Gordon, Elizabeth Sindecuse give Western $1 million

A retired Kalamazoo dentist, Dr. Gordon Sindecuse and his wife, Elizabeth, a 1933 graduate of the University, have given Western $1 million. It is the largest unrestricted cash gift ever made to the endowment fund of the WMU Foundation.

The Gordon and Elizabeth Sindecuse Endowment, as the gift will be known, will be preserved in perpetuity as part of the University's permanent endowment. Its proceeds will be used for unrestricted purposes. With their gift, the Sindecuses become members of the President's Club at Western.

The Sindecuses left their home at Gull Lake only last week to live permanently in Sun City Center, Fla. "I've always thought of the good of Western, of education and of the community," Gordon Sindecuse said. "I made my living in Kalamazoo and I'm glad to have the chance to share some of the results through this gift."

"I'm deeply touched that Gordon would do something like this for my alma mater," Elizabeth Sindecuse said, adding that the gift was entirely her husband's idea. "He must think Western did a pretty good job with me."

"We are extremely grateful to Gordon and Elizabeth Sindecuse for this very special expression of generosity," said President Haenicke. "They are extremely generous, and for unrestricted purposes. With their gift, the Sindecuses become members of the President's Club at Western."

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GIFT—President Haenicke, left, accepts a gift of $1 million from Gordon and Elizabeth Sindecuse at their home in Florida.

Four make flight team

When the U.S. Precision Flight Team enters international competition in Finland next year, four of its six members will be products of Western.

Two current students and two graduates earned places on the team at a nationwide contest in De Queen, Ark., July 3-5.

Brooks T. Cone, a senior from Mason, along with his twin brother, Keenan, was named to the Sindecuse in 1940 while they lived on the same street and they were married three years later, in December 1943. They have no children.

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Thompson heads Alpha Program

Patricia Thompson has been named director of Alpha Student Development Program in the Office of Special Programs.

Thompson came to Western from the University of Michigan at Flint, where she was co-ordinator of the Sky Bronco, Western's precision flight team.

Breed named president of MCPA

Sterling L. Breed, Counseling Center, has assumed the presidency of the Michigan Counseling and Personnel Association (MCPA).

Breed also held that post in 1971-72. This is the first time someone has served a second term.
Faculty, staff reminded to update directory information

The 1986-87 Faculty/Staff/Student Telephone Directory is being prepared and employees are being asked to check the faculty/staff section of the current directory for any changes that need to be made.

If any of the information — home or office — needs to be updated, persons should use the form on the back of their paycheck envelopes. This form will change their master file records through the personnel records department. A computer tape of this master file is sent to the publisher of the directory.

*Complete home information — spouse's name (if applicable), street address, city and phone number. (No need to do anything if this is what employees want and their records are up-to-date.)

No home information of any kind — employees should forward this written request to change their University master file records by using the appropriate boxes on the back of their paycheck envelopes.

Persons with questions should call Peterson at 3-1608.

SCRAMBLED EGGS? — Participants in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Summer Workshop tested the durability of their self-designed "crash resistant" packages for eggs by sending them on a flight from the sixth floor of Everett Tower to the ground. Above, Alonzo E. Hannaford, chairperson of Richard (at right, proudly displays her "survivor" egg. The workshop, conducted here July 28-Aug. 1, is designed to provide teachers and other youth leaders with basic background, principles and activities in aero-space science that can be used in schools or by youth groups. The workshop is sponsored by NASA, the Science and Mathematics Education Center and the Division of Continuing Education.

Jobs

(R) Director of Telecommunications, X-09, Telecommunications, 86/87-045, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Laboratory Amt., S-08, Biology and Biomedical Sciences, 86/87-043, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Academic Auditor, S-04, Admissions, 86/87-044, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Secretary, S-04, Fetzler Center, 86/87-045, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Secretary I (2 hrs./wk.), S-04, History, 86/87-046, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Library Amt. I, S-04-06, Waldo Library, 86/87-047, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Painter (2 positions), N-5, Physical Plant, 86/87-048, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Stores Laborer (1 position), N-25, Logistics Svcs., 86/87-049, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) Secretary Exec. B, S-05, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, 86/87-051, 8/12-8/18/86.

(R) New Position

Exchange

FOR SALE—'79 4-dr Olds Regency: All power, new tires, leather int., excellent condition. Call 372-2911 after 5 p.m. or weekdays after 5 p.m.

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