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East Hall

## Valued Traditions

**Faculty Recognition Dinner**  
**Saturday, June 9, 1984**

**New  
Directions**



Fetzer Center



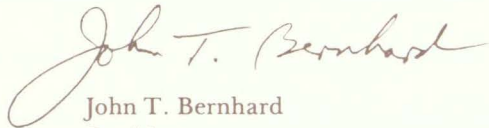
## WELCOME

The Faculty Senate and the University Administration are delighted to welcome you to the 1984 Recognition Dinner. We're very pleased you could be here!

This special occasion is intended to express our sincere appreciation to the new group of Emeriti, who have served Western long and well. In addition, it is also an opportunity to welcome back many other beloved Emeriti.

We are deeply grateful to all Emeriti for the key role they have played in Western's past achievements, and we trust that the University will always merit their continued support and interest in future years!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John T. Bernhard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John T. Bernhard  
President



## PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies . . .	D. Terry Williams
Welcome . . . . .	D. Terry Williams
Introductions . . . . .	D. Terry Williams
A Toast: To Our Honorees . . . . .	D. Terry Williams
Invocation . . . . .	Russell Seibert
Dinner	
Greetings from the Faculty Senate . . . . .	Fred V Hartenstein
Recognition of Honorees: Presentation of Emeriti Certificates . . . . .	John T. Bernhard
Welcome to the Ranks of the Emeriti . . . . .	Martin Cohen
Honorees' Response . . . . .	Beth Giedeman
Special Emeriti Message . . . . .	Dominic Leonardelli
"Valued Traditions and New Directions" . . . . .	Philip Denenfeld
Brown and Gold . . . . .	Sung by All Led by Elmer Beloof, Accompaniment by Margaret Beloof

Sherry and Wine Reception  
with Punch

DINNER

Chilled Fruit Cup

Bibb Lettuce with Classic French Dressing

Chicken a la Kiev  
Rice Complement

Mixed Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Layer Cakes

Beverages

## HONORED GUESTS

Tonight we honor thirty-eight of our colleagues who are entering the ranks of Western's esteemed Emeriti. It is good to have this gathering of those who through so many years have contributed so much to the development of Western's valued traditions, yet have always been attuned to the imperatives of new directions.

We thank these new Emeriti for the 952 years of service they have given Western Michigan University and wish them a full and happy future. By honoring the accomplishments of our Emeriti we also honor the accomplishments of Western, for they are inextricably woven together.

David W. Adams	Charles O. Houston
Donald Blasch	Don C. Iffland
Harold Boles	G. Stewart Johnson
Earl L. Borr	Dale D. King
Joan A. Boucher	Neil Lamper
Donald H. Bouma	Hung Peng Lee
William L. Burdick	Charles E. Meyer
Arthur Christensen	Gilbert W. Morell
Stanley K. Derby	Don W. Nantz
Roscoe A. Douglas	Frank B. Olenchak
Robert Engstrom	Harvey W. Overton
John L. Feirer	Maisie K. Pearson
June France	William Rosegrant
Joseph A. Frattallone	David Sadler
Beth Giedeman	Fred L. Stevens
Clarence J. Goodnight	Stanley W. Suterko
Paul L. Griffeth	James Tydeman
William O. Haynes	Franklin C. Wangberg
Imy V. Holt	Morvin A. Wirtz





## DAVID W. ADAMS

Professor of Education and Professional Development

Born in Leiters Ford, Indiana, Dave expanded his midwestern horizons by attending Ohio Wesleyan for his B.A. and going further east to the Big Apple for his M.S. and Ed.D. He served as an instructor and as assistant to the dean at New York City Community College in Brooklyn before his midwestern roots brought him to Western in 1956. There were other sojourns in the Big Apple as a teaching fellow at New York University, where he earned his doctorate, and as summer instructor, but he settled into becoming a member of Western's community.

Dave and Marcia raised four children, three sons and a daughter. One son, Kenneth, died in 1975 while a sophomore at Western. Dave and his family donated funds to purchase the materials for the Foucault pendulum which is housed in Rood Hall as a permanent and educationally valuable memorial to Kenneth. The pendulum is used by the Physics Department for demonstrations and class studies of the rotational rate of the earth.

Dave received Western's distinguished faculty award in 1967, was president of the Faculty Senate from 1969 to 1971, and has served on the All-University Committee on Liberal Education as well as several committees and panels on the future of teacher education.

Summers on a Cape Cod beach, painting (seascapes?), drawing (seascapes?), print making (seascapes?), collecting, repairing and refinishing antiques, "reading, reading, reading", and loafing are interests which will keep Dave busy in the future.

Or, as he expresses his retirement plans, "Wallowing in leisure life, supported in part by a good-natured and wonderfully loyal wife." And travel—plans are underway for a trip to Ireland this summer.

## DONALD BLASCH

Professor of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility

"Outstanding leadership in improving services for the blind." This was the phrase used to describe Donald Blasch's career upon his receipt of the 1982 Distinguished Service Award presented by Western Michigan University. This is but one of the many honors bestowed upon Don during his long and illustrious career.

He first came to Western in 1961 as director of the Center for Orientation and Mobility of the Blind, after service at the Illinois Training School for Boys, the Kane County Mental Hygiene Clinic, and the V.A. Hospital in Hines, Illinois. He was the first chairman of the Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility when it was formed in 1972, and remained in that position until 1980, when he resumed full-time teaching.

Don is known internationally as a leader in the provision of services for the blind and visually handicapped. His numerous awards include the two major ones in his field: the Shotwell Award of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, and the Migel Award of the American Federation for the Blind. In 1980 he was honored in a concurrent resolution from the Michigan Legislature which noted that his "innovative programs have prepared many individuals to teach blind people mobility and skills necessary to get them through the ordinary course of a day."

Don was instrumental in developing the long-cane technique for orientation and mobility for the blind, a technique which is now used world-wide. In addition to these accomplishments, he has served professional organizations in a variety of capacities.

Don's invaluable contributions cannot be measured; his career has been an enriching and rewarding one, and we wish the best for both him and his wife Virginia in his retirement.

## HAROLD BOLES

### Professor of Educational Leadership

A world traveler, an author and researcher, a school administrator, a professor, and an international consultant, Hal Boles is a man of many accomplishments.

Born in Trafalgar, Indiana, Hal earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana State Teachers College (now Indiana State University), a master's degree from Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Ohio State.

Hal has had a varied professional career including having served as an aerial navigator and navigation instructor for the U.S. Naval Reserves, and a principal and superintendent in the Ohio Public Schools; he had a managerial position with an architectural firm. He has taken positions as visiting faculty at such institutions as Arizona State University, Washington State University, and the University of Guam.

In his 23 year career at Western, Hal has served as head of the former Department of School Services and later the Department of Educational Leadership. He has written four textbooks, several monographs and over forty articles published in professional journals. He has served as consultant on approximately 150 educational projects in eight states and three countries. In 1974 Hal took a leave from Western to take a position as exchange teacher and visiting fellow at the Western Australian Institute of Technology and later became the first non-Australian to be awarded an honorary membership in the Institute. His name has also appeared in *Who's Who in America*, *Educational Leaders*, and *Contemporary Authors*.

Hal has traveled extensively all over the world to such places as Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Europe, and Costa Rica — and the list is longer.

In his retirement, Hal plans to pursue his interests and hobbies, which include travel, genealogical research and publication, and volunteer work. He also plans to become adept at using a word processor, and to study Spanish.

Hal, as described by one of his colleagues, is a perfectionist in what he does, and a man of honor. With these characteristics to help, he, together with his wife Esther, undoubtedly will find his retirement years to be like his career, active and rewarding.

## EARL L. BORR

Associate Professor of Education and Professional Development

Earl, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University, began teaching at Western's Campus School in 1957 as an assistant professor. Previously, he taught at schools in Marine City (where he taught high school mathematics and coached varsity basketball and track) and Port Huron (where he taught tenth grade English in addition to coaching basketball, cross country and track). He hails from Holland, Michigan, where he was born on November 25, 1926. During 1944-46, he served in the U.S. Navy Amphibious Forces.

Professor Borr, during his first service with the Campus School, taught high school mathematics, driver's education, coached basketball, and taught teacher preparation for driver's education courses in the Department of Teacher Education. From 1960 to 1962, Earl served as Western's assistant registrar, returning to the Campus School in 1962 to teach seventh grade mathematics and science. During this period, he also was student teacher coordinator for Teacher Education.

From 1965 to 1984, Earl taught in Education and Professional Development and served as University Teacher Certification Officer. He has been responsible for determining if those students recommended by Western for various types of teacher certification met all state and institutional requirements.

One of the charter members of the 25 Year Club, Earl represents well the group President Bernhard referred to when he wrote of those on Western's faculty who "have shared significantly in making the fine history of this University . . . served through calm and storm, growth and decline, good times and bad times. These persons have earned our recognition and thanks."

JOAN A. BOUCHER  
Associate Professor of Music

Joan was born in June (which may account for the touch of spring and of summer in her personality), in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She arrived at Western in August of 1966 to take the post of assistant professor of music. While at the University, Joan has taught both Western and non-Western music history and literature. In addition to her teaching, she lectures frequently to groups in Southwest Michigan, notably for Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra pre-concert luncheons.

Joan earned bachelor of music and master of music degrees at Chicago Musical College and a Ph.D. in musicology at Boston University. Before coming to Western, she taught at Aquinas College and the Kendall School of Design, both in Grand Rapids, and also taught adult education courses at Michigan State University.

A private piano teacher in Grand Rapids for 35 years, Joan spent 20 years with the Grand Rapids Public Schools, teaching Braille music to blind children. Her many activities include 14 years as organist-choirmaster at St. Alphonsus Church in Grand Rapids, as co-host on a weekly FM radio program entitled "Let's Talk Music", and as planner, director, and lecturer in the Grand Rapids Art Gallery concert series. She taught choral music at Byron Center Public High School and at Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School.

Joan writes program notes for both the South Bend, Indiana, Symphony Orchestra and for large concert ensembles at Western Michigan University. She also teaches courses in music appreciation to senior citizens at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Always popular with students of every age, she is in demand as a speaker concerning just about anything musical! She'll be in living in Kalamazoo, continuing to teach her KVCC courses, writing, and charming people during her speaking engagements.

## DONALD H. BOUMA

Professor of Sociology

Don hails from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was born on February 9, 1918. In 1978 he bought a home in Sun City, Arizona. In retirement, he spends five months there, returning to Lake Doster near Plainwell during the spring and summer. Colleagues Paul Horton (Sociology), Chet Hunt (Sociology), and Dick Schmidt (Psychology), have also bought homes in Sun City, so Don will not lack congenial company.

Don Bouma received his bachelor's from Calvin College in 1940, his master's (with honors) from the University of Michigan in 1943, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1952. He has been an adjunct Professor of Sociology at Michigan State (in 1958, 1959, 1966, and 1967), a Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Michigan from 1946 to 1968, a Professor of Sociology from 1946 to 1960 at Calvin College (including the post of Department Chair), and accepted appointment in the Sociology Department at Western in 1960. He has also served as a Lecturer in Sociology at Aquinas, Hope, and Grand Valley State Colleges. Don has acted as consultant to school systems and the courts on minorities and deviance. During 1944-1946, he was an executive officer, U.S. Navy, fleet minesweeper.

Don is noted for his fine teaching—this was recognized in 1970 when he received, at WMU, a Teaching Excellence Award. He also received the 1965 Academy Award (one award given annually for teaching and research by the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters). Don has written two books, four monographs, chapters in seven books and over 40 journal articles.

Don is an associate editor for *USA Today Magazine* (a post he has held for ten years), chaired the Michigan Fulbright Selection Committee from 1950 to 1973, was an advisor to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission from 1963 to 1969, and was an editorial and feature writer for the *Grand Rapids Press* from 1940 to 1960.

Don enjoys speaking to lay groups on social issues and is a tennis enthusiast of the first water. (First green? First court?).

## WILLIAM L. BURDICK

Professor of Finance and Commercial Law

Bill has had a long career with Western, having first been appointed to the faculty here in 1949. During that time he served as director of the insurance education program and has administered the insurance internship program and scholarships. He also served for twenty-five years on Western's Senate Insurance Committee as well as being active on various councils and college and departmental committees.

Born in Janesville, Wisc., Bill attended Milton College, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration, and the University of Wisconsin, where he earned a master's degree in insurance and accounting and a Ph.D. in insurance. He taught at the University of Wisconsin for five years. He also worked in the actuarial department at the National Guardian Life Insurance Co. in Madison, as a partner in a payroll service firm in Milton, Wisc., and as an accountant in his hometown of Janesville.

Bill is the author of several articles on such topics as group health insurance for the aged, and the no-fault auto insurance law. One article, "The structure of state supervision of insurances," was published in the U.S. Senate Report.

A member of a number of professional organizations, Bill has received various awards, including a Chartered Life Underwriters (CLU) designation from the American College of Life Underwriters, the Insurance Information Institute Seminar Award, and the Roland D. Hinkle Institute Scholarship. He also received a fellowship to conduct research at Hardware Mutuals Insurance Companies in Stevens Point, Wisc. as well as appointments to conduct research at the Continental Casualty Co. in Chicago and at the Bureau of Business Research of the School of Commerce at the University of Wisconsin.

Known as a dedicated teacher and an active professional, one of Bill's colleagues describes him as "a man with a seemingly quiet manner but the possessor of a great sense of humor". He also says Bill's an avid golfer and a long-time WMU hockey fan. His dedicated support of our hockey players dates back to the late '60's and the days of the outdoor Lake Street rink where Western's team played.

Besides golfing, hockey games in season, and his stamp collecting hobby, Bill will fill his time with travel to England, Scotland and France and possibly continue to do some consulting. We wish Bill and his wife Helen a rich and rewarding future.



## ARTHUR CHRISTENSEN

Assistant Professor of Education and Professional Development

A native of Michigan, Art was born in Greenville and earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan and his master's degree from Western.

Art spent a number of years as an English teacher in the Michigan public schools, first as a teacher in Holly High School and later at Greenville High. He joined Western's faculty in 1959.

Art came as a member of Western's Campus School faculty to teach Senior English and to supervise the student teachers assigned there to "practice teach". Art proved to be an excellent teacher. One of his colleagues mentions particularly the teaching of Shakespeare—a subject near and dear to Art's heart. This colleague attributes her children's love of Shakespeare to their having had Art as their instructor. Colleagues also discovered that Art possesses a very clever wit, and he was called upon to act as MC for various social occasions.

When the Campus School closed, Art became a part of the teacher education department and continued teaching and supervising student teachers in their professional field experiences. He was a member of the original staff in the first Upward Bound program at Western. An active Phi Delta Kappan, Art served as an officer in the national educational fraternity for ten years.

Art's "outside interests" include golf—and he travels. He's known to take what he, himself, describes as "hysterical trips". He and his family spontaneously take to the road for impromptu, unplanned excursions.

We wish Art and his wife, Phyllis, the very best and a full and fulfilling retirement. And many serendipitous, unplanned, impromptu, "hysterical" trips.

## STANLEY K. DERBY

Professor of Physics

Michigan has been the fortunate recipient of the loyalty of a fine scientist and scholar. Except for a brief period of time in the 1940's, Stan has spent his life in his native state. After attending Western, he finished his degree in meteorology at the University of Chicago. After completion of his AAF meteorology training, he was a practicing meteorologist in such diverse places as Africa and Italy, as well as in the United States.

Stan joined the faculty at Western in 1955—yes, he's a charter member of the Twenty-Five Year Club—after earning his M.S. and Ph.D. in physics from the University of Michigan. His list of publications is extensive, and includes journal articles, book reviews, special research reports for the Upjohn Co., etc. Besides publishing, Stan has given numerous public lectures both here at Western and before various groups such as the U.S. Naval Academy and the Southwestern Michigan Amateur Radio Association. He has been an active member of the Michigan Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, currently serving as its President.

It was Stan's expertise in laser light measurement which resulted in the laser being approved for use with laser shows in the new Dalton Center Multimedia Room. Among his many honors, he was awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal in 1977, and presented with the WMU Alumni Teaching Excellence Award in 1978. He has been listed in *Who's Who in America*, *American Men and Women of Science*, and *Outstanding Educators of America*.

Although Stan's dedication and scholarship will be missed at Western, he won't be forsaking the world of learning altogether as his retirement plans include continued laser and holography research. And Stan, don't hang up your bowling shoes.

## ROSCOE A. DOUGLAS

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Roscoe Douglas was born in Detroit, and has remained loyal to his native state, spending much of his distinguished career in Michigan.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Western Michigan University, and completed his master's degree here in 1954. Prior to joining the faculty, he worked as the chief industrial engineer at Sparton Electronics in Jackson, then moved to Benton Harbor to become chief production engineer at Clark Equipment Company. Later, returning to Sparton Electronics, he acted in the capacity of production analysis manager.

Roscoe has been a faculty member of the mechanical engineering department since 1965. In addition to his classroom activity, he has been active in the American Association of University Professors, serving as his department's council representative. He has also devoted time as faculty advisor to the student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. In 1983 he was named "Man of the Year" by the Kalamazoo chapter of S.M.E.

He has written extensively on engineering career education for professional journals, has published numerous papers on how to award scholarships, and has recently completed research on a robotics teaching curriculum, under a grant from the national Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Roscoe's involvement in such activities as acting as mentor and guide by advising student groups and doing research on robotics is a fine illustration of tonight's theme of "valued traditions and new directions". We wish him a continued happy and fulfilling life in retirement.

## ROBERT ENGSTROM

Professor of Art

A Grand Rapids native, Bob received a B.A. degree from MSU with a Ceramics major and an Art History minor. Postgraduate studies took him to Alfred University and the School for American Craftsmen in New York. Bob ran a ceramics and jewelry shop in Grand Rapids, and upon coming to Kalamazoo, he set up a jewelry shop at the Kalamazoo Art Center, where he also taught for three years.

During his 26 years as a faculty member in the Department of Art, Bob kept busy with outside studio work in jewelry design. Bob started the craft department at WMU, where he taught crafts, ceramics and jewelry classes. Inspired by the metal art work seen in Northern Europe and Scandinavia, he developed a special Art History class on metal work.

His work is well-known throughout Michigan and pieces can be seen in various cities—a 40' enameled mural for a restaurant, a wall mural and fountain for the student center at Central Michigan University and a baptismal font for a church. But it is his jewelry work that Bob enjoys the most, and he is pleased to have been recognized with awards and one-man shows. His works have been depicted in numerous publications and books. He has served on juries for Art shows at the Toledo Museum of Art and Bowling Green University, and he shares his expertise in jewelry design with others via lectures and workshops. He served as President of the Midwest Designer Craftsmen, is affiliated with the Michigan Silversmith's Guild, and is a charter member of the Michigan Craftsmen's Council.

He plans to continue the travel that enriched his teaching years once he retires, but hopes not to end up in a prisoner of war camp in Germany as he did on his first European trip during World War II. He hopes to write of these experiences now that he has more time, "if only to share some first-hand history with our grandchildren".

Bob and his wife purchased a motor home in January and have already made an excursion to Arizona which found them horseback riding Western style, panning for gold, tracing garnet crystals and digging for diamonds. They plan to keep rolling along all over the United States in their moveable home, with the ultimate goal of Alaska. He will continue to exercise his jewelry making craft, is already enjoying his retirement and adheres to what he calls the retirees common slogan, "We should have done this ten years ago." Fortunately for Western, he didn't.

## JOHN L. FEIRER

Professor of Industrial Technology and Education

John, who divides his time between Pompano Beach, Florida, and Kalamazoo, served for many years as chairman of the Department of Industrial Technology and Education. He is the author of twenty books in his field with technical books primarily in woodworking, metalworking and building construction, which have also been published in Spanish, Portuguese, Slavic, and Turkish editions. He is a leading expert in woodworking; Popular Science Book Club selected four of his publications for their members.

During World War II, John served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Technical Training Center in charge of the aviation metalsmith school. He has been a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (1965-72), and received the Apollo Achievement Award from NASA in 1969. Indeed, he has received many awards, from "Man of the Year" in Industrial Education to being named a Distinguished Faculty Scholar at Western Michigan University.

John has been active as an industrial consultant in metrics, machine and metalworking equipment. He founded and directed the Center for Metric Education at Western (1972-76). He has been a visiting professor to the State of Hawaii, the University of Puerto Rico, and many other institutions throughout the country. He is a contributor to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, consultant and field author for *Industrial Education Books* (since 1966, and is Executive Editor of *Industrial Education*, the oldest and largest professional magazine in industrial, vocational and technical education. John has written over 180 editorials for that journal with at least one editorial each year reprinted in other educational journals. He received Distinguished Achievement Awards for editorials from the Educational Press Association of America in 1975 and 1977.

John, who joined Western's faculty in 1940, is certainly the "elder statesman" of the 25 Year Club, and has long contributed to and upheld the valued traditions of Western. These days, retired, he spends half days working (writing) and half days swimming and walking the beach. John also reports a new part-time career—as an expert witness in woodworking and accident cases, an activity which can necessitate some travel to other cities for trials.

## JUNE FRANCE

Assistant Professor of Education and Professional Development

The nurturing and cultivating of student teachers which has occupied June's time for so many years will soon be exchanged for the nurturing and cultivating of flowers and plants at her new lakeside home.

June earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Western Michigan University. Before she joined the faculty here, she had been a teacher in the Royal Oak school system, the West Bloomfield schools, and the Oakland County schools. Upon her arrival at Western in 1957, she taught women's physical education, and in 1969 became a University coordinator of professional field experiences for "practice teachers". Through Western's Benton Harbor Regional Center, June has been teaching and supervising student teachers throughout southwestern Michigan.

When the 25 Year Club was created to recognize members of Western's community who have committed their careers to Western, June was inducted as a charter member.

June's professional memberships include the Michigan Association of Teacher Educators, the Southern Michigan Regional Teacher Education Council, and the Elementary Section of the Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, of which she is past chairperson.

In addition to her talents in landscaping, June is "into" antiques and will no doubt fill some of her newly-found leisure time searching for pieces to add to her collection. These varied interests and her two grandchildren guarantee a happy and fulfilling retirement.

JOSEPH A. FRATTALLONE  
Associate Professor of Art

Joe Frattallone's teaching experiences range from elementary school children in Cincinnati, Ohio where he was born, to college students in the Art Department at Western. He also taught adult art classes at the Cincinnati Art Museum prior to moving to Michigan.

Joe attended the University of Cincinnati, receiving a B.A. in Art, and a B.S. in education in 1952. He continued his education at Miami University where he received his Master's of Education in 1962, and went on to complete his Ph.D. at Indiana University in 1974. An abstract of his dissertation was printed in the National Art Education Association's *Studies in Art Education* in 1975.

Joe developed his vocal artistry while in high school, taking private lessons and majoring in music as well as art and math. Upon moving to Paw Paw in 1965, he continued his singing in the United Methodist Church choir. While there, he created a stained glass window for the front of the church called "The Transfiguration".

His work began to appear in Faculty Art exhibitions the first year he was at WMU, and continued to grace shows over the years. He has donated pieces of his work to the Art Department's art auction on a regular basis.

Joe served as Chair of the Art Education area from 1966-67 and 1973-74, and served as an Art Education major/minor adviser. He worked on expanding the art program, and revised the Master's of Art in Art Teaching program. In 1978-79 during his sabbatical leave he concentrated on studying programs dealing with Art Therapy, and upon his return drafted plans for Art Therapy programs at WMU. Joe received recognition for his work at Western in both 1972 and 1974 from the Honors College.

In retirement, we're sure Joe will continue to create—works of art and full and satisfying retirement years with his wife Jeannie at their M-40 address.

## BETH GIEDEMAN

Associate Professor of Languages and Linguistics

President Bernhard, at the Board of Trustees' meeting where Beth Giedeman's retirement was announced, singled her out for special mention as one of Western's best loved teachers — and Trustee Parfet, a former student, was quick to concur. Beth, who hails from Sandusky, Ohio, has every intention of becoming footloose in retirement, with plans to go to Peru, Ecuador, the Easter Islands, and other places in South America, perhaps even return to China, and has a firm intention to see India "in depth".

Beth lists her hobbies and special interests as friends, correspondence, travel, reading, and sharing with others. She is an inveterate play and concert goer, including the occasional opera.

Beth first taught at Western at the University High School beginning in 1953 with an appointment as Assistant Professor and continuing until 1962. She also taught at Monroe High School in West Manchester, Ohio. Beth holds a bachelor's of science in education from Miami University and a master's in Latin from the University of Michigan.

She has had a Fulbright Fellowship to the American Academy in Rome and to Villa Vergiliana in Cumae, Italy (1959). Beth received a Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Award for the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece (1965), and a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant for the Institute for Trainers of Latin Teachers at the University of Minnesota (1967). She's an "Honorary Citizen" and "Goodwill Ambassador" of Houston, Texas, in tribute to her achievements in the education profession, and is a charter member and former board member of the Medieval Institute.

She has engaged in graduate study at Yale, Columbia, the University of Colorado, the University of Pennsylvania, and Exeter College of Oxford, England. Her academic interests include classical art, architecture, and archaeology in Northern Italy, Rome, Sicily, North Africa, Germany, France, England, Spain, Greece and the Middle East.

Beth Giedeman, through her dedicated teaching, patient wisdom, and concern has enriched the lives of many classics students at Western over the years. May her own life continue to be enriched and her peregrinations bring her continued enjoyment in the years to come!



## CLARENCE J. GOODNIGHT

Professor of Biology

Clarence joined the Department of Biology faculty in 1965 and served as its chairperson from that year until 1975. He earned bachelor's, master's, and the Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, completing this part of his education in his home state — he was born in Gillespie. He taught at the University of Illinois, at Brooklyn College, New Jersey State Teachers College, Purdue University, New Mexico Highlands University and Ohio State University.

The author of several textbooks on biology and zoology, Clarence has also written more than 200 papers on technical subjects for scientific journals and encyclopedias. He is a member of a number of professional associations, and has served as president of the American Microscopical Society. Clarence is an internationally recognized authority on the taxonomy, ecology and physiology of arachnids (granddaddy long-legs, one person put it), and has done detailed research on poalinida. He is a research associate of the American Museum of Natural History and a consultant to Biological Abstracts.

Although Clarence and his wife Marie have made no immediate plans, his history of travel and his interest in continuing his research predict that travel will be a part of his new directions, as it was a part of his past. He is following a research project one of his students is doing on pollution in the Persian Gulf; he's studying Arabic to add to his language skills; he's expressed an interest in travel to the Middle East, to Africa and to Saudi Arabia, with perhaps a return visit to Libya or a trip to Iran where he has former students, should the political climates in the latter countries become more favorable.

We wish Clarence the very best on the occasion of his retirement.

PAUL L. GRIFFETH  
Professor of Counseling and Personnel

Paul began his 26-year career at Western as its first Dean of Students in 1958, just after completing his Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel at the University of Iowa. In 1966, he became vice president for Student Services, and in 1970, he began serving Western in the Counseling and Personnel Department. From 1980 to the present he was Department Chair.

Paul attended Michigan State University and received his B.A. in Business Administration in 1941. Uncle Sam called following graduation, and he served until 1946 in the U.S. Navy on active duty. Upon his return to civilian life, he co-partnered a yacht business for seven years until taking a position as Assistant Dean of Men at the University of Iowa while continuing his education. He received his M.A. in Counseling in 1955, and his Ph.D. three years later, during which time he was serving as Dean of Men at Iowa.

His article, "We're Number Two" has appeared in the *Michigan College Personnel Association Journal* (1965) and again in 1966 in *Western Michigan University Magazine*. "Student Watching: A Great New Pastime," was also published in *WMU Magazine* in 1968.

The Sturgis native has received numerous awards and recognitions during his career at Western, including a Service Award from the Michigan Personnel and Guidance Association in 1967, and an Outstanding Faculty Member Award from the Doctoral Student Association in 1983. Paul has served as president of the Constance Brown Speech and Hearing Center, two Kiwanis Clubs, and is a member of the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Kalamazoo.

His retirement will leave him more time to dabble in photography, for which he has acquired a liking, as well as being a "sports spectator". He and his wife, Phyllis, have no special plans, but they will stay in Kalamazoo to be fairly close to their two children and six grandchildren.

## WILLIAM O. HAYNES

Associate Professor of Consumer Resources and Technology

"I'm very grateful for the wonderful experiences, relationships and opportunities WMU has provided me over these 25 years," says Haynes of his career at Western. With the close of this academic year, William ended a quarter-century of teaching at Western where he began his affiliation as a student. The Bangor, Michigan native received his B.S. in Secondary Education—Retailing and Social Science, and his M.A. in Teaching of Distributive Education.

His interest and experience involves food distribution. At one time he owned, operated and managed his own supermarket. In 1977, he published *Guidelines for Food Distribution Programs in Community Colleges*, and more recently in 1983, *Front End Managers Handbook*. He is a charter member and past Vice President of Education in the American Food Distribution Research Society. He conducted management seminars in Japan in 1976 and 1978, and has given numerous speeches and published articles in trade journals.

Retirement will find him expanding his consulting and training activities throughout the supermarket industry, as well as taking vacations to "parts unknown" and spending more time with friends and family, including six children and eight grandchildren. When time permits, he will also dabble in hobbies that include slide photography, stamp, coin and post card collecting, church activities and the Arts.

IMY V. HOLT  
Professor of Biology

A Westerner by birth, Imy hails from Billings, Oklahoma. Before coming to teach in Western's Department of Biology, in 1961, he also taught at Iowa State University and Oklahoma State University. Early in his career he had held a position as topographic surveyor and draftsman for an engineering company.

He earned a bachelor's degree in science at New Mexico State University and a master's degree in science at Iowa State University, where he also received a Ph.D. in science.

Prior to coming to Western, Imy also served as Associate Director of the National Science Foundation sponsored Academic Year Institute for High School Teacher Improvement for a number of years. He has received several certificates of recognition: one from the Department of Biodynamics, Yale University, and the other from the Department of Genetics, Colorado State University. His name has also appeared in the *American Men of Science* and *Who's Who in American Education*.

Imy has written a number of articles for scientific journals on the subjects of cytogenetics and morphogenesis in grasses, in addition to developing the radiation biology program, serving as director of radiation safety at Western, and authoring a radiation safety manual. A unique contribution that Imy made in the area of instruction was developing an autotutorial method of teaching Western's biological science general education course. He developed a laboratory to support this instruction which was used to teach hundreds of students. Imy has also served as faculty advisor to the Medical Sciences Association, a WMU club of students interested in medicine and health careers or involved in the medical sciences.

Imy has had an interesting hobby—he enjoys planning and building houses (he worked as a builder and carpenter, as a youth, with his father). He has built three in his lifetime, including his present home. Imy has been described by one of his colleagues as being a very creative and artistic person. His wife Waldeen shares this talent as well as his son, Garland, who is a creative jeweler and has his own shop in California.

Imy's retirement plans include putting his talents to work and renewing an interest in creative ceramics and painting, in addition to gardening and community activities. We wish Imy and his wife an interesting and rewarding retirement.

## CHARLES O. HOUSTON

Professor of Social Science

Charlie was born on November 9, 1918, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1942 from Miami (Ohio) University with a B.A. in history. Upon graduation, he went into the Air Force, spending three years as a photographer for the Air Transport Command in China. Charlie entered Columbia University in 1946, majoring in American history and minoring in Oriental history, and was granted a Ph.D. in 1952.

In 1946, Charlie married the special lady of his life, Flor de Lys de los Santos, and in 1948 went with her to the Philippines, where he accepted a position at the University of Manila. Charlie and Flor lived there until 1958, when they returned to the U.S. with their three children. In 1951, he was appointed Dean of the School of Foreign Service at the University of Manila. In 1952 he was appointed Director of Graduate Studies in Arts and Sciences as well as Head of the Department of History.

Charlie has been a visiting professor at the University of Buffalo and at Fordham University, was production editor for the Nike-Zeus Missile Program, and later accepted a position as Associate Curator in the Division of Arts and Manufactures of the Smithsonian Institution, which post he held until 1963 when he received a Fulbright Research Award for Spain. In 1963, he was appointed consultant to the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress. He returned to the U.S. from Spain in 1965 at which time he joined the Faculty at Western Michigan University.

While at Western, Charlie became associated with Southeast Asia Development Advisory Group (U.S. State Department—AID) and was elected Chair of the Comparative/Cross-cultural Studies Committee at the University. He received the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1973 (contrary to what the picture in the Student Center indicates!). His memberships in the Philippines, either as founder, member, director, or consultant, cover 13 organizations and societies. His memberships in U.S. professional organizations also number 13. His list of publications is twenty-four pages in length, centering chiefly on bibliographic work. He intends to publish a volume on the impact of Western technology upon the cultures and environments of Southeast Asia as well as co-authoring a book on small-town industry in Michigan.

In his spare time, Charlie intends to travel extensively with Flor, and spend an increasing amount of time with the grandchildren.

DON C. IFFLAND  
Professor of Chemistry

Don can truly be termed a "man of varied talents". Not only has he served the University in his role as professor of chemistry with distinction during his tenure here, but he has also developed unique skills in such areas as photography, woodworking and classical guitar reconstruction.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Adrian College in 1943, a master's degree in 1946, and a doctorate in 1947 from Purdue University. He was a professor of chemistry at West Virginia University before joining the faculty of the Chemistry Department at Western. During his career here he earned the unqualified praise of his students and colleagues for his constant concern and support for individuals and for the Chemistry Department's curriculum and programs.

In addition to his classroom responsibility, Don served as chairperson of his department from 1968 to 1979. He is a member of various professional organizations including the American Institute of Chemists, the Chemical Society of London, the Society of Sigma XI, and the American Chemical Society, in which he chaired the Kalamazoo Section from 1967 to 1969. He received numerous research grants, including those from the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Health, the Research Corporation and the Petroleum Research Foundation of the American Chemical Society. Don has also found time to write more than 20 articles and papers published in professional journals. He received an honorary doctoral degree in 1973 from Adrian College "for his contributions as a scientist, educator, administrator and researcher".

Don plans to do some traveling during his retirement, in addition to pursuing all of his many interests. A new grandchild acts as the icing on the cake for Don's happy and rewarding retirement.

G. STEWART JOHNSON  
Professor of Mechanical Engineering

George Stewart was born in Grand Haven. He earned his bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan, served as officer in U.S. Army Ordnance, worked as a project engineer at Gardner Denver Corporation and National Waterlift and did work for Gove Engineers, Clark Equipment and Dow Chemical in Michigan, and worked for Hughes Aircraft Corporation in California and Arizona. He earned a master's in his field from Michigan State University in 1963, and has continued his professional studies with work in control systems, continuum mechanics, etc., and advanced studies in agricultural engineering.

G. Stewart joined Western's faculty in 1960. In addition to teaching courses in machine design, control systems, strength of materials, thermodynamics, statics, etc., he has served on the Senate, the Continuing Education Council, the Academic Standards Committee and other university and departmental committees. He served as chair of his department from 1975 to 1978.

A registered professional engineer, Stu keeps his hand in by writing for professional journals and acting as a consultant for various local industries. In addition to helping launch embryo engineers as a teacher, he wrote a chapter for an engineering textbook. He has been particularly active in teaching update courses for practicing engineers, and has a special interest in Professional Engineering Retistration activities. His name has appeared in *Outstanding Americans*, *Who's Who in Michigan*, *Outstanding Educators of America*, and *American Men of Science*. He has been a Cornelius Donovan Scholar and Tau Beta Pi Michigan Alumni Scholar.

Stu and Margaret, who have raised two daughters and launched them into their own lives, plan to remain in Kalamazoo. They will take advantage of Stu's increased free time to add Greece and Italy to earlier travels in Europe and Scandinavia.

## DALE D. KING

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Dale has been on Western's faculty since 1957. He earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree at Western and returned as an assistant professor after teaching in the Kalamazoo Public Schools and in the Kalamazoo adult education program. Dale spent time in industry as a designer/engineer with the famed Kalamazoo Stove Company, the Ingersoll Kalamazoo Division of Borg-Warner, and Checker Motors Corporation, among others.

In 1978, Dale received a WMU Alumni Teaching Excellence Award for his superior classroom teaching skills and professional expertise. The author of several chapters in technical books, he is a consultant for the W. C. Brown Company of Dubuque, Iowa, as a contributor to and editor of mechanical engineering books.

Professor King has been a consultant for the Kalamazoo Public Schools apprenticeship-training program, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the American Ordnance Association and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Dale will probably fill some of his leisure time pursuing his interests in the arts, and perfecting his techniques in golf and bridge. At present, he and Wilma plan to remain in Kalamazoo, where they are near the daughter who lives in Grand Rapids. There is some talk, however, of a possible future move to the southeastern part of the country should they finally decide to escape Michigan's weather.



## NEIL LAMPER

Associate Professor of Counseling and Personnel

Neil is a native of Michigan, born in Grand Rapids. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps, then earned a bachelor's degree from Calvin College and a master's degree from the University of Michigan while teaching in the Kelloggsville School. He served as a graduate assistant at Michigan State, teaching and consulting while he pursued his doctorate there.

Neil joined Western's faculty in 1959. Stints as visiting professor/lecturer at various colleges and universities in the United States, as a Fulbright lecturer in India, as consultant and trainer in group therapy and communication in sixteen states, Canada and Europe have kept the Brown and Gold dust from settling.

Of course, not too much dust settles on a man active in consultation, research and writing, who is married, has five active children, is a grandparent, is interested in music, art and reading, and who has traveled in all the States, in Canada, and in Europe and Asia.

Nor will it get much chance to settle, for in "retirement" Neil plans to write, to read, to continue world-wide consulting and to carry out his and Pat's plan to develop a conference center on their Allegan farm. And in case that's not enough, Neil says he's open to "any surprises."

## HUNG PENG LEE

Assistant Professor of Social Science

Hung Peng Lee, who was born in China, has been a faculty member in the social science area of Western's College of General Studies since 1970. His native knowledge of Eastern culture has greatly enriched the classes he teaches.

Professor Lee earned a bachelor's degree in political science from National Northeastern University in China, attended the University of California at Los Angeles and earned a master's degree in government and international relations from New York University, where he also pursued doctoral studies.

Before coming to Western, he taught at the State University College at Potsdam, New York, Oklahoma State University at Stillwater and the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls.

In addition to his interest in study, research and teaching about the non-Western world, Professor Lee is a strong supporter of the arts—particularly music. He has long encouraged students to study and learn non-Western music, and has himself studied the music of the Western world. He has taught himself to play the cello and the piano.

Professor Lee's warm concern for students and his "extra mile" support of their interest in music were both especially shown recently. A young woman, who was honored for her participation in the Minority Mentor/Mentee program, had decided to make music her major. To encourage her, and to provide truly pragmatic support, Professor Lee gave her his violin. (Of course, if she learns or teaches violin by the Suzuki method, Professor Lee wishes to remind her that the method really originated in China.)

Professor Lee will be leaving the Kalamazoo area and joining his wife, Su, in New York. The proximity of the U.N. and availability of various library collections in the area will enable him to continue research into various areas of interest in Far Eastern affairs. And New York is a great hub from which to travel.

We wish him pleasure, serenity, activity and satisfaction in the new directions of his retirement years.

CHARLES E. MEYER  
Professor of Art

Charlie was a Professor of Art History at Western from 1966 to 1983. He holds a B.F.A. and an M.A. from Wayne, and earned a Ph.D. in art history from the University of Michigan. His teaching experience includes time at Michigan State as first an assistant then associate professor of art history, his time at Western, and now his current position as professor of art history at Bradley University in Illinois. He also served as Curator of Art for the Detroit Institute of Arts from 1957 to 1959, Chairman of the Art Department at Michigan State from 1960 to 1962, Director of the Division of Fine Arts at Michigan State from 1961 to 1962, Head of Western's Art Department from 1966 to 1977, and serves as Director of the Division of Fine Arts at Bradley.

This gentleman, born on September 7, 1928, in Detroit, was the recipient of a Fulbright Research Award and a Horace Rackham Special Fellowship, is an honorary fellow of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, and has received purchase awards for ceramics at the Detroit Institute of Arts, South Bend Institute of Arts, Wichita Museum of Art, Bryn Mawr Museum of Arts, and the Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Michigan State University.

Charlie has a host of publications to his credit, counts ceramics and translation (from German to English) as special interests, and enjoys traveling in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

Retirement plans? Charlie intends to teach and be an administrator as long as possible.

GILBERT W. MORELL  
Assistant Professor of History

Gil came to Western as a faculty member in 1956, but his ties with the University really started when he came here from Detroit as an undergraduate in the 1930's. (He has a great memory for the sports figures of Western from those heydays.)

After getting his B.A. at Western, he went to Ann Arbor to earn an M.A. from the University of Michigan. He taught at Tri-State in Angola, Indiana, then pursued a doctorate at the University of Illinois, serving as a graduate assistant there, and was a visiting lecturer at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

By the time he returned to Western, Gil had developed an abiding interest in the history of labor, and can cite chapter and verse of most books on the topic. The range and depth of his reading and knowledgeability are widely recognized and admired by his colleagues. He was a charter member of the Labor History Association and has been a member of the American Historical Association. He has also commented on papers presented at Great Lakes Historical Association meetings and served on panels at other meetings discussing labor history.

Outside the classroom, Gil's main pastime is playing contract bridge. He has been playing for a number of years, is quite accomplished at the contract (his labor history background?) and is well known throughout the Midwest for the major tournaments in which he participates.

We hope this activity is not considered too "indoorsy" for the California lifestyle which Gil and his wife Nancy will pursue after his retirement.

## DON W. NANTZ

Professor of Mechanical Engineering and  
Assistant Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Don considers his travel experience "extensive"; sometime after his first teaching experience at St. Joseph High School his "travels" brought him to Kalamazoo, where he joined the ranks of WMU faculty in 1952, as an assistant professor in Engineering and Technology.

Since his arrival at Western, Don has made significant contributions to the University community. He developed two bachelor of science programs for Western Michigan University, and later acted as director for two Michigan Department of Education projects designed to improve the transferability of occupational community-college credits to the University. His expertise was also responsible for the development of a manufacturing degree program for the Muskegon area foundry industries. For many years he held the post of Director of Admissions and Counseling for the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Don received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wisconsin State University-Stout, and he later earned an Ed.D. in vocational education from Bradley University in Illinois. Among the professional organizations in which he is active are included the American Vocational Association, the Michigan Industrial Education Society, and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Perhaps Don's early service in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service whetted his appetite for travel, as he plans to occupy some of his retirement leisure time enlarging his travel experience, as well as pursuing two of his favorite activities, golf and bowling. This sounds like a good "itinerary" for a happy retirement.

## FRANK B. OLENCHAK

Assistant Professor of Education and Professional Development

Frank's special interests and hobbies are sports, music, conducting research, fundraising, and the Elderhostel. He has worked as "professional musician and entertainer, choir director, private music teacher, playground director and a professional baseball player".

Frank was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and attended James Madison, Penn. State, and Johns Hopkins Universities. He earned his doctorate at the University of Michigan.

At Western, whose faculty he joined in 1966, he directed vocal and instrumental activities at Western's Campus School and taught in the Music Department. In 1969 he became coordinator of student teaching at the new WMU Southeast Michigan Center and has been director of the Center since 1971.

He and Patricia and their three children settled well into the Southeast area of Michigan, prompting Frank to decline an opportunity to return to Kalamazoo and the campus in 1979 as director of student teaching and assistant chair of the Department of Education and Professional Development.

An author (books, pamphlets, and articles on educational and musical topics), an officer in various professional organizations, a traveler throughout most of the U.S. and Canada, a composer, a conductor, a professional entertainer, holder of four degrees, and educator listed in the *International Who's Who in Education*—Frank is too versatile a man to really retire.

He's planning to continue to be active in the field of entertainment, hopes to be able to keep working part-time in some area of education, is completing a book on the history of post-doctoral study and research in education and plans to work on a system for teaching music. (Wonder what he plans to do in his leisure time.)

HARVEY W. OVERTON  
Professor of Humanities

Harvey indicates that among his most rewarding experiences at Western is teaching in the Arts and Ideas program for the last 20 years and serving as course chairman of the program for three terms. Another especially meaningful experience for him was serving on the Visiting Scholars Committee. He was a charter member (appointed in 1960) and served for 24 years, acting as chairman for over 16 of those years. "This program," he says, "with very little money, has over the years contributed a great deal of intellectual excitement to campus life."

Harvey received a bachelor's from Western Michigan University in 1947, then went on to take a master's and a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in 1950 and 1961. From 1947 to 1954, he was teacher and head of the English Department at Battle Creek High School, leaving there for a stint as Assistant Professor at Lincoln School at Eastern Michigan University from 1954 to 1955. In 1955, Harvey was appointed Assistant Professor in the College of Education at Western Michigan University. In 1961, he became an Associate Professor in the College of Education and the Basic Studies Program, and was promoted to Professor of Humanities in the College of General Studies in 1966.

Harvey has numerous publications to his credit and was honored in 1960-61 by being named Burke Aaron Hinsdale Scholar at the University of Michigan. He has been a member of the Association for General and Liberal Studies Executive Council (1973-75). During the 1950's, Professor Overton appeared on approximately a dozen formal panel discussions at conference programs of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English, the Mid-West Speech Association, and the Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Harvey's special interests include reading, tennis, theater, music, and the movies. He'll pursue these interests but not in Michigan. A big part of his retirement plan is to move to northern Virginia at the end of 1984.

MAISIE K. PEARSON  
Assistant Professor of English

Maisie came to Western by way of Chichester in Sussex, England—a town known and visited for its Roman walls and other Roman memorabilia. She has said that she spent many hours of her early years scrambling over and around these historic treasures.

She married Eric Pearson, an Anglican priest, in 1935, and in 1948 they said goodbye to Merrie England and brought their family—Gillian and Genifer—to the United States. Their first stopovers were at parishes in Mishawaka and La Porte, Indiana. In 1952 they moved to the cold, wind swept reaches of the Midwest at Kearney, Nebraska—a long way from the Roman walls in many respects.

Upon the death of her husband in 1957, Maisie decided to get on with her own university career. Her first stop was at Wilson College in Pennsylvania where she earned her A.B. degree in English. After this, she taught for a time at Prospect Hill Day School in New Haven. Her interest in furthering her education soon brought her back to the Middle West, however. She entered Purdue University, became a teaching assistant, and earned her master's in Philosophy and Literature and finished her course work toward her doctorate. In 1965, she joined the English faculty of Western, bringing with her a talent for teaching and a zest for good living.

While at Western she taught a variety of courses, evidencing her great versatility and adaptability. Among these were freshman composition, mythology and folk literature, contemporary literature, and world literature in translation. Her most extensive efforts were in teaching Children's Literature. She read papers and published essays and reviews on various topics in this field. Perhaps her most original contribution was in her development of courses in Canadian literature. In 1978 she received a Faculty Enrichment Grant from the Canadian Government, and during that summer studied at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada.

Maisie is a many faceted individual. She is a world traveler, a cosmopolitan, an enthusiastic linguist, a keen critic of the arts, and, on occasion, a poetess. Her retirement plans are already being realized. She left Kalamazoo in February for a year's teaching assignment at the Guangxi University in Nanning, Guangxi in the People's Republic of China. She plans not only to see much of China before her return, but also to visit many of the other Far Eastern countries. Her retirement is truly a great adventure dream come true.



WILLIAM ROSEGRANT  
Associate Professor of English

Bill spent his early years in Missouri, graduating in 1941 from Central College at Fayette with a B.A. in English. He earned his M.A. in English at the University of Chicago, and worked toward his Ph.D. in American Studies from 1948-1955 at the University of Minnesota.

He was appointed assistant professor of English at Western in 1955 with a promotion to associate professor in 1963. In 1965, he received a Fulbright Scholarship and a sabbatical leave, and served as a lecturer on the history of American literature at the University of San Carlos in Cebu City and at the University of the Philippines. While there, he participated in many seminars and conferences and assisted both universities in improving their programs and courses. He found his year there most rewarding—studying and teaching American literature with foreign students and gaining fresh insights from their discussions and interpretations of this literature.

Bill always was a popular and innovative teacher. His video tapes, prepared for the General Literature classes, have contributed considerably to the teaching of these classes by all involved faculty. Their use in his foreign teaching assignment provided a unique and interesting complement to his lectures.

Bill has served the English Department in many ways. He has been an undergraduate counselor and member of the department's Policy Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Sabbatical Leave Committee, to name a few. He has been departmental representative to the Faculty Senate, serving as Senate Corresponding Secretary in 1967. While departmental representative to the Association Council of AAUP, he served as a member of the Executive Board and chaired the AAUP Committee on Part-Time Employees. His interests and services also extend into the community. At present, he is on the Board of Directors as well as chairperson of two communities for the West Douglas Neighborhood Association.

In retirement, he plans to keep Kalamazoo as his home base. Some trips are probably on the horizon, for he has a real interest in the outdoors and all the excitement it has to offer. Bill seems very knowledgeable about "good fishing holes", which sounds suspiciously like a clue to some of the ways the Rosegrants may spend their new leisure hours.

DAVID SADLER  
Professor of English

David has been a member of the English Department of Western since 1955. Although born in South Carolina, he has spent all of his years since entering college and pursuing his professional career in the Midwest. He received his B.A. in English from Antioch College in Ohio, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Minnesota.

After completing his master's, David became an assistant professor of English at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1953, while pursuing his Ph.D., he accepted a one-year instructorship in English at the University of Minnesota. In 1954, he served as an instructor of English in the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan.

Since coming to Western, David has been an active participant in many activities, not only in the English Department but also in the University. He became chairperson of the Department of English in 1966, serving until 1970, when he decided to return to full-time teaching. Since that time he has served several terms on the departmental Policy Committee, Personnel Committee, Curriculum Committee, and the Tenure and Promotion Committee. David represented the department in the Faculty Senate for several terms, also serving terms as its secretary and its vice-president. In the early 1960's, he was elected president of the WMU Chapter of AAUP.

David has always been respected as a professor of English both by his students and by his colleagues. He provided much individual counseling for his students, always willing to give any extra help or encouragement needed. He was generous with his praise and firm but fair with his criticism. His colleagues valued his advice and appreciated and respected his contributions to departmental business. Perhaps they even envied his calm and quiet philosophical approach to problems and challenges.

David lists photography, swimming and learning Spanish as hobbies and special interests which he pursues. Many of his colleagues will have little knowledge of his ability as a swimmer or a linguist, but anyone who has ever seen any of his wall photos knows that as a photographer he is long past the status of an amateur. The composition of his prints reflects the mark of a professional.

Since retiring in January, David has enjoyed a trip to London, and admits other travel will be a part of his future, although he plans to keep Kalamazoo as his permanent address.

## FRED L. STEVENS

Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

A charter member of the 25 Year Club, Fred's history with Western is a long standing one. He was a student on Western's campus in the '40's, earning his bachelor's degree in 1946. Active in sports, he earned eight letters and made the first All-American baseball team in 1946.

Fred was appointed athletics director and coach for Western's University High in 1946—perhaps there was some thought of his having a hand in preparing some more All-Americans to enroll at Western!

In 1956, Fred took on duties both as coach for Western's freshman football and baseball teams and as a track and swimming instructor when he was named as an associate professor of Men's Physical Education.

Fred is known as an excellent teacher and coach, and is the 1984 recipient of the Alumni "W" Club's man of the year award. He was honored during half-time ceremonies of the basketball game between the Broncos and Central Michigan. Although he is retiring from teaching, he will still be active at Western as an assistant baseball coach.

As one expects, Fred has other sports interests, and he is a very good golfer. We're sure he'll find more time to golf, to share adventures with his wife Leslie, and to visit with his daughter JoAnn. We wish him many additional years of "health" and "recreation."

## STANLEY W. SUTERKO

Professor of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility

Stan's beginnings were in Illinois—he was born in Chicago. He attended his state's university, earning a bachelor's degree in 1947, and worked for a time as supervisor of orientation and mobility at an Illinois Veterans Administration hospital in Hines. Stan joined Western's faculty in 1961, assisting in the establishment of the orientation and mobility program for the blind here, and becoming the assistant director of the program in the Institute of Blind Rehabilitation. He earned his M.A. from Western in 1965.

Stan's gentle humanitarianism and great willingness to help students are major qualities which have made his many students remember him with admiration, respect and affection. Departmental colleagues collected letters from many of these students into a book which was presented to Stan recently.

Stan visited England, France, Germany, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand and Poland, conducting orientation and mobility courses and workshops, and introducing formalized programs of orientation and mobility for the blind. He acted as consultant for many programs for the blind and established training programs for instructors of orientation and mobility for the blind in England and Australia. His training of instructors for the blind in Warsaw was the first attempt in a Communist country to do something to help blind people move about independently.

His activities have been recognized by the presentation of the Lawrence Blaha Award and of the Alfred Allen Award from the American Association of Workers for the Blind, and of the Buddy II Award from the Seeing Eye.

Trips to other countries in a professional capacity apparently gave Stan the wander urge, for he has added Denmark, Switzerland, Italy and Czechoslovakia to his countries and includes more travel in his retirement plans.

Stan and Wanda have three married daughters and expect his retirement will mean a chance to devote more time to the grandchildren. Besides this pleasant pastime and more travel, Stan plans to "pursue woodworking more intensely". Stan is a self-confessed tinkerer with household gadgets and devices, and a woodworker. We understand his tinkering is both precise and effective, and that he recently took a class to add to his woodworking skills.

Tinkering, traveling, woodworking and grandparenting—Stan's retirement will be full and happy.

JAMES TYDEMAN  
Associate Professor of Libraries

One of Jim's major accomplishments at Western can perhaps be summed up in one of his goals, which Jim states as, "Building a good library and teaching people how to use it—and libraries generally—in an effective way."

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Jim's library career was to take him to the plains and the University of Kansas, where he was a periodicals librarian, to the metropolitan University of Chicago, where he was librarian for the library school (where he obtained his M.A.), to the tranquil prairie setting of Southern Illinois University, where he became serials librarian, and then to Western.

Jim came to Western in 1958 and, it is interesting to note, lived in the Hillside Apartments on campus when they still served as faculty housing. He was soon faced with the challenge of developing the Business Library (as it is known today) which was just being formed as a branch library to serve the programs "left" on the East Campus as Western moved its main library to the rapidly developing West Campus. Jim directed the growth of this facility into the fine collection it became over the years.

While working at Western, Jim was also active in the Michigan Library Association, serving as secretary/treasurer of the College Division and chair of the Technical Services Section. He is a newly inducted member of Western's 25 Year Club.

Jim's travel interests span England, Scotland, and Canada. He also has a number of interesting hobbies which include an avid interest in antique maps, the study of sailing ships of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and folk music.

May he, together with his wife Betty (also a librarian), enjoy a golden retirement.

## FRANKLIN C. WANGBERG

Assistant Professor of Education and Professional Development

Before joining Western's faculty full-time Frank was a science teacher and later a principal in the Battle Creek Public Schools. He also taught in Benton Harbor and Paw Paw, and was in private business for a time, dealing in educational materials and consulting. Then for several years Frank was a supervising teacher at the Paw Paw Training School for Western. He joined Western's faculty as a supervising teacher at the former Campus School in 1965, and in 1969 he was appointed coordinator of student teachers' Professional Field Experience at Western. His other experiences include having been a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, working with Weather Forecasting and Flight Clearance during the Korean Conflict.

Frank has been described as being a very fine teacher who is always genuinely interested in the growth and development of the individual student. A great outdoorsperson and fisherperson, Frank communicated his enthusiasm to his fifth grade students when he came to teach at Western's Campus School, organizing camping excursions for them and similar activities. He was the first to pitch in and help with organizing any school function.

The history of Frank's involvements with professional organizations has a rather unique facet, in that he has served as president of the Paw Paw Education Association and also as president of the Paw Paw Board of Education—unusual for one person to fill such opposite positions in the same community.

Frank himself observes that he was the last Faculty Senator from the Paw Paw Training School facility before that school system ended its relationship with Western, and was also the last Faculty Senator elected by the Campus School faculty prior to the School's program being ended at Western. He notes that it may have been fortunate that he was never selected as Faculty Senator from the College of Education!

Frank is a man of many interests, and is currently involved in real estate and in a photo-postcard business. In the latter enterprise, he produces series of photos on one subject—such as Hummel figurines, for example—which are then printed as postcards. He is also very fond of traveling.

Frank has five children and several grandchildren. We hope he and his wife Jean will enjoy happy and rewarding retirement years.

MORVIN A. WIRTZ  
Professor of Special Education

Morvin began his professional career in 1946 as a classroom teacher of mentally retarded children in the Manitiwoc, Wisconsin Public Schools. Since then his interest and expertise have centered on the problems and teaching of handicapped children and youth. Before coming to Western, he served as supervisor of Special Education for the Milwaukee County Public Schools, as head of the Department of Special Education and Occupational Therapy at Eastern Michigan University, and as director of the Division of Handicapped Children and Youth and deputy assistant commissioner of the Office of Disadvantaged and Handicapped for the U.S. Office of Education.

Morvin joined the faculty of Western in 1967 as head of the Department of Special Education, and became associate dean of the College of Education in 1969. At retirement, he was serving as professor of special education, training administrators and college teachers of special education at the doctoral level.

His professional career has been a very busy one, but also a very satisfying one. In 1967, in recognition of his service as Superintendent of Schools for the Special School District of St. Louis County, Missouri during 1958-64, the district named one of its schools the Morvin A. Wirtz School. Earlier, he had received the Presidential Citation and the Superior Service Award from the U.S. Office of Education. His consultantships concern the development and evaluation of plans and programs to further the training of mentally handicapped children. Through the Ford Foundation he developed a curriculum for special education for the Philippine Ministry of Education and the Baguio City Schools.

Morvin has authored many articles concerning the problems of the mentally retarded child and published an *Administrator's Handbook of Special Education* in 1977. His latest book, *The Educational World of Exceptional Learners* is awaiting publication.

With such a crowded professional life, it is hard to believe he has much time for hobbies and special interests. However, Morvin does give some priority in his life study to fishing, reading, and raising house plants. His retirement plans, besides some continued involvement with special education, include some rather extensive traveling. Under consideration at present is a trip to the Lake Louise and Banff area, as well as an exciting African photo-safari. He hints also at further international trips. It sounds as though retirement for the Wirtz family will be as full and as satisfying as their busy "working" years have been.

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