Engler proposes 4 percent for WMU

Officials hope to see Carnegie recognition restored in process

Gov. John Engler has recommended that WMU receive a 4 percent increase in state appropriation for 1996-97.

Under the executive budget released Feb. 8, the University's funding would rise from $97 million to $101.6 million. The dollar amount of the appropria-
tion for WMU represents the fourth highest among the state's 15 public universities.

Engler recommended that all universities receive a 4 percent base increase. Other schools have been slated for additional funds to put them on par with comparable institutions. The plan now goes to the Legislature for consideration.

"What's missing is recognition of WMU's status as the state's only pub-
ic Doctoral I university," said Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel. "We hope to see that restored as the governor's recommen-
dation moves through the Legislature."

Because of the two years, WMU's state appropriation has been increased to reflect its designation by the Carnegie Found-

Roommates and rides just a keystroke away

WMU students can now accomplish some mundane and often frustrating tasks with ease, thanks to a new computer data-
base service being offered by the Office of Off-Campus Life.

Designed by students, the service con-


dures for the Advancement of Teaching. Two years ago, WMU received the second highest percentage increase and last year it received the highest percentage increase among state universities.

"As in past years, we'll be calling on our sup-
porters to help us present our case in Lansing," Pretty said.

The first database is loaded with listings for apartments, houses and sleeping rooms,


cation for State Universities

1996-97 Fiscal Year

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Source: Department of Management and Budget

Teacher education organization taps project with Battle Creek school as national model

A four-year-old effort that draws on the resources of Battle Creek's Lakeview schools and WMU has been selected as a national model that will be used to design new standards for professional development schools in teacher education.

Lakeview's Prairieview Elementary School was selected as an exemplary Professional Development School by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. NCATE officials will study data from Prairieview and 29 other PDS sites selected from around the country. They will use that information to de-

The intense efforts have paid off in the increased use of the school in such prac-
tices as thematic instruction and the in-
elusion of students with disabilities in mainstream classrooms. New research projects are being generated by the school's teachers and may lead to even more inno-
vations.

"There are initiatives which are con-
tinually being improved," Crowell said.

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Painless prevention

Professional nurses and 40 certified student screeners have canvassed the campus during the last two weeks as part of the annual Blood Pressure Screening and Education Program. They offered free blood pressure assessments and preventive health education at 12 locations across campus through the program, which is sponsored by the Sindecuse Health Center, Zest for Life and ETA Sigma Gamma health education honoray, dedicated by Dr. David M. Garry, a senior from Northville, took advantage of the station set up in the Dalton Center to get his blood pressure checked by Stefanie M. Kraner, a senior from Great Pointe Woods. Today is the last day for the program. Screeners will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bernhard Center.

Academic advising facility in grand name

The athletic academic advising center located in Reed Fieldhouse has been named in memory of Peter R. Ellis. The Ellis Athletic Academic Advising Center provides a study area and small computer laboratory for student athletes as well as office space for WMU's athletic academic advising services staff.

Ellis played basketball at WMU in 1950 and 1951. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from WMU, as well as a doctorate from Michigan State University.

Ellis joined the WMU staff in 1956 after working as a high school teacher, coach, athletic director and principal. He served as WMU's director of student financial aid, assistant to the vice president for student services, assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees and secretary to the Board of Trustees.

In 1972, Ellis left the University to become athletic director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek. He was a recipient of WMU's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1974. Ellis died in 1989 at age 61.

Funds for the athletic academic advising center were donated by his wife, Lois Peterson Ellis, and daughters, Tracy Crawford and Teri Sage.

Did your chocolates meet with a cool reception this Valentine’s Day? Perhaps you should have taken a cue from the animal kingdom and used something more nourishing to flutter your lover’s heart.

Hummans aren’t the only species to use nuptial gifts to woo a potential mate, according to David F. Cowan, biologist and professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Nuptial gifts occur across the spectrum of animals," Cowan says. "I wouldn’t say they’re common, but they occur frequently enough that some patterns emerge and we see nuptial gifts among birds, insects and animals.

In species other than humans, nuptial gifts have less to do with emotion and more to do with survival. "I would call them bribes or payoffs, rather than tokens of affection," Cowan says. In an insect group called the Mecoptera, the male finds a dead insect, takes possession of it and uses it to attract females. When the females come to feed on the dead insect, mating occurs.

"Males aren’t lucky enough to find a dead insect to attract mates regurgitate a ball of saliva that is attractive to females and contains nutrition which they will feed on when they mate," he says.

With a careful eye, any keen observer can often watch mating behaviors among many of these animals. Cowan says it might be easiest to see among starlings in the spring.

"You’ll see females essentially begging for food and the male will then bring them food and stuff it down their throat," he says. "It’s very similar to the behavior involved in feeding offspring, except this is something observed early in the season, when there are no young around yet. One can be sure it’s courtship feeding, rather than potential care of young."

Cowan says the purpose of nuptial gifts can be explained by the evolutionary theory of sexual selection. "Culp says males compete against each other for access to females, or to the resources they require, and he says males often use gifts to choose from a field of possible suitors.

"It appears that in species where nuptial feeding occurs, males have a monopoly of female choice, where females are able to demand these resources from males," Cowan says. "Males that don’t provide them are unsuccessful at attracting a mate."

Cowan adds that in species where care by the male parent is important, the nuptial gift allows the female to determine whether the male will provide meaningful care to the offspring once they arrive on the scene.

Report notes cash gifts up by more than 27 percent

Cash gifts to the University during December totaled more than $2.3 million, according to a report presented Jan. 19 to the Board of Trustees.

December gifts amounting to $2,303,288 were received, bringing the year-to-date total of current and deferred cash gifts to the University to $4,098,128. That amount is higher than the previous year’s total for the same period by $887,782, or more than 27 percent.

Major gifts received during December included a number of bequests. The largest, a gift of $1,446,651, represents a partial distribution from the estate of Helen J. Frays of Kalamazoo. She earned a teaching certificate from WMU in 1926 and a bachelor’s degree in 1934. She died in April 1994.

A $1,056,000 bequest from the estate of Evelyn H. Kalamazoo will be used to fund a scholarship in her name in WMU’s School of Music. Hart earned a teaching certificate from WMU in 1926 and a bachelor’s degree in 1932. She died in May 1955.

Also received in December was $126,459 from a trust established by the late Robert S. Sindecuse. The gift will be added to the previously established Gordon H. and Elizabeth M. Sindecuse Health Center Endowment, which provides support for the center. The facility was named for the couple after they made a $2,303,288 unrestricted cash gift to the University in April 1994.

Gordon Sindecuse was a resident of Kalamazoo also was received in December. His gift will support a theatre scholarship and encourage skill development in the home.

The Kalamazoo Foundation gave $100,000 to the University in December to establish a preschool language intervention program at the Douglass Community Center. Patterned after a successful program that has been offered for years on the campus, the new program will assist preschool children from low income homes whose language skill development is delayed. Graduate students from the Department of Education will work with the children as well as with parents and caregivers who can continue to encourage skill development in the home.

The foundation’s gift is the first installment of a multi-year contribution that will support the program. The report to the trustees also noted a $12,000 gift made by the Chicago Food Brokers’ Association for scholarships in WMU’s Food Marketing Program as well as a series of anonymous gifts. A $10,000 gift will support a theatre scholarship and a $25,000 gift will support travel and performances by the Russell Brown Honors Quintet, a student ensemble in the School of Music.

Two anonymous donors also established charitable remainder trusts during December. One trust, valued at $52,608, will fund an endowed scholarship in the College of Education. A second trust, valued at $10,975, will benefit the Haworth College of Business and the Department of English.

Gift-giving not rare in those bitten by love bug

RECOGNIZING WOMEN IN SPORTS — The University noted the progress of girls and women in athletic endeavors Feb. 3 while observing National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Activities centered around the WMU vs. Central Michigan University basketball game. Before the game, several women athletes were honored at a reception in the Student Recreation Center. Debra S. Berkey, left, chairperson of health, physical education and recreation, and Amy J. Seth, right, University recreation programs and facilities, presented certificates of recognition to nine area student athletes including, from left, Christine Motifur of Portage Central High School, Shavnya Schupan of Portage Northern High School and Lindsey Bighty of Gobles High School and presented a plaque honoring leadership in sports activities to 1974 WMU graduate Kathy Trenary, a middle school science teacher and high school volleyball coach in Mendon. The activities were sponsored by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics and Office of University Recreation Programs and Facilities.
Twelve outstanding employees have been selected for the Staff Service Excellence Awards for the third quarter of 1995-96, which covered October, November and December.

They are: Irene L. Bracken, intercollegiate athletics; Marilyn V. Duke, Center for Retarded Children; Susan E. Gilchrist, University computing services; Ronald A. Joyner, physical plant-maintenance services; Matthew A. Knutzen, theatre; Gail L. Kutz, funds management, investments and endowment services; Paul M. Lytle, human resources administration; Gayle S. McMillon, Lee Honors College; Raul R. Moreno, computer systems, Barney Stockwell; physical plant-maintenance services; and Maralita S. Thomas, College of Arts and Sciences.

Seven winners are from the professional/technical/administrative employee group, three are from the clerical/technical ranks and two are members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. They are among 24 employees nominated by their peers.

Each will receive a Staff Service Excellence Certificate and a $50 gift certificate for the designated University facility of their choice. The purpose of this award program is to recognize and reward persons for caring, conscientious and innovative service beyond job expectations. A total of 65 staff members have received awards since the program began in 1994.

In late March, the Staff Service Excellence Committee will request nominations for the fourth quarter. Later in the spring, it will also request nominations for the annual awards program for the fourth quarter. Annual award winners will receive a $1,000 prize and other recognition.

The Department of Human Resources, AFSCME, the Administrative Professional Employees Association, the Clerical Technical Organization, the Michigan State Employees Association and the Police Officers Association are cooperating to encourage all staff members to nominate colleagues deserving of a public "thank you."
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Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is available through Gopher. Currently, there are files for February events: March events; and future events, which run from April through December. To view the calendars, type Gopher at the system prompt. At the next menu, choose 2. When you then choose 4, Campus Calendar, you will find options for 1. This Month's Events; 2. Next Month's Events; and 3. Future Events.

Thursday, February 15

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- Doctoral oral examination, "An Assessment of the Characteristics of Catholic School Center for the Study of Ethics in Society lecture, "Self-Respect: Moral, Emotional, Faculty recital, Western Brass Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
- Student recital, Scott R. Avidon, saxophone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
- "A Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.

Friday, February 16

- High Noon at Dalton concert, student chamber ensembles, Dalton Center lobby, noon.
- "Narrative Fiction," 12:30-1:30 p.m., University Computing Center, "Advanced HTML for WWW Authoring," 3-5 p.m., for registration information, call 7-5611.
- Geology lecture, "Organic Liquid Contaminant Entrapment and Persistence in the Sedimentary Environment," Linda M. Abriola, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, University of Michigan, 1118 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.
- University Film presentation show, "Two Versus One" ("The Promise"), directed by Margarethe von Trotta, 2750 Knauss Hall, 6 and 8 p.m.
- (thru 18) University Theatre and School of Music production, "Alber Herrin," Shaw Theatre, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9 and 10 p.m., Feb. 18, 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 17

- Music Scholarship Committee show, Bernhard Center, Sangen Hall, Fettner Center, Schneider Hall and Lee Honors College, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Student recital, Kelly Byington, violin, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 2 p.m.
- "Women's College Convocation," WMU vs. State University, University Arena, 7 p.m.
- “Hockey, WMU vs. University of Miami, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.
- Student recital, Scott R. Avidon, saxophone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 18

- "Men's and women's gymnastics, WMU vs. the University of Illinois at Chicago, University Arena, 2 p.m.
- Faculty recital, Westrass Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, February 19

- (thru 23) Exhibition, paintings by Corinna Garrels, BFA candidate, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; opening reception, Monday, Feb. 19, 5-7 p.m.
- "University computing services workshops, "Point-to-Point Protocol Communications," 2033 University Computing Center, 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5611.
- Center for the Study of Ethics in Society lecture, "Self-Respect: Moral, Emotional, Political," Robin S. Dillon, philosophy, Lehigh University, 3750 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.
- Chicano History Week lecture, "Chicano! History of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement," Carlos Munoz Jr., professor of ethnic studies, the University of California at Berkeley, Lee Honors College lounge, 7 p.m.
- Student recital, Susan Hoekstra, horn, and Mark Stice, clarinet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

- Doctoral oral examination, "An Assessment of the Characteristics of Catholic School Center for the Study of Ethics in Society lecture, "Self-Respect: Moral, Emotional, Faculty recital, Western Brass Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

- "University computing services workshops, "WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows - Creating Documents," 2033 University Computing Center, 9:15 a.m.; and "UNIX Interme- diate," 12:30-2 p.m., for registration information, call 7-5611.
- "The Postmodernist Challenge," Ernst A. Breisach, history, 3020 Friedmann Hall, 3:15 p.m.
- Master class, Jeanine Little, trombone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.
- "Men's basketball, WMU vs. Ohio University, University Arena, 7 p.m.
- Guest artist recital, Jeannie Little, trombone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

- Mathematics and statistics lectures by Peter Hilton, State University of New York at Binghamton and the University of Central Florida, and Jean Pedersen, the University of Santa Clara: "Linking Geometry and Algebra in the Pascal Hexagon," Commons