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The Westerner

University completes $62 million fund-raising campaign

On September 25 Western Michigan University successfully concluded its Campaign for Excellence, the most ambitious fund-raising effort in the University's history.

Begun in January 1988, the planned six-year campaign finished fifteen months ahead of schedule and more than thirteen percent above its original $55 million goal.

"This is a great success for our University and for the WMU Foundation," President Diether H. Haenicke said. "Thanks to the many generous friends and loyal alumni of Western, we were able to conclude the campaign in less than five years with a total of $62,483,257."

Among the campaign's most visible benefits are two new campus buildings, the Lee Honors College and the Haworth College of Business building, and a dramatically renovated and expanded Waldo Library.

The entire cost of the honors building and forty percent of the cost of the business building were paid for with private gifts.

"The Lee Honors College and Haworth College of Business both have new homes, replacing very old and inadequate facilities with attractive and functional buildings that will serve these programs well into the next century," Haenicke said.

Waldo Library, now connected to the one-year-old University Computing Center, looks like a completely new building. With more than 2.4 million items, WMU's library collection is the 58th largest in Michigan and the largest of any library on the west side of the state.

"This is a tremendous resource not only for our students and faculty, but for the entire region," Haenicke said. "During the campaign, we expanded our main library by nearly seventy percent and renovated the entire building. It is, for all practical purposes, a completely new library. While private contributions accounted for only ten percent of the total funds needed, that ten percent provided the critical difference in making ours a first-class, modern library."

Some of the money raised during the Campaign for Excellence will be used this year to start another construction project, a much-needed addition to Shaw Theatre.

Widely regarded as one of the best undergraduate theater programs in the nation, enrollment in the Department of Theatre at WMU quintupled since Shaw was completed in 1967. To date $3 million has been raised for the addition through the generous support of the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation and many WMU arts supporters.

"These four building projects are the most visible benefits of the Campaign for Excellence, but only about one-fifth of the monies raised in the campaign went for private gifts," Haenicke said.

Excluding the capital building projects, WMU's colleges and academic departments received nearly $17 million, including about $7 million in gifts and $10 million in private grants. These funds have supported and will support a wide variety of programs and equipment purchases, making a significant difference in the quality of the educational experience offered at WMU.

New deferred gift commitments of more than $12 million were received, and many of these are designated to support scholarship endowments in the future.

Scholarships and student financial aid received $3.9 million, including $2.3 million to support scholarship endowments.

The library system received $3.4 million for additions to its collections and for other program support.

WMUK received more than $1.2 million, including some large gifts to support construction of a new transmitter.

Intercollegiate athletics received more than $2 million, with most of the contributions coming through the Mike Gary Athletic Fund.

This figure includes significant gifts that support several recently completed projects, such as the new track and field building at Ranley Track.

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Largest grant in WMU's history

WMU receives $6 million to spearhead U.S. effort to reshape mathematics in nation's high schools

A federal grant to Western Michigan University for nearly $6 million—the largest grant in WMU history—is funding a five-year, multi-university effort to completely revamp high school mathematics and the way it is taught in the United States.

"I can envision mathematics classrooms in which students are learning from and for each other, and are harnessing appropriate technology in the course of learning. They will be able to select their own goals and to shape their own educational experiences," WMU Professor of Mathematics Development Dr. Christian R. Hirsch said.

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WMU's mathematics education faculty and allows them to build on years of experience to find new ways to meet the changing demands of both the workplace and the college classroom.

The Core-Plus Mathematics Project is the second major federally-funded education reform effort to be based at WMU. In October 1990, the U.S. Department of Education awarded $5.2 million over five years to fund the Center for Educational Accountability and Teacher Evaluation. It is serving as a focal point for U.S. efforts to

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Thanks to generosity of donors, campaign exceeds expectations

During the Campaign for Excellence, Western Michigan University and the WMU Foundation set records for private support in nearly every category imaginable.

The campaign generated nearly $45 million in total private support, excluding pledges and other future commitments. This is an average of $9.5 million per year or approximately twice the amount of annual private support received prior to the campaign. In fact, the University received more private support in each of its last four fiscal years than it had in any previous year in its eighty-nine-year history.

Before the fund-raising effort began, WMU had received three gifts of $1 million each, and these were the largest gifts on record for the University. During the campaign, however, the University received eight gifts of $1 million or more:

- The Haworth family and company of Holland (Michigan) gave $5 million, now the largest gift in WMU's history.
- Beulah I. Kendall of Battle Creek gave $2 million, the largest gift ever by an individual donor.
- The Irving S. Gilmore Foundation of Kalamazoo and the Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo each gave more than $2 million.
- The late Harold and Beulah McKee of Parchment, Dr. Merze Tate of Washington, D.C., the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, and anonymous friends of Western each gave $1 million.

"Extraordinary support for the campaign has come at all levels of giving," L. Michael Moskovis, WMU Foundation president, said.

More than 23,000 alumni and friends of Western made gifts during the campaign, Moskovis said, and 2,070 of them contributed a total of $1,000 or more. The number of people contributing between $100 and $1,000 annually increased 17 percent during the past three years, while faculty, emeriti, and staff contributions exceeded $2 million, more than doubling the goal for this group.

The University's deferred gift commitments also have been spurred by the campaign. More than $12 million in deferred gift commitments were written and more than $4 million from deferred gifts were received. The amount of deferred gifts in the University's portfolio that will be received in the future now totals $17 million.

"This is a very important part of private giving to the University, because many of the largest gifts from individuals come through deferred gift commitments, such as naming the WMU Foundation as a beneficiary in a will," Moskovis said.

"We are grateful for the support of our donors," he added. "With your continued help, the WMU Foundation and Western Michigan University will continue to establish new records of excellence of which we may all be proud."

Campaign leadership shines

Two distinguished businessmen headed the WMU Foundation throughout the planning, implementation, and successful completion of the Campaign for Excellence. William A. "Bill" Brown, B.S. '53, left, chaired the foundation from 1986 to 1989, while William U. Perfelt chaired the foundation from 1989 to 1992. Brown is chairman and chief executive officer of Fiskpark, Incorporated, a national real estate firm based in Chicago. He has previously been recognized with the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award and with the WMU Foundation's Volunteer of the Year award. Perfelt, president of the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, served as chair of the Campaign for Excellence. Later this year, he will be recognized for his extensive service to the University and to the Kalamazoo area community when WMU presents him with an honorary doctorate.

Campaign construction vital

Above: The dramatic expansion and renovation of Waldo Library began April 21, 1989, and ended April 24, 1992, with dedication ceremonies. The building, situated to the right of the clock tower in this view, was expanded from 145,000 to 250,000 square feet and cost $19.3 million. More than $1.6 million was raised through the Campaign for Excellence.

Inset photo: The William Harold Upjohn Rotunda, which serves as the main entry for the updated library, was made possible by a gift from Mary U. Moskovis of Kalamazoo.

Below: The Upjohn Center for Excellence is scheduled for 1993. The $1.3 million project costs. The entire project was funded with gifts raised through the Campaign for Excellence. The building was dedicated October 12, 1992.

Left: High-technology classrooms like the one featured in the new 191,000-square-foot building housing the Haworth College of Business. Dedicated October 11, 1991, it consolidates all the University's business programs into one modern facility.

Left: Ground was broken for the Lee Honors College on April 27, 1989. The 6,400 square-foot building is the home for WMU's highly-regarded honors program, which serves more than 600 undergraduates. The building and college are named for Carl and Windred Lee of Kalamazoo, who contributed $500,000 of the $1.3 million project costs. The entire project was funded with gifts raised through the Campaign for Excellence. The building was dedicated October 12, 1992.

Left: Dr. Von Washington, pictured, as well as other Department of Theatre instructors and theatre students are looking forward to the much needed additional space for instruction, rehearsals, and performance. That a new construction project will bring, ground-breaking for the project, the Laura V. Shaw Theatre's educational wing, is scheduled for 1993. The Irving S. Gilmore Foundation of Kalamazoo contributed more than $2 million of the $3 million in private gifts raised for this project. Total project costs are expected to exceed $4 million. The 26,000-square-foot wing will be annexed to Shaw Theatre.
Much remains to be done to prepare for end of decade

Haenicke takes 'mini-sabbatical' to set WMU's course for year 2000

WMU spearheads effort to reshape high school mathematics

Faculty experts + federal grant = national exposure for WMU
University News in Brief

**WMU now among nation's top 204 universities**

Western Michigan University is among the top 204 national universities cited in the *College Guide of America's Best Colleges* compiled by U.S. News & World Report. The 1993 rankings were determined from data for each of five attributes: reputation, selectivity, faculty resources, financial aid, and graduate earnings. "We're easily in the top 10 percent and that's not just among regional universities," President Dieter H. Hausenick said. "It's among the top 204 in the nation." Rich Chormann

**Foundation elects new officers for 1992-1993**

Following a campuswide competition, The WMU Foundation elected new officers for 1992-93. He succeeds William U. Parfelt, president of the University of Kalamaoo, who served as foundation chairman for the past three years. Other foundation officers elected to one-year terms are: Richard G. Carlson, B.B.A. '71, vice chairman; Charles H. Ludlow, B.S. '50, vice chairman; Dr. L. Michael Moskovitis, president; Accounting Professor Robert G. Miller; Thomas A. Myers, secretary; and Robert M. Bean, treasurer. Chormann is immediate past president of the WMU Alumni Association and served as a vice chairman of the WMU Foundation prior to his election as foundation chairman. Carlson is national manager of the real estate division for the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche in Chicago, Illinois. Ludlow is a retired vice president and treasurer of the Upjohn Company. The remaining three officers are WMU employees. Richard Chormann

**New ties**

That's an important distinction because much of our foreign relations work is done at the state and local level, but much of our foreign research strengths, are: the Enabling Technology Center, Water Resources Research and Development Center, and the College of Arts and Sciences Geographic Information Systems Research Center. Sharma received a Distinguished Service Award from the WMU Board of Trustees October 3. The approval ratings are slightly higher than those given in a previous survey of 1981 and 1986 graduates. "This study shows that our students are very pleased with their experience at WMU," Dr. Mary Anne V. Bunda, director of University Assessment, told members of the WMU Board of Trustees October 3. The Sloan Foundation is among five complete four-year degree programs that lead to both master's and doctoral degrees in business-oriented bachelor's degree program in applied professional studies, are now available for the first time through WMU's Campus III Weekend College. Among the new offerings are courses leading to the master of public administration degree, as well as previously offered courses that lead to both master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership.

Three certificate programs also are being offered. They are an eighteen-credit-hour certificate program in alcohol and drug abuse studies, a certificate program for teachers, and one for administrators. The bachelor's in applied professional studies is among five complete four-year degree programs Campus III offers. The other four degrees are in applied liberal studies, health studies, production technology, and technical scientific studies. Richard Chormann

**WMU’s Epsilon XI chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, established in 1962 and the oldest black fraternity on campus, celebrated its thirtieth anniversary during this year’s Homecoming. Among those participating in the celebration were, front: lisa Bon Tim Bicklor, B.S. ’75, president of the group in 1990 when the fraternity was a campus interest group, for right, Blake Daetweiler, ’81, a mechanical engineering major from Springfield, and from left, founding chapter members Darnell Hargrave, ’77, now a vice president of Acme Industries in Ohio; William Boords, B.S. ’84, a manager with the Battle Creek Public Schools; and Dennis Archer, B.S. ’10, a former Michigan Superintendents Council president and a member of the earlier Alpha Phi Alpha group. Dr. Hickey E. Woodford, ’89, ’68, ’36, President of WMU, has been honored during the celebration. They and Archer all have received WMU Distinguished Alumni Awards. Wilfred G. Schumacher

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MAILBAG

‘Fun issue’ was worth sharing with others
Dear Friends of Western Michigan University,
I enjoyed the “fun issue” of The Westerner. I collect funny things to share with residents of the nursing and retirement homes where I play for sing-a-longs. I’m one of Western’s oldest graduates, having received my life certificate in elementary education in 1918. I was voted Senior Volunteer of the Year for the Lawton (Michigan) area this year. I’m very proud of the University.

Dorothy Lewis Spencer, L.T. ’18, B.A. ’50

I may be boring, but not that boring
Editor’s note: The Westerner regrets the following error and any inconvenience it may have caused.
Dear Westerner,
I thought it to be somewhat ironic that your issue with the humor theme announced that I died. I have to admit that at times I might be rather boring, but the last time I checked, I still had a pulse.
My father (same name) died in Kalamazoo on June 17. Please correct your records.

Dick Yeasin, B.B.A. ’72

Thank you for the mementos, newsworthy publications, and personal touches
Editor’s note: The following letter was sent to Jamie Jeremy, director of alumni relations.
Dear Jamie,
Please accept my apologies for this belated thank you. It was so thoughtful of you to send the photos from the Distinguished Alumni Dinner.
I am delighted to have mementos of such an enjoyable occasion—Homecoming 1991—my first in a good many years.

Women’s Basketball
For Homecoming next fall.

Homecoming 1992 Report Card
Western Michigan University

Jami Jeremy, Alumni Relations Director
Todd Hufford, Student Chairperson

Subjects
GRADE

Football Game
COMMENTS: Aggressive behavior paid off.

Parade
COMMENTS: Definitely on the road to success.

Soapbox Derby
COMMENTS: Showed superior quickness and drive.

Alumni Association Brunch
COMMENTS: Definitely hit the spot.

Fireworks
COMMENTS: Passed with flying colors.

House Displays
COMMENTS: Building on previous efforts.

Class of 1967 Twenty-Fifth Reunion
COMMENTS: Flying to perfection.

Special Awards: Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to C. Bassett Brown, Karla Gray, and David Smith.

Extra credit will be given to all alumni and students who participated. Note the story to the left and plan to “enroll” for Homecoming next fall.

Make your plans now for Homecoming ‘93
Due to circumstances beyond the University’s control, the 1993 Homecoming Banquet will be postponed. Consequently, Homecoming ’93 will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9.
You’re encouraged to make reservations for overnight accommodations as early as possible, so you’ll be assured lodging. Today isn’t too early. For your convenience, a partial list of Kalamazoo area hotels follows. More Homecoming details will appear in the next two issues of the Westerner.

Note that many of these establishments offer discounts to Western Michigan University alumni.

• Budgetel Inn ........................................... (616) 372-7999
• Fairfield Inn by Marriott ...................................... (616) 344-8300
• Holiday Inn—Expressway ......................................... (616) 381-7970
• Holiday Inn—West ........................................... (616) 375-6008
• LaQuinta Inn ............................................. (800) 531-5900
• Red Roof—East Cork ......................................... (616) 375-7400
• Red Roof—West Michigan ........................................... (616) 382-6350
• Residence Inn ........................................... (616) 1349-0855
• Signature Inn ........................................... (616) 381-1900
Deaths

1910—1929

Barbara Johnston Troy, BS '38, in December 19, 1929, in Kalamazoo, MI.

1930—1949

Barbara Johnson, B.A. '72, in June 19, 1949, in Kalamazoo, MI.

1950—1959

Barbara Johns, B.A. '65, in July 5, 1959, in Kalamazoo, MI.

1960—1969

Barbara Joy Johnson, B.A. '65, in March 2, 1969, in Kalamazoo, MI.

1970—1979

Barbara Lou Mooney, B.K.A. '79, in December 8, 1979, in Kalamazoo, MI.

1980—1989

Barbara Lynne Rutter, B.A. '70, in March 1, 1989, in Manchester, MI.

1990—1999

Barbara Lynde, B.A. '72, in July 29, 1999, in Kalamazoo, MI.

2000—2009

Barbara Pellegrino, B.K.A. '07, in March 19, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barbara Reynolds, B.S. '03, in March 23, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barbara Ryan, B.A. '00, in July 8, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barbara Vines, B.A. '68, in July 2, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barbara W. Vepraskas, B.A. '89, in September 11, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barbara Wrona, B.A. '73, in January 28, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barnie J. Willey, B.A. '42, in February 7, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Barry S. Whitney, B.A. '87, in January 31, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Bartholomew Chmielewski, B.S. '07, in February 4, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

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Bartholomew J. Reilly, B.A. '10, in February 5, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Bartholomew Culver, B.A. '10, in February 5, 2009, in Kalamazoo, MI.

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D Pamela Brooks Fullerton, ??, in July was hired as assistant superintendent for business, Holland Public Schools, Holland, MI.

D Pamela Brooks Fullerton, ??, in July was named dean of instructional program, Kalamazoo Central College, ( Olivio, IL.

D Robert Fein, BS '75, MA '79, in April joined the staff at Oakview Psychological Services, Marshall, MI.

D David MacDonald, BBA '75, MA '73, Ed.D '79, in July was named field sales manager of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Detroit, MI.

D Angela Markle, B '77, in March joined the staff of Michigan State University, Lansing, MI.

D Kay Clark-Cox, MA '91, in May became corporate comptroller, Gerber Products Co., Fremont, MI.

D Diana Trimberger, MA '85, in July was hired as assistant director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Lansing, MI.

D Julie Kateri Agacinski, BA '90, in March joined the staff of First of America Bank, Iron Mountain, MI.

D Madeline Konstantinos Kukla, BS '89, MBA '90, in July was promoted to manager of patient services, Grand Rapids, MI.

D M. Landenberg, '71, in April was named director of the WesternMichigan University Archives, Kalamazoo, MI.

D Michael John Janowski, BS '88, in April joined the staff of the Western Michigan University Alumni Association, Kalamazoo, MI.

D Tim Taylor, BBA '78, in July was hired as the accounting manager of Dart & Brockett, P.C., Coldwater, MI.

D Miriam A. E. Wogulis, MA '90, in July was named as part-time assistant to the director of the School of Business Administration at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI.

D Kathy Brown, Kalamazoo, MI.

D James Kane, MA '91, in April was named director of special projects, the Western Michigan University Alumni Association, Kalamazoo, MI.

D Robert Diekema, BBA '89, in July was named senior manager of the sales staff of the Kalamazoo Gazette, Kalamazoo, MI.

D Robert J. Toney, Jr., in March was named assistant director of the Kalamazoo County Public Library, Kalamazoo, MI.

D Dr. Thomas B. Fritts, Jr., in September was named president of the Western Michigan University Alumni Association, Kalamazoo, MI.

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D Richard D. Smith, in May was named as a part-time sales representative for the Western Michigan University Alumni Association, Kalamazoo, MI.
Researchers Loeffler, Micklin named distinguished faculty scholars for 1992

Two faculty members who are internationally recognized for their research have received Western Michigan University's Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards. Dr. Erik Loeffler, professor of geography, and Dr. Philip P. Micklin, professor of biology, were selected to represent WMU in the highest honor for a faculty member.

Loeffler, who publishes under the name Erika Friedl, is known for her research on Iranian life. She has spent more than five years conducting research on village and family life in Iran. Much of her time in that country has been spent in the southwest corner of Iran, in the village of Deh Koh. During seven field trips to the area, her studies have focused on traditional culture, political and social structure, folklore, religion, health, folk art, textile production, and post-revolutionary cultural change.

A member of WMU's faculty since 1971, Loeffler has shared her research in numerous articles and professional publications since 1967 and culminating with her 1989 book Women of Deh Koh, Lives in an Iranian Village, which was published by the Smithsonian Press and recounts the stories of twelve Iranian women. Nominated for the Victor Turner Prize for Ethnographic Writing, the book was reviewed by a New York Times reviewer, while television journalist Judy Woodruff called it "the real inside story of Iran."

Loeffler's research on Iranian life has taken place against a backdrop of political turmoil. Her stays in Iran spanned the reign of the Shah, the Islamic revolution, the rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini, and the taking of American hostages. She was in Iran at the time of Khomeini's death. Because of her Austrian citizenship, she has been interviewed by the Western world to the magnitude of the problem in a 1988 article in Science magazine. One year later he accompanied the first team of Western journalists into the area to record the devastation. That trip was detailed in a book titled Ripe: Reform and Realities.

Micklin was named Distinguished Faculty Scholar while teaching in the Department of Occupational Therapy. He is a co-founder of WMU's "Inflatable/Light Workshop," a multidisciplinary group that uses inflatable domes and lasers to create performances that communicate the functional significance of the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

Micklin is internationally regarded as one of the world's leading authorities on the destruction of the Aral Sea, a major environmental disaster in the former Soviet Union, which the world's fourth largest lake, the Aral has lost half of its area and 75 percent of its volume since 1960 because of massive diversion of the two rivers that feed the sea...

A faculty member at WMU since 1989, Micklin has been studying Soviet water management problems for twenty-five years. He first began picking up hints of the disaster in the late 1970s and was the first to alert the Western world to the magnitude of the problem in a 1988 article in Science magazine. One year later he accompanied the first team of Western journalists into the area to record the devastation. That trip was detailed in a 1990 National Geographic cover story.

Since then, Micklin has made television appearances on NBC's "Nightly News" and ABC's "Prime Time," and has been interviewed by the New York Times, Washington Post, Newsweek, Fortune, and other national and international publications. He is a co-founder of the United Nations group appointed to make recommendations about reversing the sea's decline and is a foreign member of the Aral Sea Research Laboratory at the University of Colorado.

Recently, Micklin received a grant from the Global Infrastructure Fund Research Foundation of Japan to begin building a Geographic Information System database on the Aral Sea and its basin. He will be working with Japanese, German, and Russian scientists to map the basin.

In supporting his nomination for the award, a colleague from another university said, "He has been acknowledged expert on Soviet water issues for years by even the Soviets solicit his opinion and request his work. His article on the Aral Sea in Science marked him as the scientific community's expert on this world-shocking ecological problem."