCree program will benefit as many as 900 ninth grade students from urban or predominantly minority school districts under the auspices of the Presidents Council of State Universities.

To participate, students and their parents must sign an agreement that they will make a good faith effort to offset the spiraling costs of higher education. It also involves framing a mentoring relationship with college faculty volunteers during the student's high school years.

These mentors assume responsibility for bringing their young mentees to the campus on a regular basis, helping with academic and other problems, and forming a partnership with the parents and the high school adviser in getting the student ready for university study," Stanley E. Henderson, Western's admission director, explained.

That parental involvement and support from a college mentor builds success into the program, according to Arthur Jefferson, general superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools.

"Western is proud to be a partner in this exemplary statewide scholarship program," President Diether H. Haenicke, said. "It complements and enhances other programs for minority students at Western, including the model Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rona Parks programs."

The University's Office of Special Programs has also operated a mentoring program for several years. Similar to the one now being used with the McCree Incentive Scholarship Program, it pairs minority students already at Western with faculty and staff members. This year the office sponsored the first national conference on mentoring for minority students, which attracted more than 100 participants.

The Presidents Council of State Universities has endorsed the McCree program for four years. It hopes to secure a $5 million endowment to ensure the program's future success, and to expand options in college choice for participants.

"It's gratifying to see the state's public universities take the initiative with a program of this scope," Haenicke said.

"This statewide incentive is desperately needed to help offset the spiraling costs of higher education. It also addresses a greater need to increase the number of minorities who attend and graduate from our public universities."

Sindecuse endowment supports numerous special activities

You certainly may remember that in the fall of 1986, Western received the largest unrestricted gift in its history from an individual, Dr. Gordon Sindecuse and his wife, Elizabeth, for whom the University Health Center is now named, made this gift and in so doing they created the Dr. Gordon and Elizabeth Sindecuse Endowment Fund.

Basically, an endowment fund is like a savings account, where you only spend the interest each year and never touch the principal. It has now been a little more than a year and a half since the Sindecuse Endowment Fund was created, and it is appropriate to let Western's alumni and friends know the types of projects that are being funded through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Sindecuse.

This year earnings of the endowment have gone to assist Western students on field trips to Europe and Latin America for foreign study. This means that a number of students who otherwise could not have participated in this exceptional educational opportunity are now able to take advantage of the experience.

Another foreign study award was made through the School of Music to help send four of our students to Graz, Austria, for a six-week study course in opera. The singers are being rigorously trained in voice, diction, stage presence, and foreign language so that they can sing opera in the original tongue.

Additionally, on-campus recreational clubs have received support from the endowment. These clubs promote activities such as soccer, field hockey, cross-country, and downhill skiing, and through their activities, enrich the lives of the students on our campus.

Lastly, proceeds of the endowment are being used this year to support campus beautification. At President Diether H. Haenicke's direction, some attractive and sturdy benches are being purchased which will be placed in quiet areas around campus. This means that students, alumni, and friends who visit our campus will be able to sit, rest, and enjoy the grounds and the sights and sounds of summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Sindecuse, who now live in Florida, are pleased that their gift is being put to such good uses. They have our deepest gratitude for their generosity. Private gifts, such as those made by Dr. and Mrs. Sindecuse, enrich the daily campus life and increase the level of excellence in education available to our students.
New dean of students named

Dr. Theresa A. Powell, director of the two-year campus programs for the Ohio Board of Regents and former dean of students at Wilberforce University in Ohio, has been selected as Western's new dean of students.

She replaces Marie L. Stevens, who retired last January after more than 30 years at Western.

"Dr. Powell will bring needed diversity in a high-level position to the Student Services Division and the University," Thomas E. Coyne, vice president for student services, said. "Her strengths as a facilitator, her recognized skills in working with others, her ability to provide an outstanding role model for increasing numbers of minority students, and her outgoing personality will, I believe, be significant additions to an already strong Student Services Division."

Powell has been a key administrator with the Ohio Board of Regents in Columbus since 1984. She has also been a graduate administrative associate at Ohio State University, an assistant dean for student life and development at Wilberforce University, a resident complex coordinator at the University of Delaware, and a residence hall director at Texas Christian University.

She has a bachelor's degree in psychology and education, a master's degree in student personnel services, and a doctoral degree in educational administration.

Wall of Distinction cites achievements of graduates

Representatives of government, business, education, health, fitness, and marketing are among the Western Michigan alumni currently featured on the Wall of Distinction display in the lobby of the Administration Building. The wall highlights the accomplishments and achievements of recent graduates in hopes of providing inspiration and encouragement to present Western students. It is hoped that through the display, young people will obtain and maintain a sense of pride in what they are doing, and take the initiative to work for higher goals.

The alumni currently being honored are as follows.

Timothy J. Bergman, a twenty-four-year-old Kalamazoo resident, was arrested by the police department of the University of Southern California. He was charged with the murder of his wife, a graduate student, who was found dead in her apartment. Bergman's trial is expected to begin in January.

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Lezotte, who has made a career-long commitment to disadvantaged children through his research, said he considers this his most significant professional achievement to date.

"I have been blessed with the good fortune to have been involved in a series of research studies over the years," he said. "The research has lead to the development of a model for schooling which raises the achievement levels of all students, especially those from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds."

Lezotte has always been committed to education, first pursuing his own and then making a career of improving the quality of education for others. Having received his bachelor of education degree from Western in 1963, Lezotte stayed on at Western and earned a master's degree in experimental psychology in 1965. He selected the study of "the most outstanding reputation as an excellent state university."

"I have never had a single regret about Western as my choice," Lezotte said. "Always ready to be added to Western for the broad range of formal and informal educational experiences. The formal courses provided the solid foundation for the teaching career I sought. The informal experiences, including student government and other extra-curricular activities, gave me the interpersonal skills and self-confidence that have helped me to this day."

Lezotte went on to receive his doctorate from Michigan State University in 1969. He joined the faculty at Michigan State University that same year and, in addition to his professorial duties, held departmental chairperson positions and directed numerous centers and institutes until 1987, when he left to devote all of his energies to the direction of the center he now heads.

While at Michigan State, he and Drs. Brookover and Edmonds contributed significantly to the early research on effective schools. Lezotte went on to develop training programs to assist school districts in identifying characteristics of effective schools which the research identified.

Nationally, the effective-schools approach to school improvement, which has been so prominent in education today, has enhanced opportunities and programs for children, particularly urban children. Lezotte, who has written or co-written many books and journal articles, has presented papers at national and state conferences and has conducted workshops across the country. One of his colleagues described him as "an emissary for children."

He came to Western wanting to be a teacher and in the twenty-five years since his graduation, has contributed significantly to the improvement of our nation's schools.

"The memories of Western are many, but he said he cherishes most the day he met Ruth Jennings, a 1964 Western graduate and "my friend and wife of twenty-five years," Lezotte said he is proud to see that it is a Western graduate and is proud to say "our son Andrew is currently a junior at Western and excited about the education he is getting."

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Six Nobel laureates to offer their views

This fall and winter, six Nobel laureates will be on campus to present their views on "The State of Economic Science." The distinguished group will be the featured speakers of the Department of Economics' twenty-fifth lecture-seminar series.

"We consider this very special series to be a fitting way to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our annual lecture-seminar series which has brought about 350 prominent economists to the WMU campus," said Dr. Werner Sichel, professor and chairperson of the economics department and series director.

"Just as the president of the United States presents a 'State of the Union message', and the governor a 'State of the State message', we believe that it is important to address the state of our discipline. And who is more qualified to perform that task than six Nobel laureates in economics?"

The series is supported by a grant from the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo. Dr. Robert G. Spiegelman, executive director of the institute, said the upcoming series "ideally reflects our institute's objectives to promote the advancement of the field of economics and to aid in promoting this community's agenda." He indicated that the institute will publish the papers presented by the Nobel laureates, who are as follows:

- Dr. Kenneth J. Arrow, 1972 Nobel laureate, Joan Kemeny Professor of Economics and professor of operations research at Stanford University, will be on campus September 29. He has focused on and made major contributions to the theory of individual and social choice.

- Dr. Robert M. Solow, 1985 Nobel laureate, Institute Professor and professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be on campus October 19. He has focused on factors affecting the long-term growth of national income and developed the theoretical foundation as well as the key to empirical measurement and estimation of the effect of technological change on output.

- Dr. Herbert A. Simon, 1978 Nobel laureate, Richard King Mellon University Professor of Computer Science and Psychology at Carnegie-Mellon University, will be on campus March 22. He has focused on decision-making and problem-solving processes, using computers to simulate human thinking.

- Dr. Lawrence R. Klein, 1980 Nobel laureate, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, will be on campus November 16. He is the founder of the Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates and is a principal investigator for Project LINK, an international research group for the statistical study of world trade and payments.

- Dr. James Tobin, 1981 Nobel laureate, Sterling Professor of Economics at Yale University, will be on campus January 18. He has focused on and made major contributions in macroeconomic theory, monetary theory and policy, portfolio theory, economic growth, and consumer behavior.

- Dr. James M. Buchanan, 1986 Nobel laureate, Herbert L. Harris University Professor and professor of economics at George Mason University, will be on campus February 15. He is the modern developer of the theory of public choice and has made major contributions to the development of the contractual and constitutional bases for the theory of political decision-making and public economics.

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The unexpectedly high appropriation of nearly $75 million had another effect, this time directly on students. It enabled Haenicke to recommend to the Board of Trustees that tuition and fees be increased 9 percent rather than the 10 percent he had earlier recommended to the Board.

"The first temptation was to leave everything the same and erase our deficit," Haenicke told the board. "But rather than relieve the burden on the institution, it is clear that we should instead relieve the burden on our students."

Even with the 3 percent increase in state funds, Western still faces a deficit of $877,000 that will be absorbed over the course of the year through normal attrition and other economies, Haenicke said.

In its presentation to Western this year, the legislature also recognized Western's commitment to tuition stability over the past few years with a one-time allocation of $827,000—the second highest among only six institutions to receive such an allocation. Western also received the highest one-time allocation for enrollment growth among the state's fifteen public universities, an amount totaling nearly $1 million. State funds constitute 64 percent of the University's $115 million general fund operating budget, which the board approved July 29 along with tuition and fees. Tuition and fees amount to 33 percent of the budget. The rest is made up from other income, including investments.

Western "emerges as one of Michigan's "Big Five" universities, and with it greater acknowledgment of Western's statewide role, began with the Carnegie Foundation designation last year."

"When it was announced, Haenicke commented: "This designation gives us a very fortunate, advantageous, strategic position as we go into the next round of negotiations with the Michigan Legislature." He couldn't have been more accurate."

In May, a funding formula developed by State Sen. William A. Sederburg (R-Ellsworth), chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Educa-

ion, recognized Western's significant graduate component.

Haenicke also praised Keith A. Pretty, B.S.'73, general counsel and vice president for legislative affairs, for his role in helping to secure the recognition.

On the state of economics

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"We consider this very special series to be a fitting way to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our annual lecture-seminar series which has brought about 350 prominent economists to the WMU campus," said Dr. Werner Sichel, professor and chairperson of the economics department and series director.

"Just as the president of the United States presents a 'State of the Union message', and the governor a 'State of the State message', we believe that it is important to address the state of our discipline. And who is more qualified to perform that task than six Nobel laureates in economics?"

The series is supported by a grant from the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo. Dr. Robert G. Spiegelman, executive director of the institute, said the upcoming series "ideally reflects our institute's objectives to promote the advancement of the field of economics and to aid in promoting this community's agenda." He indicated that the institute will publish the papers presented by the Nobel laureates, who are as follows:

- Dr. Kenneth J. Arrow, 1972 Nobel laureate, Joan Kemeny Professor of Economics and professor of operations research at Stanford University, will be on campus September 29. He has focused on and made major contributions to the theory of individual and social choice.

- Dr. Robert M. Solow, 1985 Nobel laureate, Institute Professor and professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be on campus October 19. He has focused on factors affecting the long-term growth of national income and developed the theoretical foundation as well as the key to empirical measurement and estimation of the effect of technological change on output.

- Dr. Herbert A. Simon, 1978 Nobel laureate, Richard King Mellon University Professor of Computer Science and Psychology at Carnegie-Mellon University, will be on campus March 22. He has focused on decision-making and problem-solving processes, using computers to simulate human thinking.

- Dr. Lawrence R. Klein, 1980 Nobel laureate, Benjamin Franklin Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, will be on campus November 16. He is the founder of the Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates and is a principal investigator for Project LINK, an international research group for the statistical study of world trade and payments.

- Dr. James Tobin, 1981 Nobel laureate, Sterling Professor of Economics at Yale University, will be on campus January 18. He has focused on and made major contributions in macroeconomic theory, monetary theory and policy, portfolio theory, economic growth, and consumer behavior.

- Dr. James M. Buchanan, 1986 Nobel laureate, Herbert L. Harris University Professor and professor of economics at George Mason University, will be on campus February 15. He is the modern developer of the theory of public choice and has made major contributions to the development of the contractual and constitutional bases for the theory of political decision-making and public economics.

Jailed South African leader given honorary degree

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The Oaklands heads improvements list

The Oaklands, one of the campus' historic landmarks, is getting extensive improvements.

Workers are restoring the building's exterior by removing the many layers of paint that have accumulated over the years. Due to some minor structural cracking, the surface will be stuccoed rather than re-painted.

The University is working with local restoration expert Leon J. Onlti on the $100 million project. He is helping to determine the best colors and materials to use on the historical building. Private funds will cover most of the project's cost.

Several other major physical improvements are also under way this summer.

- The Bernhard Center is being remodeled to create a mini mall and microcomputer laboratory on the lower level. The mall side will feature various food vendors, stores, and a common eating area. A greenhouse will be built over what is currently the east entrance.

- Improvements are continuing in Draper, Siedschlag, and Ernest and South Burbam halls, now in the second phase of a three-year project.

- Another project continuing from last year is the renovation of the University's Elmwood Apartments. This summer, buildings A, B, C, and D are undergoing major repairs.

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

- Campuswide, workers are in the process of expanding the University's electrical distribution system to provide more capacity and reliability given the planned construction of several new buildings.

The unexpected high appropriation of nearly $75 million had another effect, this time directly on students.

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Haenicke's resolution honoring Mandela identified him as "the leading opponent of the apartheid system of racial segregation in his homeland" and indicated that he "has become an international symbol of human rights."

The resolution also says, "Mandela, with the love and understanding of his family, has steadfastly placed the basic humanitarian values of others above his own personal freedom."

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Last academic year held some ups and downs for Bronco teams

BASEBALL

The baseball team under Coach Fred Decker finished its season with a 33-22 overall record, one shy of the school season victory record, and was fourth in the Mid-American Conference with an 18-14 league record. The club batted .304 and scored a record 333 runs.

BASKETBALL

Men’s

The men’s basketball team under Coach Vernon Beauregard fell just 95-88. They advanced to the championship tournament semifinals, but lost to Eastern Michigan University 95-88.

Women’s

The women’s basketball team under Coach Jim Hess finished its season as runner-up in the Mid-American Conference tournament, losing to Bowling Green State University 70-58. The team had a 19-10 overall record and a 12-4 league record.

GYMNASTICS

Men’s

The men’s gymnastics team under Coach Fred Orlowski finished fifth at the National Independent Championships. It broke four school records during the season, including the team record with a 27.05 effort.

Women’s

The women’s gymnastics team under Coach Kathy Bearegward fell just 0.2 of a point short of ending its season with a third consecutive Mid-American Conference championship title. Kent State University won the crown. The Broncos rewrote or tied fourteen of Western’s sixteen school records during the season.

HOCKEY

The hockey team under Coach Bill Wilkinson earned its fifth consecutive Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoff berth and made its third straight appearance in the CCHA’s Final Four Championship. The team had a 22-17-3 overall record and finished in fourth place in the CCHA with a 17-12-3 record.

SOFTBALL

The softball team under first-year coach Kim Worden finished its season with a 6-24 overall record and was eighth in the Mid-American Conference with an 8-24 league record. The Broncos set team records in doubles (43), stolen bases (96), and hits (355).

TENNIS

Men’s

The men’s tennis team under Coach Jack Vredevelt finished its season fourth in the Mid-American Conference standings after taking fourth place at the league championship tournament.

Women’s

The women’s tennis team under Coach Betsy Kuhle finished its season as the runner-up to the Mid-American Conference title. It was the fifth second-place finish in eight years for the squad, which has never ended a season below third place since the championship began.

TRACK

Men’s

The men’s track team under Coach Jack Shaw finished its season with a second-place showing at the Mid-American Conference Championship. The Broncos won MAC titles in four individual events. The team also finished third in the Central Collegiate Championship.

Women’s

The women’s track team under Coach Debbie Hunt finished its season with a seventh-place showing at the Mid-American Conference Championship and broke three school records during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team advanced to the second round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament before losing a five-game thriller to the University of Illinois in the Midwest Regionals. The Broncos finished the season with a 28-6 overall record and captured the Mid-American Conference championship for the sixth straight year. Western’s consecutive MAC match winning streak remains intact at eighty-three and dates back to the 1982 season.

Bronco outfielder achieves All-American status

Sophomore outfielder Matt Mieske is a third-team selection on the 1988 All-American baseball squad in balloting by the College Baseball Coaches Association.

He is the first sophomore out of twenty-five Broncos who have achieved All-American status since 1946. Mieske batted .374 for the baseball team and set school season records for runs (52), runs batted in (58), home runs (13), and stolen bases (25). He also tied the season record for total bases (128), and compiled the second-best showing for slugging percentage (.715) and doubles (16).

As for career records, Mieske is first in slugging percentage (.654), tied for third in on-base percentage (.452), and fourth in home runs (17).

Associate athletic director accepts Pacific-10 post

Dr. Christine Hoyles, an associate director of athletics at Western since 1976, has accepted the position of assistant commissioner with the Pacific-10 Conference, which is headquartered in Walnut Creek, California.

Hoyles will administer the conference’s men’s and women’s championships, its women’s administrative committee, and its minority Administrative Fellowship program, Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen said.

“Chris has made a tremendous contribution to our program,” Dr. Leland Byrd, Western athletic director, said.

“This position with the Pac-10 Conference represents an outstanding professional opportunity for her.”

Hoyles’ main duties at Western were supervising athletic eligibility and financial aid administration, National Collegiate Athletic Association and Mid-American Conference interpretation and compliance, personnel administration, and event management, and serving as the departmental liaison between the Athletic Board of Control and the University’s admissions, housing, and financial aid offices.

She had joined Western in 1973 and served three years as women’s intramural director and coached the women’s tennis team in 1975 and 1976.

Varsity golf discontinued in budget reduction moves

Citing a need to reduce expenses by $125,000, athletic director Dr. Leland Byrd in May announced several budgetary cuts for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

They include elimination of the varsity men’s golf program; reduced travel, equipment, and grant-in-aid expenditures; and replacing four full-time assistant coaches with either graduate assistants or part-time coaches.

The assistant coaching positions being eliminated are in the sports of baseball, softball, and men’s and women’s track and field.

For the coming year, Western will operate sixteen varsity sports, nine for men and seven for women.

Coach Bill Yates’ golf squad finished its final season with an eighth-place showing at the Mid-American Conference Championships. In the last five years, the team has placed no higher than fifth in the MAC.

Pop that corn, put up your feet, and cheer the Broncos

Western alumni around the country can watch selected Bronco football and basketball games in their own living rooms by tuning into the 1988-89 Mid-American Conference Television Network.

MAC commissioner James W. Lesnik has announced that Master Video Productions of Cleveland, Ohio, is producing and syndicating the series on television stations and cable systems across the country. Lesnik said because MAC games will be transmitted by satellite, alumni groups can gather at any local establishment that has a satellite dish and watch the televised games.

As of press time two Bronco football games had been scheduled, Western at Miami University on October 8 and Central Michigan University at Western on October 29.

Additionally, three basketball games had been scheduled, Western at Ohio University on January 14, Western at Miami University on February 4, and Bowling Green State University at Western on February 18.

All games begin at 12:30 p.m. Contact the Alumni Relations Office for satellite coordinates, a list of stations and cable systems carrying the MAC series, or more information.
One-third of Bronco athletes are top-notch scholars

During the fall and winter semesters, nearly one-third of Western's student-athletes achieved a 3.0 or higher grade average, with 40 earning higher than a 3.5 average. The situation remained the same in winter, he said, except that 41 student-athletes earned an average higher than 3.5.

Additionally, Stone said one student maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average during fall semester, while five students achieved the same milestone winter semester. The six were senior center Ned Hellman of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, basketball; sophomore Matt Mieski of Auburn, baseball; sophomore Jeff Noon of Ada, baseball; and sophomore free safety Chris Wagner of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, football.

"Overall the academic achievement of our student-athletes is very good. Most of these individuals are spending twenty to thirty hours or more each week in practice, games, and preparation for their sport, so they're doing an excellent job of managing their time," Stone said.

Time management skills also come into play because of the in-season travel requirements of playing intercollegiate sports. Stone said, which do have an impact on classroom attendance. However, he added that many University athletes perform as well or better academically while they're competing, and even when their seasons are over, their days do not go back to business as usual.

"It's also important to remember that many athletes are involved in rigorous training programs during their 'off' season," Stone noted. "In Division I athletics today, I'm not sure if an 'off' season actually exists.

For those and other reasons, Stone said, the 2.71 overall 1987-88 grade point average for all of Western's athletes is a fine achievement. "This includes the coursework of more than 400 student-athletes and speaks well of the academic talents of the young men and women representing WMU on the playing field," he said.

1987-88 Academic 'all-stars'

The following student-athletes maintained a 3.5 or above grade point average for 1987-88 (fall and winter semesters). The grade point averages shown below are the students' overall college grade point as of the end of winter semester.

Tom Arent, golf, 3.54, junior, computer science, Coloma
Tom Auge, hockey, 3.61, freshman, finance and prelaw, Park Ridge, Illinois
Kristin Averill, gymnastics, 3.95, junior, computer science, Grand Rapids
Trevor Bilcke, football, 3.59, senior, industrial engineering, Alton
Brad Blackmer, soccer, 3.74, sophomore, business administration, Portage
Nathan Blecke, soccer, 3.56, sophomore, university curriculum, Saginaw
Todd Book, golf, 3.86, sophomore, political science, Portage, Ohio
Chris Carney, soccer, 3.18, junior, business administration, Troy
Craig Haynes, soccer, 3.48, sophomore, business administration, Rochester
Ned Hellman, basketball, 3.81, senior, premedicine, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Kris Houseman, softball, not available, junior, computer information systems, Muskegon
Jackie Klein, gymnastics, 3.26, junior, dietetics, Coloma
Linda Lee, track, not available, senior, arts and sciences/secondary teaching, Portage
Sue McCarthy, gymnastics, 3.71, junior, university curriculum, Lansing
Matt Mieski, baseball, 3.73, sophomore, accounting, Auburn
Jeff Norm, baseball, 3.83, freshman, engineering graphics, Ada
Bob Reimink, baseball, 3.83, junior, engineering, Hamilton
Jenny Ritsema, volleyball, 3.72, freshman, personnel management, Holland
Mike Roland, gymnastics, 3.28, freshman, business administration, Wheeling, Illinois
Mindy Savor, tennis, 3.75, sophomore, physical education, Troy, Ohio
Michelle Snyder, cross country/track, 3.87, sophomore, university curriculum, Swanton, Ohio
Chris Wagner, football, 3.68, sophomore, liberal arts, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Gary Wolf, gymnastics, 3.76, junior, aviation technology and operations, Elkhart, Indiana

Academic quality is being stressed

As academic support service coordinator for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Jeff Stone, right, is responsible for supervising this study hall program for athletes. He is also responsible for carrying out other duties designed to uphold Western's high academic standards for student-athletes. His other main activities include counseling athletes about class scheduling, arranging and working with tutoring services, and acting as a liaison between faculty members and athletes and coaches. Western created Stone's position as part of an ongoing effort to stress academic quality. This effort has resulted in the University requiring its athletes to achieve a higher grade point average than the National Collegiate Athletic Association requires for athletes to be eligible to actively compete. The position also reflects a national trend toward universities becoming more involved in promoting academic success among their student-athletes.

Senior scholar-athletes announced for 1987-88

Lynda Mclean, a volleyball player from Thornhill, Ontario, and Ned Hellman, a basketball player from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, are this year's senior scholar-athletes.

The senior scholar-athlete awards are presented annually to a female and male student-athlete at each of the nine Mid-American Conference institutions.

Both Western graduates were premedical majors, Mclean with a 3.53 grade point average (4.0 scale) and Hellman with a 3.81 grade point average.

A two-time All-Mid-American Conference performer, Mclean was honored in 1987 as a GTE Academic All-American. In addition, she was a District IV all-academic selection in 1986 and 1987 and a three-time All-MAC Academic selection. She has also received a National Collegiate Athletic Association Postgraduate Scholarship, one of the most prestigious academic honors available to college athletes.

Hellman was selected as an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship alternate; only five Division I basketball players in the country were awarded the scholarship. He was also a Presidential Scholar in the Department of Philosophy and was one of only two Western seniors to be recognized by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards for exceptional academic performance.

Hellman, who earned a perfect 4.0 for last fall's semester, was twice picked as honorary captain of the basketball squad. During his career he earned the most improved player and sportmanship awards.

Top five 1987-88 academic 'teams'

The following sports teams maintained an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above for the semesters indicated.

The team averages were obtained by averaging the grades of all team members.

Fall semester

Women's gymnastics (3.17)
Women's cross country (3.09)
Women's tennis (3.07)
Men's tennis (3.06)
Men's gymnastics (3.05)

Winter semester

Women's tennis (3.38)
Women's cross country (3.31)
Men's tennis (3.12)
Soccer (3.10)
Golf (3.06)
Schedule of constituency events

Show your Western pride and return to campus for the 1988 Homecoming celebration. Call your friends and plan to meet them at one or all of the following events.

September 30

Soap Box Derby
Alumni, as well as current students, continue to enjoy the speed and thrills associated with this popular annual event. It features daring students in their creatively designed racing machines. The derby begins at 1 p.m.

Bonfire/fireworks display
This "illuminating" activity starts immediately following the student "yell like hell" competition starting at dusk at the Intramural Field in Goldsworth Valley.

October 1

Hospitality/information center
Plenty of smiles and helpful information are awaiting you for when you arrive on campus. Bring your questions and please visit the first floor of the Bernhard Center and pick up a complete Homecoming schedule. You may also call the hospitality center at (616) 387-6179 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Residence hall "open houses"
You won't believe how your old residence hall has changed. Stop by your hall between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. to see the latest renovations and meet some of today's students.

Indoor tailgate
Plan to meet fellow alumni, faculty, and friends at the newly decorated Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. you can renew friendships and catch up on all that is new at the University.

Campus tours
You'll be able to take advantage of special campus tours leaving from the first floor lobby of the Bernhard Center. And, with tours starting every twenty minutes between 10:00 a.m. and noon, you'll have plenty of chances to view our expanding campus.

Champagne brunch* 
You can continue your reminiscing, as well as reacquainting yourself with old friends, over a delicious brunch and a glass of champagne from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Gridiron crash
The Broncos take on the Bowling Green Falcons during the big game, which starts at 1:00 p.m.

WMU Corral
Your WMU Corral hosts will "round up" even more fun by sponsoring a post-game celebration with refreshments and live music. Join the celebration at the east end of the Stadium near the ROTC Building.

Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner*
Three of Western's most prestigious alumni will receive a 1988 Distinguished Alumni Award at the 6:00 p.m. awards dinner in the Fetzer Development Center.

Alumni '50s and '60s dance*
All alumni are invited to jitterbug the night away at the Bernhard Center Ballroom from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tickets may be purchased through the reservation form on this page or at the door.

*Admission charged and advance registration is encouraged.

A variety of WMU constituency groups are planning get-togethers for alumni and current members during Homecoming week. Get into the swing and spirit of this year's Homecoming by joining old friends at one of these events. If you're unable to obtain event details from the contact person listed, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (616) 387-6179.

Alpha Beta Chi alumni should plan to meet Saturday, October 1, in the indoor tailgate/bbq at the Bernhard Center. Call Scott Glascott at (616) 372-3652 for details.

Alpha Beta Epsilon members planning to attend Homecoming will meet Saturday, October 1, at the outdoor tailgate/bbq at the Bernhard Center. Call the Office of Alumni Relations for details.

Alpha Kappa Alpha alumni will meet for a reception after Saturday's game. Watch the newsletter for details or call Evette Stallworth at (616) 375-8176.

Alpha Phi alumni will meet at the house on Fraternity Village Drive immediately after Saturday's game. Call Debbi Hendry at (616) 349-8199 for details.

Brown and Gold/Western Herald editors and staff members will reunite at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 1, at the Bernhard Center. After the get-together, the group will join other alumni at the champagne brunch and football game. Call the Office of Alumni Relations for details.

Class of 1963 members will meet Saturday, October 1, at the Bernhard Center for a 6:00 p.m. social hour and a 7:00 p.m. dinner. A pregame cocktail is also scheduled on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Kanley Field area. Watch your mail for details or contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

ChOmega alumni should plan to meet at the house on Oakland Drive before Saturday's game. Watch your mail for details or call Alan Regalado at (616) 349-9585.

Tri-Fraternity "March down" enthusiasts should meet Saturday, October 1, at Real Fieldhouse after the football game. Members of the National Panhellenic Council will participate in the annual convocation. Performances will be judged on verbal and oral presentation, creativity, attire, and precision.

Pi Kappa Alpha alumni will meet to plan an open house Saturday morning and a dance later in the day. Call Mark Thompson at (616) 342-1195 for details.

Phi Sigma Rho members at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 1, will join members of Omega Delta Phi and Theta Chi Delta for the first annual Tri-Fraternity Reunion. Watch your mail for details and a reservation form or call the Office of Alumni Relations.

Residence Hall Association alumni and former members should plan to meet Saturday, October 1, from 10:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Kiva Room of the Paine Student Services Building for a red wine and cheese appetizer and wine. Call the Office of Alumni Relations at (616) 387-4463 for details.

Gamma Epsilon alumni will meet to plan Saturday, October 1, at the house on Short Road. Watch your mail for details or call Marc Rosenberg at (616) 384-2112.

Sigma Nu alumni will meet for a picnic. Watch your mail for details.

Phi Epsilon alumni will meet at the house on Woodward Street 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, for cheese and crackers. Saturday, pregame doughnuts and cider will be served at the house about 11:00 a.m. and an evening banquet will be held. Call Ted Carmine at (616) 345-0909 for details.

Sigma Sigma alumni should meet at the new house in 814 W. Kalamazoo Avenue immediately after Saturday's game.

Student Center Advisory Board/USCB alumni and former members will meet 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 1, in the President's Dining Room of the Bernhard Center. Call Sue Holdeman Green at (616) 387-4888 for details.

Draper/Siedschlag Hall former and current staff and residents are asked to stop by the Siedschlag Lounge from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information call the Draper office at (616) 387-4790.
**Come home**

September 25-October 1

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### Schedule of student events

On September 25, students, faculty, and staff will kick off the 1988 Homecoming celebration of "Western Pride—Catch the Wave," continuing their spirit-raising events throughout the week. Alumni and friends are welcome to stop by and enjoy watching the activities. Refer to the following schedule for details.

**Sunday, September 25**
- **Victory Run**
  - Kendig Field, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
  - The event is sponsored by the Mike Gary Athletic Fund. Those wishing to participate in the run should call (616) 387-3100.

**Monday, September 26**
- **Gospel concert/reception**
  - Dorothy Dalton Recital Hall, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 27**
- **Western's Olympics**
  - Goldsworth Valley—Goozoo Area, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
  - Watch student organizations compete in fun-filled events.

**Wednesday, September 28**
- **Noon-time activities**
  - East Campus Lawn and West Campus in front of the Bernhard Center, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - These activities will be repeated on Thursday and Friday.
- **That's Entertainment**
  - Dorothy Dalton Recital Hall, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
  - This event puts the spotlight on student talent.

- **King and queen coronation**
  - Dorothy Dalton Recital Hall, 9:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 29**
- **"Sweetwater"**
  - Fritter Fast
  - Bernhard Center Lawn, noon to 1:00 p.m.

  - This is a Homecoming tradition which answers the question: 'How many doughnuts can a student eat in two minutes?'

**Friday, September 30**
- **House displays**
  - Residence halls and other student organizations will show their Western pride by designing and constructing house displays.
- **Soap Box Derby**
  - Rankin Road, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- **Tell like hell/spirit banner**
  - Intramural Field/Rankin Road, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- **All-campus dance**
  - Sangren Hall Parking Lot, 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**Saturday, October 1**
- **National Panhellenic "march down" reception**
  - Road Fieldhouse, after the football game.

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### Homecoming Reservation Form

**Western Pride—Catch the Wave**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**CITY**  **STATE**  **ZIP**

**PHONE (HOME) **  **(BUSINESS) **

**Saturday, October 1**
- We will attend the indoor tailgate ______
- We will attend the champagne brunch/game ______
- We will attend the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dance ______

**Quantity**  **Total**

- $ ______
- $ ______
- $ ______

**Add Handling Cost**

- $ ______

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

- $ ______

*You may take this opportunity to join the WMU Alumni Association and take advantage of the member rate for Homecoming activities. Just fill out the membership application appearing on page 13 of this issue.

- My check is enclosed

- Please charge my MasterCard or VISA

**VISA #**

**Expiration Date**

**MasterCard #**

**Expiration Date**

**Signature**

**NOTE:** Event tickets will be sent by return mail. For reservations received after September 25, tickets will be held at the hospitality/information center or the event site.

For football game tickets only, call (616) 387-3082

Complete this form and mail it to:

- Homecoming '88
- Alumni Relations
- Western Michigan University
- Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3854

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The logo for the 1988 Homecoming celebration was designed by James Olah, a junior from Kalamazoo. He is an art major with a painting emphasis.
Family ties mean Western ties for the Schreurs and Garneaus

When Cornelius Schreur and Wallace Garneau graduated from Western, they didn’t realize they would one day be in the roots in a family tree of Kalamazoo area Broncos that would boast their children and grandchildren.

The two spearheaded a Western tradition that became interconnected when Schreur’s daughter, Joan, B.S. ’66, married Garneau’s son, Theodore, B.S. ’65.

To date a host of cousins and ten immediate family members have attended Western, including Schreur’s wife, Wilma DeYoung, T.C. ’29, and Garneau’s wife, has been a permanent part of the campus since 1963, and affordable.

The Schreur family has a long history of involvement with the Kalamazoo Shakespeare Company and Wilma went earning money so her offspring decided which education she jokes, noting her education also taught her this situation provided good material for friendly jokes.

A dedication to education as a profession didn’t flow into the family from just one side of the tree, though. Garneau, who graduated with a teaching certificate in 1933, eventually returned to Western as a faculty member in 1951.

The second “Western generation” came on the scene in the 1960s when two of Schreur’s children, Joan and husband, Robert, B.F.A. ’73, and Garneau’s children, Theodore and Beth, obtained their bachelor’s degrees. Eric Schreur, another of Joan’s brothers, received a bachelor’s degree in 1965.

Joan says she didn’t think about carrying on a tradition when she enrolled at Western, but rather looked at the proximity of the school and the low cost of tuition.

“I had three different graduation days,” she jokes, noting that due to her schedule, her class reunion to attend is a dilemma.

While pursuing her education and raising her children, Wilma also taught for eight years in the Comstock Public Schools.

“I had a vivid recollection of one of the most important periods in Western’s development. It was a statement when the school officially became a University in 1957. The week’s festivities to commemorate the event were a lot like a very special Homecoming, she remembers.

“It was a very exciting time. I was so happy for Joan’s daughters, who say they have surprised a few of their peers by having a name most only hear in conjunction with a residence hall that houses more than 250 students each year.

“When people found out my name was Garneau,” Michelle says, “they would ask me to come to the hall and see what it looked like.”

Nicly also has had several experiences to remind her that she’s part of a Western tradition, including the time she found herself sitting in class near a girl with the last name of “Harvey.” Harvey happens to be the name of the residence hall next to Garneau Hall, she says, and this situation provided good material for friendly jokes. “In every class they ask—it’s like the famous question—‘Are you related to the residence hall?’”

The answer, of course, is yes. But Michelle and Nicky are also related to the family traditions besides Western. The two come from a long line of debaters and teachers on both sides, with an interest in theatre and writing thrown in.

However, it doesn’t appear as though the noble profession of education will be sustained by the latest generation of Garneau children. Neither Nicky, who is currently majoring in French and in English with a journalism emphasis, nor Michelle, who will graduate in December with a bachelor’s degree in communication, plan to teach.

Teaching is a family tradition, and I’m breaking the tradition,” Michelle says, going on to explain the reason. “When my parents went to school here, it was primarily a teaching school. Now it offers so much more.”

And so it does.

The Cripps family doesn’t feel a need to find out where to enroll

For the Cripps family, teaching was a tradition that started with a great-grandmother who taught school and a great-grandfather who taught Sunday school.

Western became a part of this Vicksburg family’s tradition when the next generation sought educations to prepare them to follow in their footsteps.

Robert Cripps, B.S. ’57, M.A. ’63, remembers his mother, Frances Winters Cripps, B.S. ’26, as a “fiesty woman” who was a “demanding disciplinarian” who instilled the importance of getting an education in both him and his sister.

Frances, a social studies and biology teacher, taught in Vicksburg for almost thirty years. Frances’ first memory of Western was when, as a youngster, she accompanied her mother and half brother, Charles Snell, T.C. ’14, to President Dwight B. Woldo’s office. The three spent an hour there, choosing classes for Charles, who later taught industrial arts and woodworking in Lansing for more than thirty years.

Frances remembered viewing the campus from Woldo’s office window, Robert says. At the time, the president’s office was located in the Vicksburg High School then known as Crest Hill on East Campus, the school’s original site.

As Frances explored the office, Dr. Woldo told her mother “to just let her wander, she wasn’t bothering anything,” Robert says.

That earlier meeting with President Woldo must have paid off, for as a student she became the school's official baby-sitter when the president and his wife attended social functions.

Frances went on to teach elementary school in Athens for fourteen years before becoming a farm wife and raising a family. It was during this time that the school officially became a University.

That was when “education became fun for me,” Robert says.

“I was blessed with the staff—like Dr. Dunbar, and Dr. Brown in history,” he says, explaining that his interest in history was sparked by his grandfather, who used to tell stories of his experiences in the Civil War.

“I grew up with the story,” Robert says. “My great-grandfather, Philip Gillson, was a Civil War veteran. It was him and his sister.

One of the most exciting events during his high school attendance, Robert says, was the February night in 1957 when the Michigan Legislative signed the bill making Western Michigan College a university.

“Several students gathered on the steps of the old Oaklands that evening,” he says. “President (Paul V.) Sangren came out and announced the change. The next day, students were walking around with the new name on them.”

Robert’s wife, Nina Armstrong Cripps, B.S., also has a few historic memories of Western. Two of the met in the “stacks” at a library annex located in what was then the administration building. Nina says she had taught at Vicksburg and Schoolcraft area for about twenty years, lived in Siedschlag Hall. The hall was named for Lydia Siedschlag, a chairperson of the Division of Fine Arts during the 1950s. Nina remembers Siedschlag visiting the residence hall named in her honor and chatting with the “girls.”
Western is a family affair for the Carpps

The Donald Carpp family of Paw Paw is among several generation or more Western families that include almost as many alumni as family members, especially when spouses and in-laws are counted.

Perry Johnson, B.S. '28, a teacher and school superintendent, planted the seeds of the family tradition. However, it was through his daughter Lois and her son-in-law, Marv, who could not recall much about his school days. "The only thing I can remember about Western is that it was hard work," he says, noting that he left school to go to college, raising a family, and finding a job all at the same time. "I wasn't able to finish my degree, but it was a good education and it served me well."

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The Carpps' three-generation Western family has continued through their children: Robert, B.S. '55, Mary, who attended the school for a year before marrying John Critchlow, B.S. '67; and Rodney, B.A. '81, who married Robert Austin, a Western student from 1957 to 1959.

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Now an assistant research chemist for Kalamazoo's Upjohn Company, Austin says he was a student when Western became a University in 1957. "There was a lot going on, but I missed much of it because I was commuting. That's why I made sure my two kids had a chance to live on campus—I think being involved in campus life is half of a college education," he says.

The two eldest children who capitalized on that opportunity and now number among the family's alumni are Cynthia Austin Herring, B.S. '78, and her brother Rodney, M.A. '91. Cynthia is a medical technological living near Grand Rapids and Rodney, who obtained his master's in athletic training, was teaching in Texas until recently moving back to Michigan. Rodney's wife is now enrolled at Western and her sister took courses on campus while going through the Western/Bronson Methodist Hospital nursing program.

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1978-79
Harold E. Balleas, MBA '79, has been promoted to director, construction management, The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo.

Susan T. Flores, BA '79, has been appointed service center manager for Detroit Bell Bearing, Kalamazoo.

Larry Gorham, BS '78, has been promoted to undersheriff in the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

Christine Lehman Jackson, MBA '79, has received the Academic Excellence Award at Indiana University for her work in the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois. She is the college director of budget and resource planning.

Jeffrey M. Brock, BSE '80, received the Ace Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the paper-related industry in mid-Georgia. He is a district representative for the Calgon Corporation's Water Management Division, which presented the award.

Charles Brouer, MBA '80, MBA '84, has been appointed assistant art professor at Radford University in Virginia.

John G. Hall, MBA '80, has been promoted to regional production manager by R. P. L. & Co., Taylor.

Shelly Stroffing Boekstra, BS '80, has received her master's degree in business administration from Grand Valley State University, Allendale. She is a loan officer at Ottawa Savings and Loan.

Arthur C. Johnson, MBA '80, has been selected as one of two small business advocates of the year in Michigan. He is president of United Bank of Michigan.

Steven P. Klevler, BBA '80, has been promoted to assistant vice president of Old Kent Bank, Kalamazoo.

Michael Mueller, MBA '80, is vice president of Arcadia Management Corporation, Kalamazoo.

Debra A. Campbell Barley, BBA '81, has been promoted to regional vice president, First of America Bank-Michigan, Kalamazoo.

Carole K. Jones, MA '81, has been named education coordinator at Ferris State University, Big Rapids.

Kenneth E. Pflueger, MLS '81, has elected chair of the faculty at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA.

John D. Magee, BS '81, has been promoted to supervisor, drafting/computer-aided graphics department, at G. L. Orphan and Associates, an engineering consultant firm in Grand Rapids.

Cindy Thomas, BBA '81, has been appointed to accounting officer, First of America Bank-Michigan, Kalamazoo.

Mark Harwood, BBA '81, has been appointed executive credit officer, real estate and lending loan department, Commercial, Detroit.

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1982-83

Andrea Allen, BS '82, has received a Fulbright Grant.

Jeffrey L. Denzel BBA '82, is a marketing manager for Advertising Audit, West Bloomfield.

Carolyn Griffin, BS '82, is an assistant art director for Beardsley and Company, Richland.

Kathleen O. Connolly, BS '82, was sworn in as an attorney in November 1982 and is a member of the Simon & Kirchak Law Firm, Detroit.

Miles J. Postena, BBA '83, has been named an associate at the Warner, Norcross, and Judd law firm, Grand Rapids.

John D. Schlau, BBA '83, has been named medical representative for Syntax Laboratories, San Francisco, CA.

Ann Federa Schmidt, BBA '82, has been appointed auditor at Capital Federal Savings and Loan, Lansing.

Mark A. Sylvester, BBA '82, has been named controller for Leveret Enterprises, Wyoming.

William Wagner, BA '82, is special assistant to the U.S. Attorney in the organized crime section of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mary E. Zwaanstra, BS '82, has been named dean of students and assistant professor of social work at the Reformed Bible College, Grand Rapids.

Susan Kay Buirrington, BBA '83, has been appointed assistant vice president, cash management department, at First Union National Bank, Orlando, FL.

Sheri Caveaux-Barry, BS '83, is a public information officer in the Delaware Department of Corrections and lives in Dover, DE.

Larry Cross, BS '83, is an account executive with Selhof Associates, Grand Rapids.

Susan A. Corley, BS '83, has been appointed director of sales at Days Inn-Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Peter J. Davis, BS '83, has been named sales manager of original equipment for Royal Oak Industries.

Mark G. Heath, BS '83, has been appointed sales supervisor at Kalamazoo Label Co.

Susan Morton, MA '83, has been elected president of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Boards for 1988.

Diane Truweiler Nooden, BBA '83, has been named manager of accounting services for Clanton, Morgan, Floodhart, and Van Lier, an accounting firm in Grand Rapids.

1984-85

Ann Rombach Blackbuck, MSW '84, is a consultant at Ottawa Community Mental Health Services in Ottawa County.

Frank M. Dolan, MBA '84, has been named a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Michael D. Humphreys, BA '84, is an associate broker with Miller Real Estate, Hastings.

Arden Snyder, BBA '84, has been appointed assistant administrator for finance at Papp Community Hospital, Flushing. Susan Dahlin Myers, BS '84, has been promoted to methods operations officer, First of America Bank-Michigan, Kalamazoo.

Patrick John O'Connor, BS '84, has joined the marketing staff at the Palace of Auburn Hills, MI.

Darrell S. Sobeski, BBA '84, has been promoted to tax consultant at Price Waterhouse, Detroit.

Judith Stewart, BS '84, has been named senior editor of the Western Kalamazoo Business Digest.

An Alumni Association is the support and involvement of its members. The association sponsors a multitude of programs and activities designed to serve the University and its graduates.

Activities such as Homecoming, regional events, reunions, and the teaching excellence and distinguished alumni awards, are all part of the Alumni Association's efforts to involve its members. The association will continue to utilize these programs, and more, to play a key role in expanding and enhancing its services. As our alumni member, you'll receive all issues of the Westerner, which is written specifically for alumni. You'll also receive a discount on alumni events such as Homecoming and on purchases made at the Campus Bookstore.

Perhaps more important is the intangible, yet true value of your association membership: the reflection of your loyalty, gratitude, and support for the University which played a major role in your life.

You are a key to our success. And to prove this point, the handsome brass key ring featured above is yours, as a gift, just for joining the association.

This key ring is not only good looking, but it's practical and serves as a reminder of the support and involvement of its members.

Do it today, as this offer will expire September 30, 1988.

The Key to Success

Christine Jackson

Kerin J. McQuillan, BBA '79, recently received his JD/MBA degree. He is vice president for a venture capital firm in San Francisco.

Clark R. Thompson, BS '79, MBA '92, has been appointed project management officer, First of America Insurance Co., a subsidiary of First of America Bank Corp., Kalamazoo.

Robin Ratchfile, BS '80, has joined the staff of Joy Valley Family Management Center as a psychiatric assistant.

Raymond Burgess, BS '80, has joined the office of Weber & Associates as an assistant creative director.

Judith Doebner, MA '80, has been named assistant superintendent of Alhambra Public Schools.

David I. Hanno, BBA '79, is an account executive with Internal Systems Contract Group, Detroit.

Dr. Sharadai Khan, BS '79, MA '82, has been named vice president of human resources and public affairs, All-Phase Electric Supply Co., Kalamazoo.

John R. Nuckemie, BBA '79, in partnership with his sister, will open their second bakery location in Kalamazoo.

Thomas M. Maranette, BBA '79, has been promoted to senior manager-audit at Price Waterhouse, Detroit.

Margaret Groga Murphy, BBA '79, has been promoted to supervisor, information services at Inghals Health Systems service line manager for substance abuse management.

1980-81

James A. Allen, MBA '90, was selected in May to be the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Office commander. He is a six-year veteran of the U.S. Army, and served as an advisor of a small unit leader, language school commander, and a liaison officer.
John H. Nelson, who obtained a bachelor of science degree in economics from Western in 1953, is the new president of UpjohnHealthCare Services. A Kalamazoo-based subsidiary of The Upjohn Company, HealthCare Services has 255 offices in the United States and Canada.

Nelson, who had been The Upjohn Company's vice president of merchandising information and office services, takes over the subsidiary in the early stages of a $24 million computerization of its branch offices.

HealthCare Services provides more than 20 million hours of home health care services annually through nearly 5,000 full-time employees and 50,000 part-time care givers. According to a Kalamazoo Gazette article, the computerization program will streamline the processing of thousands of service tasks, give clients twenty-four-hour telephone access to registered nurses, and allow the company to open up 200 branch offices in the next five years, many in thinly populated areas.

Nelson joined Upjohn as a summer employee in 1959 and as a full-time employee two years later. He has been director of corporate finance, vice president of corporate planning and treasurer's administrator and vice president of corporate purchased goods and treasurer's administration.

Former band leader hangs up his baton after 43 years

Longtime music professor Leonard Meretta fully retired from teaching last spring, but not before April 13 was named in his honor.

Leonard Meretta Day was held in conjunction with the School of Music's annual convocation which featured remembrances about the trumpet teacher, as well as some remembrances by Meretta's students.

Meretta, seventy-two, officially retired in 1981 as a professor emeritus of music. He remained affiliated with the University as an adjunct professor until April of this year. In all, he taught at Western for forty-three years—never once taking off for Sabbatical leave.

Leonard had served as director of University Bands and had taught conducting, band methods, and band arranging, among other musical tasks. He was named to the brass, wind, and percussion faculty for several years and created an endowed scholarship program for band students.

"And of course, all of us," said a former admis- sion and colleague of Meretta's, "he shared his skills and knowledge and love of music with literally thousands of music students who will carry on his tradition at Western."

Following Bullock's remarks, Meretta commented on "the way it was" during his first year at Western back in 1946 and only two music students showed up for his first band rehearsal.

"Before long we had sixty stu- dents in the band," he recalled. "I'm privileged to have been at Western during the last forty- three years and have witnessed the growth and development of a great univer- sity; from Western Michigan College of Education and Western Michigan University," he continued. "Since I came at the midpoint of the history of Western, it's mind-boggling to imagine what WMU may be forty-three years from now."

Members of the ABE Sorority and its Inter-Chapter Council traveled to campus May 14 to celebrate their Fifteenth anniversary and conduct their spring convention. During the activities, 88 ABE Alumnae, Alberta Suter, left, of Muskegon turned over the presidency to Jennifer Yarosz of South Haven.

Other newly elected officers are, continuing from left, Margaret Johnson of Muskegon, Mary Ellen Danis of Kalamazoo, Doris Bigelow of Lansing, and Mary Dewall of Muskegon. Officers not pictured are Peggy Berham of Muskegon, Virginia Martin '87, and Helen Yuhas of Jackson. New officers attending were Thomas Cross, ABE Sorority, and John Lore, past directors of the WMU Alumni Association. The Alpha Chapter from Benton Harbor's Joseph was the host of the celebration.

Crystal T. Gantt, BA '97, is as- sociate director of the Grand Rapids YWCA.

Christopher J. Yarosz, BBA '97, has joined the security division staff of All-Travels, Battle Creek.

Deaths

Herman E. Roberts, professor of English language and linguistics, died May 27 in Kalamazoo. While a member of Western's faculty from 1944 to 1976, he received the WMI Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award (1966) and the Cross of Honor, First Class (1969) from the Federal Republic of Germany for his efforts in promoting friendship between the United States and West Ger- many. Memorials may be made to a scholarship in his name through the Department of Languages and Linguistics.

Sera Gibbins French, T.C. '22, died April 13 in Northern Hills. She taught at the high school and community college level and leaves three daughters, thirteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Shirley Eberlein Frey, T.C. '31, died April 4 in Grand Rapids. She leaves her husband, one son, and three grandchildren.

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Russell W. Mater, T.C. '23, BS '50, died April 1 in Dover, Del.

Lucy Oehlert Blanchard, T.C. '24, died April 18 in Iowa.

Lila Reynolds Canyon, BA '24, died March 15 in Indianapolis.

Bernice Mc Dermott Tuxter, T.C. '21, died April 10 in Harrison, Ind. She leaves one son and three grandchildren.

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Marvin Hayner Jennings, TC '25, died April 3 in Quincy. She leaves one son and three grandchildren.

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Erma Matt Hornibol, TC '34, died March 27 in Kalamazoo. She is survived by one brother and four sisters.

Robert M. Welch, BA '36, died April 2 in Madison, WI. He leaves one sister, Mary R. Welch, BA '37, and one brother.

Roy M. Latche, BS '37, died May 3 in Bloomington. He leaves his wife, two sons, one daughter, and six grandchildren.

Helen Cyan Bauer, BA '38, died March 28 in South Bend, IN. She leaves her husband, seven daughters, two sons, and fifteen grandchildren.

Harlow H. McGeath, BA '36, died April 7, 1986, in San Diego, CA. It was recently learned. He leaves his wife, one son, one daughter, and two grandchildren.

1940-49

Sylvia Williams Pettitfeld, BA '44, died May 25 in Los Angeles, CA. She leaves her husband, Lee R. Ma, three daughters, three grandchildren, three sisters, and two brothers, Charles Williams, BA '52, and Homer Williams, BA '52.

Harold W. Burdick, BS '48, died March 16 in Battle Creek. He leaves his wife, five daughters, three sons, and nine grandchildren.

Harry P. Hoyt, TC '49, BA '52, died in May.

1950-59

Harold K. Huff, BS '52, died in April in Kalamazoo.

Sheila V. Shimmel, BA '52, died in April in Battle Creek. She taught at the Gulf Lake Elementary School before retiring.

Ronald T. Hoson, BA '54, died May 31 in Kalamazoo. He leaves his wife, Natalie Reese Hoson, BA '54, one sister, and one brother.

Grace E. Wilson, BS '53, died May 26 in Yulee. A member of Alpha Delta Epsilon, she served beta chapter as president, vice president, treasurer, chaplain, and advisor and was chairperson of the inter-chapter council. She leaves her husband, two sons, and one daughter.

Janice Jaqua Gilger, BA '54, died April 10. She was a member of Sigma Sigma Sorority. She leaves her husband, Drane, BA '53; two daughters, Teri, BS '82, and Tammy Jaqua Eblan, BS '85, brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack, BBA '50, Sherry, BA '50, Charles, BBA '70, and Mary, BA '70, and one sister Julane Jaqua George, BA '54.

Dr. David D. Carley, BA '57, died March 14 in Kalamazoo.

Nadine Dolling Garnet, BS '58, died April 3 in Three Rivers. She leaves her husband, one son, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

Robert B. Huston, MA '58, died in March. He was an attorney in Kalamazoo.

Harold D. Dunlavy, BS '59, died April 30 in Kalamazoo. He leaves his wife, two daughters, and one son.

1960-69

Wilma Brown, BS '60, died December 31 in Bridgman. She taught elementary school for thirty-one years.

Charles B. Morlan, BS '61, MA '62, died May 26 in Kalamazoo. He was an athletic coach at Three Oaks, Homer, Jackson Catholic, and Vicksburg high schools. He leaves four children, five grandchildren, and his mother.

Gwendolyn Adkins Vassall, BS '62, died April 1 in Grand Rapids. She leaves her husband, one daughter, and her father.

Russell Korhut Jr., MA '67, died March 9 in Howell. He leaves his parents, and one sister.

Terry Garrett, BA '68, died June 26 in Lansing. He leaves his mother, one sister, one brother, and one daughter.

1970-79

C. Arthell Hollingshed, BA '73, died in February in Hickory Corners.

James T. Cabwell, BS '75, died March 13 in Seattle, WA. He leaves his wife, two children, and his parents.

Donna Tosco Deyoung, BS '76, MA '81, died March 16 in Port St. Lucie, FL. She was a retired school nurse. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Raymond R. Woffle, BS '76, died June 13 in Kalamazoo. He leaves his wife, Linda Wortley Woffle, BS '78, his brother, and one brother.

Joel R. Wright, BS '78, died April 6 in Kalamazoo.

1980-88

H. Beth Irish, BS '82, died April 6 in Williamsburg.

Peter A. Rynd, BBA '82, died June 8 in Ponthockomy.

Patrick J. Peaudo, BS '85, died April 22 in Muskegon.

Philip E. Vogt, BS '87, died April 6 in Jackson.

1943-44 stars

Above: Members of the 1943-44 basketball team, considered by many to be the greatest basketball team in Western’s history, gathered in Kalamazoo June 29 to renew friendships. The team achieved a No. 4 national ranking. Members meeting were, from left, Jack Behrens, Marv Blymna, Jack Carley, Joe Crain, Don Huppert, Russ Mason, Bency Compton, Lew Lang, Del Loranger, and Rollie Anderson. (Photo courtesy of the Kalamazoo Gazette.)

Golden Associates

Above: Western’s Golden Associates, a group of all alumni who graduated fifty or more years ago, were on campus June 17 as part of their annual ritual of welcoming the newest members of their group. This year’s associates include alumni who graduated in 1916 up through 1937.

Below: Frieda Amison and Ali Bush recall their school days while reviewing a collection of class photos.

Class of 1948

Right: Nearly forty class members returned to campus June 4 for their fortieth reunion.

Below: Frieda Amison and Ali Bush recall their school days while reviewing a collection of class photos.

Class of 1938

Above: A. Wesley Rowland, left, and A. Thomas Fitzgerald, right, extend greetings during their golden anniversary reunion June 17 as Philip Miller and J. Mart Chandler look on.

Left: There was little elbow room left when class members posed for a reunion photo.

Below: Reminiscing was the order of the day for, from left, Vervi Nice Swan- sas, Jean Weinga Bond, and Esther Larsen Frederickson.

The roots are deep’

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Richard’s mother, Mildred Stephens Percy, received her diploma in 1909, and was followed by her sister, Dorothy Foltz. In 1921, Richard, BA ’36, carried on the tradition and cemented it by marrying the late Helen Sheffield, B.S. ’39. The 1960s turned out numerous Broncos, including a niece, Sharon Percy Kuntzman, B.S. ’61, M.A. ’92, and two out of three children who themselves married Western graduates. Richard’s daughter, Deborah, B.A. ’94, M.F.A. ’87, married Michael Dmokovski, B.A. ’89, and his son, Richard, Jr., B.A. ’92, married Shirley Everts, B.A. ’99.

The Shield

Dorothy E. Shields of Grand Ledge wrote to explain that while her family doesn’t represent three generations of graduates, it does represent “three changes in the growth of Western Michigan University.” Dorothy, B.A. ‘32, received her degree from Western State Teachers College, while her sister, Mildred E. Hurt, B.C. ’29, graduated from Western State Normal School and Dorothy’s daughter, Saloma Lee Mildred Anderson, B.A. ’50, graduated from Western Michigan University.

The Whakes

Maitawan resident Vicky Niewoorder, B.S. ’76, M.A. ’90, received two degrees from Western, but not before family members from two previous generations had earned diplomas from the school. Those family members included her great-grandfather, Thelma Walter Shurt, St. C., her father, George Shurt, B.A. ’53; and her great-aunts, Wilma Hart, T.C. ’29, and Beth Hart, T.C. ’29, B.A. ’32.

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Award-winning production takes its final bow

It ended in triumph and sadness, but mostly in celebration. "Quilters," the University Theatre play that chronicled the triumph of pioneer women through music and dance, swept into the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., this spring for three performances.

When the curtain descended for the last time, cast members celebrated the show's successful run from local to regional to national prominence, and tearfully bid farewell to each other and their characters.

First produced at Western last fall, "Quilters" came to Washington as one of eight plays to be performed at the American College Theatre Festival. It was the first time a Western production had reached the national level.

The play, directed by Dr. Lyda L. Stillwell, associate professor of theatre, took regional honors from among thirty-five entries at the festival competition in South Bend, Indiana, in January.

"This is really a thrill and a great honor," Stillwell said of the production's national selection. "It means Western and our Department of Theatre are recognized as among the very best in the country."

Other universities represented at the national festival included Yale University, the University of California at Los Angeles, and the University of Washington. Stillwell said she had wanted to do "Quilters" for some time.

"In the summer of 1982, I read a newspaper account of the Denver Theatre Company's production of 'Quilters,'" she explained. "I knew then that I wanted to direct the show. It moved and inspired me as it obviously must theatre groups and audiences throughout the country."

Seven student performers, two of them already graduates, made up the cast for Western's production. Campus and guest artists also participated, along with the students from the Denver Theatre Company.

"I felt like I lost a friend tonight," said Kathryn Murray on closing night. The senior from Livonia played Sarah, whose death concludes the play's final scene.

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The quilt's panels represent stories handed down from generation to generation and the memories of a lifetime. Although many of today's people are unaware of the quilt's history, Stillwell noted, "Quilts" is "a story of a time when fewer options are available."

"Quilts" is a series of vignettes that tell stories of pioneer women, Stillwell said. "Each story is introduced and represented by a quilter's block, each adapted from an actual quilting pattern. The tales they tell are haunting, joyous, and beautiful, but above all, they celebrate incredible women." 

The play was written by Molly Newman, a resident playwright at the Denver Theatre Company, with music composed by Barbara Damashek. It centers around Sarah Bonham, who devoted the last years of her life to westernizing the University logo, above, with the Chrysler pentagon or stylized lettering of the words "Western Michigan University." The signature, which comes in two versions, replaces the "WMU" logo, which had been used on most printed materials. A logo essentially relies on a symbol to visually identify an organization, such as is the Chrysler with the Chrysler pentagon or the CBS eye. A signature is more straightforward in that it relies on the organization's name to visually identify the organization.

A party of thirty Western trustees, faculty, and staff members led by President and Mrs. Dietrich H. Haenicke attended the opening night performance of "Quilters." April 26 in Washington, D.C. More than eighty area alumni and friends attended the play opening night and to attend a reception before the performance.

Above: The cast of Quilters. Far left: President Haenicke congratulates cast members on stage after the opening night performance.

Left: Among those present were: from left, Dr. Lyda J. Stillwell, the play's director; Dr. D. Terry Wild, chairman of the Department of Theatre; Eleanor York, and Dr. Zach L. York, professor of theatre emeritus and a former theatre department chairman.

The days of Western's familiar logo are coming to an end as the University moves into a new look. The University has joined a number of other colleges and universities in adopting a new look for its logo and other materials. The new logo, which is called a "signature" rather than a logo, was developed by Dan Harz, art director at Nordstrom/Gox Marketing in Grand Rapids. It is one of several projects the firm is handling for the University. Coincidentally, Harz is a 1977 graduate.

The new design is being incorporated into a licensing program that has been established to regulate use of the University seal, name, and other "marks" by retailers and manufacturers.

The University has joined a growing number of colleges and universities that are requiring licenses in order to have some kind of control over what is produced with their name on it.

From now on, those wishing to use Western's registered marks on their products must obtain a license. Revenues from the licensing program will go into the University's general fund budget.

"In the last few years, there's been an explosive proliferation of items bearing university names and imprints," said Dan Summy, Western's director of athletic marketing and licensing director. "There's a need to coordinate the sale of those items to ensure that they're in good taste and that they present a positive image of the University."

In addition to quality, a liability question comes into play, according to Summy. He said universities and colleges without licensing programs could be held liable for defective items bearing their names manufactured by a third party.

Summy said that the licensing program is also part of a merchandising initiative at the University. Another part of the initiative will be a flyer he is putting together of products bearing the University's name that will go out periodically to students, parents, alumni, and friends.

"We think there are a lot of people out there who want to buy merchandise with Western's name on it, but don't have the opportunity to do so if they're not living in the Kalamazoo area," he said.

The headquarters for the new mail order business, called the Brown and Gold Shoppe, will be the former pro shop in Lawson Ice Arena.

The times they are a changin'