Haenicke looks back over 10 years with gratitude

Delivering his 11th "State of the University" address this week, President Haenicke looked back over the first 10 years of his presidency with gratitude for what the University community has accomplished.

He spoke during the University's 16th annual Academic Convocation Oct. 17 in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Faculty and staff members were recognized with awards for outstanding excellence, scholarship and service.

Haenicke cited record levels of state appropriations, private donations and external funding for research, and declared, "I look back on these years with gratitude for the many fine women and men — staff, faculty, students, donors, trustees, alumni, legislators — who have linked hands and worked together, and who have achieved much in 10 short years."

"Private support has increased almost fourfold," he continued, pointing to the fruits of the University's highly successful "Campaign for Excellence" that ended almost two years early with $62 million, well over the $55 million goal.

Private support to the University totaled more than $12 million last year, an amount equal to 15 percent of the University's state appropriation.

"The years from 1989 through 1994 show the impact of the campaign," he said. "A major after-effect is that now, every year, the gifts to our University continue to flow on a much elevated level."

"Correspondingly, we have built endowments for the University," Haenicke explained. "At the end of the last fiscal year, we had $46 million in WMU Foundation assets, more than four times what we had 10 years ago."

Even more spectacular, he said, were the University's successes in attracting external research funding — an increase of 2.6 percent, less than half the national average of 6 percent.

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Haenicke answered by citing gains in academic excellence in teaching and research; the internationalization of the campus; the challenges surrounding efforts to create diversity on campus; the continuing quest for harmonious race relations; a discussion of the market forces that affect higher education, including increasing criticism of institutions by outside constituencies; the need for continuous improvement of service quality; the urgent call from the general public for accountability; the need to re-think in a positive way labor-management relations on campus; and the overall challenge to build community in a world that is deeply divided, fractured and contentious.

Decade of progress

Haenicke described a 10-year increase in state appropriations of nearly 80 percent, from $51 million in 1985 to $162 million in 1995, as "a major step forward."

But he expressed concern that state funds paid almost 70 percent of the costs to educate students in 1985 while this year the percentage has dropped to 56 percent.

"An ever heavier burden has fallen on the shoulders of our students, reason enough for the enactment the last year of 5 percent tuition increase this year of any public university in the state," he said. WMU increased tuition just more than five times the level of 10 years ago.

"A record year, with over $21 million, is a proud accomplishment of our faculty," he said.

Major campus improvements

During the same period, the president continued, the University built or renovated major parts of the campus, investing more than $277 million — more than half of the $436 million value of all plant acquisitions since WMU was founded in 1903.

"Where has all the money gone?" he asked. "How did we use it to strengthen the academic enterprise?"

Haenicke answered by citing gains in the last 10 years:

- Significant sums to improve services for strong enrollment increases during the past decade, with this year's enrollment at 26,300 students;
- An increase of more than 100 percent in the number of graduate assistants throughout the University, with corresponding increases of 200 percent in the number of doctoral associateships in the last six years.
- Accessibility and affordability were very much on our minds during all these years, Haenicke said. "Whereas we dispensed $29 million in student financial aid in 1985, we now expend over $92 million — many millions more than we take in student tuition.”

He also reported significant increases in faculty salaries, up 60 percent for professors; 91 percent for associate professors; and 55 percent for assistant professors. Meanwhile, funding for minority programs went from $2.5 million in 1987 to $4.5 million in 1994, an increase of 80 percent in seven years.

"And special funds and efforts brought our share of minority faculty from 9 percent in 1985 to 13 percent in 1994," he said. "We cherish this accomplishment, and I thank all of you who helped with it."

"Most people on campus and in the community don't know these stunning statistics, which reflect the excellent work that goes to the credit of the University's faculty and staff," he said. "Most people just see the physical changes on campus, of course, of course, also very proud."

The physical appearance of the campus, in fact, continues to draw favorable comment.

"While we were collecting dollars, we began to spruce up the campus," Haenicke said. "Flowers were planted everywhere. I can't thank our grounds people enough for the pride they have taken in their work."

Haenicke recited a long list of projects that were accomplished in the past decade. It includes enhancements to the Fountain Plaza, the Bernhard Center and the University’s four historic homes as well as new academic buildings, including: Schneider Hall, home of the Haworth College of Business; the Lee Honors College; and Waldo Library and the University Computing Center; and, on the East Campus, Spindler and Walwood halls.

Off-campus, the University built new continuing education facilities in Grand Rapids and Battle Creek and expects to start construction soon on new facilities for the School of Aviation Sciences in Battle Creek Oct. 19, 1995.

Haenicke noted.

Student recreation and intercollegiate athletics facilities also received major improvements, including Kenley Track, the new Student Recreation Center, with its Gary Inman and Read Fieldhouse “multi-purpose” facility and its new University Arena. Miller Auditorium got a new parking structure and, on Oak- land Drive, clinical facilities are now located in the new Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

The list goes on: The Gilmore Theatre (Continued on page four)
1995 Homecoming celebration to feature the 'many faces' of Western

“The Many Faces of Western,” including students, faculty, staff and friends, will welcome alumni back to campus as the University holds its annual Homecoming celebration Oct. 22-28.

This year’s theme will celebrate the diverse nature of the WMU community. Those attending will face a dizzying array of activities that begin with a fund-raising event on a concert on Sunday, Oct. 22. Homecoming activities will reach their climax Saturday, Oct. 28, when the campus will be the scene of tailgate parties, open houses, a gridiron contest against Bowling Green State University, an alumni dinner, a Homecoming dance and a hockey game against Providence College.

A mixture of tradition and innovation will mark this year’s celebration with the return of such popular annual events as the ‘Victory Run’ and the election of a Homecoming King and Queen as well as some new opportunities to celebrate that include the cancellation of classes on Friday, Oct. 20. Homecoming activities will climax on campus Saturday, Oct. 28, when the campus will be the scene of tailgate parties, open houses, a Homecoming dance and a hockey game against Providence College.

The annual "Victory Run," traditionally the first event of Homecoming week, will welcome alumni back to campus as the first event of Homecoming week, will mark this year's celebration with the first event of Homecoming week, will mark this year's celebration with the six annual Gold Company Show at 5:30 p.m. on the Bronco Mall center stage in the Bernhard Center. The award-winning vocal jazz ensemble will perform in a free public concert.

Putting Homecoming into historical context and showing its many faces through the years will be the aim of a week-long display from University archives. Homecoming photos, memorabilia and promotional materials from the past will be on display Thursday from 7 a.m. to noon weekdays Oct. 20-23 on the third floor of Waldo Library.

Another exhibition, "Department of Art Alumni Mail Art Show," opened earlier this month and will run through Friday, Oct. 27, in the Space Gallery of Knauss Hall. Department of Art alumni were invited to participate in this exhibition by submitting their works. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A closing reception is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the gallery.

Students can take part in a nationwide talent search in "That's Entertainment," a talent show set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, in Miller Auditorium. Following the talent show, the 1995 hit movie "Batman Forever" will be shown at Miller Auditorium at 9:30 p.m. and again at midnight. Tickets for the showings are $1.

No classes on Friday, Oct. 27, students can devote their energies to a variety of Homecoming activities. The kickoff event will be a "Blizzard of Bucks," set for noon on the Bronco Mall center stage in the Bernhard Center. In a quiz show format, students will compete for a chance to be put into a bank and a chance to grab as much cash as they can from the flurry of bills being blown about the bank.

"Rockin' the Rec" will follow that event from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center. Two local bands, Package Bliss and The Tear Jerks, will entertain students, and those attending can participate in a variety of games and novelty activities, such as the Gladiator Joust and the Velcro Obstacle Course.

Returning band alumni will join the current members of the University Symphonic and Concert Bands in a twilight concert at 6 p.m. Friday in Miller Auditorium. The free public concert will mark the 75th anniversary of organized bands on WMU's campus.

The Bronco hockey team will stage the first of the weekend's athletic events when it takes on the Providence Friars at 7 p.m. Friday in Lawson Ice Arena. A repeat match-up between the Broncos and the Friars will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 28, in Lawson.

Other Friday evening highlights will include the Big Head Todd and the Monsters concert at 8 p.m. Friday in the University Arena. Tickets are $12 for students and alumni association members with identification cards and $18 for others. Tickets may be purchased at the Miller Auditorium ticket office or at TicketMaster locations.

A brief pep rally, featuring the Bronco cheer and pom pon squads, will precede the concert.

Following that concert, a fireworks display will take place from 10:30 to 10:45 p.m., with prime viewing available from Kanley Track. That event will begin at 11 a.m.

The gridiron contest, pit the WMU Broncos against the Falcons of Bowling Green, will get under way at 1 p.m. Before the game begins, John Gill, the man who staged the Broncos and a home-run coach and athletic booster, will be driven onto the field and introduced to the crowd. Half-time ceremonies will feature the coronation of a Homecoming King and Queen selected earlier in the week by a vote of the student body. Also during halftime, the band show will feature a traditional appearance by the Alumni Band.

Saturday evening Homecoming activities will get off to a rousing start with the National Pan-Hellenic Council Marchdown at 5 p.m. in Miller Auditorium. The stepshow will feature the drill teams of WMU fraternities and sororities competing against each other in the free annual event.

Three of the University's alumni standout honorees will be honored at the 32nd annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Tickets are $30 for alumni association members and $35 for non-members.

For students, the Homecoming celebration will conclude with a campuswide dance at 9 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center. The dance is sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Tickets will be $5 for the first 1,000 students who arrive and $8 for those arriving later.

For more information about Homecoming activities, persons may contact the McKee Alumni Center at 7-8777 or the Office of Student Life at 7-2115.
Thompson takes on additional duties as dean

Donald E. Thompson, assistant provost for academic affairs and chief research officer in 1986 and became vice president for research in 1989. "I’m delighted to provide my services to my faculty colleagues in the College of Education," Thompson said. "Although this is a temporary assignment, I am looking forward to helping the college faculty in its continued efforts to strengthen research, instruction and service and to provide professional and technical assistance to the broader educational community."

"WMU has a rich tradition and a national reputation for the training of educators," Thompson continued. "I am confident that the college will continue to provide exemplary leadership as we approach the turn of the century."

President Haenicke added, "I want to publicly thank Dr. Thompson for his willingness to accept this important interim assignment. Dr. Thompson is a tenured professor of educational leadership and a very competent and trusted colleague."

Hodge resigned after an individual, who is both a faculty member and a University employee, filed a formal complaint against him. After an internal investigation, it was determined that Hodge had acted unprofessionally and had misrepresented facts, Barrett said.

"These problems have resulted in conduct unacceptable to the standards of Western Michigan University," Hodge said. "For this reason, I have decided that my resignation is in the best interests of the University and for me and my family."

Thompson has been actively involved in all three of his degrees from WMU, including a bachelor’s degree in English and master’s and doctoral degrees in educational leadership. He taught English at Kalamazoo Central High School for a year before enrolling at WMU, working, writing in the areas of education and urban studies.

Before coming to WMU in 1985, he was director of the Project for Urban and Regional Affairs at the U. of M. Flint. His first appointment at WMU was as associate dean of the Graduate College and director of research and sponsored programs.

Panel discussion planned on Detroit newspaper strike

The Detroit newspaper strike is the topic of a panel discussion that includes representatives from the students in the dispute and the University administration. The Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News will also be represented.

"Into the Streets” national campaign for outreach effort by volunteering their time..."
Thursday, October 19

(and 20) Exhibit, "Icon and Iconoclasts," figure painting and monopolists, Richard Rodrigues, San Francisco artist, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(and 20) Sculpture student group exhibition, Rotunda and South galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(thur 27) Exhibition, Department of Art Alumni Art Show, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Thursdays through Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closing reception, Friday, Oct. 27, 3-5 p.m.

(thur Nov. 30) Exhibition, facsimiles of rare medieval manuscripts, third floor, Waldo Library, weekdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Doctoral oral examination, "Attitudes of Black Secondary School Teachers Toward School Guidance in the Postfeminist Area, South Africa," Elias Masabi, educational leadership, B-810 Ellsworth Hall, 2 p.m.

Faculty development services program, "Intensive Thought in the Classroom," Robin Clark, art, 242 Bernhard Center, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.

Master class, Hal Galper, jazz piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

University courtesy faculty committee show, "The Professor" (France/USA, 1994), directed by Luc Besson, 2750 Knauas Hall, 6 and 8 p.m.

Volleyball, WMU vs. Ball State University, University Arena, 7 p.m.

"Chalk It Up"-Erika Fisk, a junior majoring in art from Kalamazoo, was among the students who expressed themselves during the second annual "Chalk It Up" contest Oct. 9 on the Fountain Plaza, The Honors Student Association of the Lee Honors College, sponsor of the event, provided the supplies participants could use to draw a design on the sidewalk and heighten awareness of social issues important to students.

Future Events.

Memorial service for Andrew C. Nahm, emeritus in history, Kanley Chapel, 4 p.m.


*Guest recital, Hal Galper Trio, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, October 20

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "Spatial Voting - Models of Political Power and Stability," Philip D. Straffin, professor of mathematics, Beloit College, Commons room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

Soccer, WMU vs. Northern Illinois, Waldo Stadium, 2 p.m.

*Performance, Central Ballet of China, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

(Hockey) Homecoming, University vs. Michigan, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

Soccer, WMU vs. Xavier University, Waldo Stadium, 2 p.m.

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*Concert, Michigan State Alumni Band, 6 and 8 p.m.

*Choral Showcase, University Chorale, Treble Chorus and Collegiate Singers, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Monday, October 23

(thur 30) Homecoming display of photos, memorabilia and promotional materials from the past, third floor, Waldo Library, 7:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; and weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Performance, "The Art of China," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

OCTUBAfest concert, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24

Graduate College writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, special projects and master's theses, Seibert Administration Building, 3 p.m.; call 7-3659 to register.

Colleges of education and health and human services research colloquium, "Knights of Columbus," Rich E. Mangan, executive director and CEO, the Knights of Columbus, George M. Dennison, academic affairs; Thomas E. Coyne, student affairs; and L. Michael Moskovis, institutional advancement.

The career of Andrew C. Nahm, who died Aug. 1, will be celebrated at a memorial observance at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in the Lee Honors College. Titiled "Radishes and Raisins!" which he wrote or conceived while reading will focus specifically on those segments of his new novel, "Holy Radishes!," which he wrote or conceived while he worked at WMU.

He also thanked his current group of administrative assistants, "those who worked close to me in the library and the computing center. And plans are under way for the renovation and expansion of the University's power plant.

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"Allow me to also thank Carol, my good wife, but also my strict worder, who tells me when enough is enough, who turns my computer off when I've been at it too long, and who nags me mercilessly when nothing else but nagging will get the job done," Mr. Nahm said in his speech.

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