

Trustees to hand out awards to Westford graduates on Friday

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As 240 Westford Academy seniors march at graduation exercises this Friday to receive diplomas, nearly a hundred will receive special recognition in the form of a prize, a special award or a scholarship.

The majority of these honors — 63 — will come from funds in the amount of \$18,000 generated by the trustees over the 190 years of the life of the institution.

An additional \$7,500 will be

supplied through recent scholarship funds established through the trustees by the Fisher family, Nabnasset Boosters, and the Roudenbush, Seavey, Peterson, Hall, Hildreth and Ross-Hook families.

Names of the various recipients of the trustees' contributions will be announced by vice-president Barbara Hildreth Parkhurst, class of 1936, representing the trustees.

Allocation of these grants were

made by a committee of trustees and Academy guidance counselors. The awards were made on the basis of scholarship attainment, financial need and services contributed to the school and community.

For the benefit of the student body, the trustees voted \$4,800 to purchase microcomputers for use in science and mathematics research and a reader printer outfit to go with the microfiche units purchased for the school

last year.

The duty of the trustees in addition to carrying on the name of Westford Academy (third oldest secondary school in Massachusetts) is to supervise the accumulated funds. Treasurer A. Dana Fletcher stated that these now total \$587,609.

The Trustees established an interest-free loan program in 1966 to assist students to further their education. The plan was to

be a revolving program where repayments made would be returned for additional loans. The idea was abandoned five years ago because of general abuse by some of the grantees. Some \$10,000 is outstanding in these so-called college loans, and the trustees are considering taking legal action to retrieve this amount.

E. Kennard Fletcher, a former selectman, was elected president

of the trustees to succeed John E. Leggat. Parkhurst was named vice-president.

Dana Fletcher will continue as treasurer with Eileen O'Neill Anderson as assistant. Secretary is Bette R. Hook and auditor, H. Arnold Wilder.

The trustees also decided to donate funds to Westford's new museum.