Dear Friends of Biological Sciences:

Our previous newsletter featured the faculty of our Biological Sciences Department. This newsletter features the staff of the department. We are very proud of all of our staff, the secretaries and technicians. Our department would certainly not operate smoothly without the valiant efforts of these people. I hope that you enjoy getting acquainted with them.

During the time since the last newsletter there has been much activity within the department. Dr. Brenda Johnson, who was with us only two years has resigned to return to South Dakota. We were sorry to see her go and wish her the very best. Dr. Stephen Malcolm, from England will be joining the department this August. We have been anxiously awaiting his arrival for over a year now. He is a chemical ecologist and will add another dimension to our ecology program. And, after sixteen years as chair of the Biological Sciences Department (under various names during that time), I have decided to return to full time professorial activities of teaching and research. I have enjoyed my years as the Chair and especially the opportunity to start these newsletters and to get to know so many of you. I look forward to continued interaction with you. Dr. Leonard Ginsberg has been selected by the Dean as the new Chair of the Biological Sciences Department, effective 1 July 1991. Many of you know Dr. Ginsberg. He has been in the department for a number of years. I am certain that you will want to wish him well.

We always look forward to the opportunity to communicate with our alumni and friends and hope that you will continue to let us know what you are doing. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous summer.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Pippen
Professor and Chair
Diane Stephenson is the most familiar of the biology staff. She is the eyes and ears of the Biological Sciences Department, especially in Wood Hall. Serving as secretary in our department for the past 19 years, and 7 years in the Records Office before that, Diane has worked a total of 26 years for the university. As a result, she has the potential of being the youngest retiree of WMU or the longest working employee of the university. Diane likes to work with students and has a son, 20, attending KVCC who keeps her hopping at all times.

Vivian Locke is another familiar face. She is the microbiology technician in McCracken Hall, and she has been around for quite a while. She started out in Wood Hall in 1979 and planned the lay-out of her lab in McCracken. She then took three years off to raise her children and returned to find her new lab in order. She plays taxi driver for her eight and nine year old sons and enjoys collecting antiques.

Gina Antoniotti is one of the co-directors of the Horticultural Economic Development Center, which is housed on the second floor of Wood Hall. She came to WMU to work on her Masters four and a half years ago and saw an ad announcing the opening of the Horticultural Center. Having ten years experience as a greenhouse grower, the university snatched her up quickly. She also does a little teaching on the side. She has taught Environmental Studies and is presently teaching Applied Botany while Dr. Eiwood Ehrle is on sabbatical.
The other co-director of the Horticultural Center is Michael Byrne. He has also been with the center since it opened its doors. He came to WMU after ten years of experience growing and working with grapes. Right now he and Gina are promoting cranberries as the Michigan crop of the future, as well as continuing work in the soil lab. He has two children under four, so much of his home time is spent rejuvenating so he can keep up with his kids.

Carol Barnett also joined the Horticultural Staff as secretary at its inception. She has spent the past four and a half years trying to keep the books and papers straight for Michael and Gina, as well as keeping all the staff informed on what is happening. Before she came to the Hort. Center, she worked as a secretary for the Education Department and in the College of Business. When she is not on campus, she is likely to be found on a boat either fishing or sailing.

Karen Maas is a Research Assistant in the Horticultural Center who conducts all the tests run in the soil lab. She just joined the Hort. staff in June 1990. Previously she had worked for The Upjohn Company and she came to us directly from the Supported Employment Office on campus. She does not have to worry about getting bored because her three children keep her busy: one in college, one in high school, and one in elementary school.
Rob Eversole is the Lab Manager of the Center for Electron Microscopy. He came to Western to get his Masters Degree in 1987 and was a research assistant in the Center from then until 1989. After completing his degree, he accepted the position as lab manager. He is presently pursuing a PhD at Michigan State University in Pathogenesis. Rob has helped students gain valuable experience in electron microscopy in the Center. He has two children who are eight and six years old.

She joined the Biological Sciences staff in July 1990 as the Greenhouse Manager. She did her undergraduate work at Western and earned a degree in marketing. But after six months in marketing, she discovered that was not where her heart was. She had worked six summers at The Upjohn Company maintaining their gardens and had even worked as a plantscaper for a few months. So she jumped at the chance to work with plants full time. She loves to garden and enjoys doing dried flower arrangements whenever she can.

Elizabeth Campbell just joined the Biological Sciences staff this fall—September 24th, 1990 to be exact. She is the new biological sciences secretary in McCracken Hall. Liz is quite familiar with the university, having worked in the Career Planning/Placement Office before joining us. Liz is very interested in criminal law and is presently attending Davenport College in preparation for law school.

Chris Allred is a new face on campus.
Patty Walsworth is another member of our staff over in McCracken Hall. Patty obtained her B.S. in Biology from MSU in 1984. Before coming to work at Western she was a research assistant for five years in the Department of Physiology at U of M. A certified laboratory animal technician, she now works as a research assistant for Dr. Jackson. Outside of Patty's research life, something wonderful has recently taken place—the birth of her daughter, Anna Christina. Congratulations!
Gifts to the Biological Sciences Department since July 1990

Dr. William Dawson of Attica, New York (designated for Greenhouse Project)
Mr. Gary Dootz of Ann Arbor, Michigan
Mr. Philip Larson of Kalamazoo, Michigan
Dr. Kort Pilditch of Fenton, Michigan
Mr. David Forsberg-Smith of Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Carol Ann Dullam of Kalamazoo, Michigan
Miss Denise Dion of Dearborn, Michigan
Mrs. Linda Mahan of Marietta, Georgia
Dr. Peter Vanderbeek of Utica, Michigan
Mr. Harvey Ballard of Lansing, Michigan
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Markham of Elm Grove, Wisconsin
Mr. Robert Stork of Portage, Michigan
Miss Sandra Kuettzel of Portage, Michigan
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klobucar of Schoolcraft, Michigan
Mr. Patrick Fingleton of Grand Rapids, Michigan
Dr. Janette Sherman of Alexandria, Virginia
Vickie Heerlyn of the Upjohn Company
Mrs. Shelia Flynn of East Lansing, Michigan
Capt. Vance Nannini of Savannah, Georgia
Dr. Leslee Brown of St. Joe, Indiana
Dr. Edward Herremans of Belmont, Michigan
Dr. John Haynes of West Cola, South Carolina
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barsuhn of Plainwell, Michigan
Dr. James Hollyer of Honolulu, Hawaii
Dr. Denise Olson of Chicago, Illinois
Dr. Timothy Atkinson of Owosso, Michigan
Mrs. Ruth Eleanor Woodruff of Niles, Michigan
Mr. Barry Myers of Wolcott, New York
Mrs. Betty Yagi of Kalamazoo, Michigan
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Caldwell of Grand Rapids, Michigan
Miss Kristyne Baumgartner of Saginaw, Michigan

Dr. Kent Kurtz of Ontario, California
Miss Danielle Sieh of Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mrs. Margaret Clark of Alberta, Canada
Mrs. Hazel Rood of Richland, Michigan
Mrs. Josephine Rood of Kalamazoo, Michigan
Mr. Peter Waser of Lafayette, Indiana
Dr. David Turton of Virginia Beach, Virginia
Peter Arnold, Inc. of New York, NY
American Museum of Natural History of New York, NY
Miss Echoe Deibert of Munising, Michigan
Dr. Jack Seilheimer of Pueblo, Colorado

Faculty Departmental Gifts since July 1990

Dr. and Mrs. Gyula Ficsor
Dr. Leonard Ginsberg
Dr. and Mrs. Cecil McIntire
The following are alumni who responded to our last newsletter with information about their careers and what they have been doing since graduation:

**Allkins, Michael**, B.S. 1975, M.A. 1979. Recently became the Coordinator of Natural Sciences at John Wood Community College in Quincy, Illinois. He is in charge of creating a science curriculum—selecting the courses, developing the courses, and designing the labs; all of which he has found most interesting and challenging.

**Beckman, William**, B.A. 1968. Received his Ph.D. in anatomy in 1979 from the University of Michigan. Currently employed as a research assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of North Carolina. He is married and has two children—a son and a daughter.

**Edwards, Joanna**, B.S. 1988. Recently obtained her M.S. from Sarah Lawrence College in New York City. Her studies focused on Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling.

**Karslake, Christine (Jensen)**, B.S. 1986. Currently in her fifth year of graduate school at Purdue University. She is studying the structure of peptides and proteins with NHR spectroscopy.

**Mahan, Linda (Elliott)**, B.S. 1974. Currently an eleven year employee of Roche Labs Pharmaceuticals in Marietta, GA. She is married and has an eight year old son.

**Manke, Dean**, B.A. 1971. Received his M.S. degree in Pathology in 1975 from the University of Illinois Medical Center. He is currently the Vice-President of Book and Looseleaf Publications for the J.B. Lippincott Company in Philadelphia.

**Nowak, Clara**, B.S. 1983. Currently working at St. Luke's Hospital in Chemistry/Toxicology, where she has been employed since graduation.

**Taggart, John**, B.S. 1970. Received his M.S. in Botany in 1973 from North Carolina State University. John has been employed predominantly in dealing with land preservation, resource management, and environmental concerns as a botanist and an environmental specialist. In 1989 he took time out to work on the completion of his doctoral dissertation.

**Weschgel, Alice**, B.S. 1949. She received her M.A. from Western in 1953. After 38 and 1/2 years of teaching, she retired from Grand Rapids Public Schools in February 1988. She taught Earth Science and Biology at Creston High School.

**Williams, Murray**, B.A. 1962. He received his M.A. in 1966 from Western. Since then he has taught various sciences at Ridgewood High School in Norridge, Illinois, specializing in Biology and Earth Science.