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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 go from \$97.6 million to \$101.6 million. The dollar amount of the appropriation is 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 public 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 recommendation moves through the Legislature."

In each of the past two years, WMU's state appropriation has been increased to reflect its designation by the Carnegie Foun-

Gov. Engler's Recommendation for Funding State Universities 1996-97 Fiscal Year

Institution	Appropriation	Increase
Central Michigan	\$67.1 million	4.7%
Eastern Michigan	\$72.8 million	4.0%
Ferris State	\$46.5 million	5.0%
Grand Valley	\$42.7 million	14.7%
Lake Superior	\$11.7 million	4.0%
Michigan State	\$267.4 million	4.6%
Michigan Tech	\$45.8 million	6.1%
Northern Michigan	\$43.8 million	4.0%
Oakland	\$39.8 million	4.0%
Saginaw Valley	\$21.3 million	15.4%
U-M/Ann Arbor	\$301.5 million	4.4%
U-M/Dearborn	\$22.1 million	11.6%
U-M/Flint	\$18.8 million	5.2%
Wayne State	\$213.7 million	4.1%
Western Michigan	\$101.6 million	4.0%

Source: Department of Management and Budget

dation 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 supporters to help us present our case in Lansing," Pretty said.

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 database service being offered by the Office of Off-Campus Life.

Designed by students, the service consists of four distinct databases that students can use to find off-campus housing, roommates or transportation. They can access the data using three computers in the Office of Off-Campus Life, computers in WMU's open laboratories or through their own personal computers.

"The beauty of the system is that it works," says Albert W. Laaksonen, off-campus life. "Students can pull up rental listings on one database, while on another they can search for a roommate or list themselves as being available as a roommate. They can do this from Detroit or Japan or wherever they are, as long as they have a student computer account for the VAX system."

The databases allow students to browse, print, post an ad or enter their own criteria and conduct a search, which saves them from combing through hundreds of listings. Laaksonen describes the system as menu-driven and user friendly, adding that most students easily move through it without a lot of instruction.

"The aim of this project is to better serve students and to take advantage of the computer capabilities we have here," Laaksonen says. "It's a win-win situation. A group of WMU students designed the databases in class for academic credit, so we were able to attain this high-tech service at a minimal cost."

"If we were to buy a database system like this, it would probably cost us \$15,000 or even \$25,000 in computer time," he continues. "We didn't have the expertise to

create the software — the students did. They empowered us to do it."

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

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RECOGNIZING STUDENT EMPLOYEES — This week is Student Employment Week on campus, and the student employment referral service is encouraging offices to set aside some time to recognize their student workers. University recreation programs and facilities is one of the largest employers of students on campus. During the course of the year, more than 200 students serve in jobs ranging from ID checkers to intramural sports officials. Stephen M. Keizer, who supervises many of those students, says his office has set up a number of programs to improve working conditions, including a Student Employee Board, which conducts peer evaluations, plans social activities and gives out rewards for a job well done. Students in University recreation programs and facilities also cross train in different jobs so they can work in several areas. Keizer, right, goes over some work details here with, from left, Gregory A. Wilborn, a sophomore from Flint; Sara Bett, a sophomore from Marquette; and Carmen R. Atkins, a senior from Ann Arbor. The University currently employs nearly 4,100 students in 260 departments.

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 design a set of professional standards for the PDSs — the first for this newly developed teacher education tool that emphasizes collaborative efforts between practicing teachers and college and university personnel who are training the next generation of teachers.

"There are literally thousands of self-identified PDSs around the country," says Sandra Odell, College of Education. "Anyone can designate a school as a PDS and, with no standards in place, who's to say it isn't? NCATE is setting out to define the PDS and set those standards."

Prairieview is the only one of Michigan's 17 PDSs selected for the national standards project. Schools chosen for the project were nominated for their use of practices that exemplify the goals of the PDS movement. Selection for the project consisted of a nomination and screening process.

"NCATE asked educators around the country to tell them about PDSs that are exemplary," Odell says. "Information about Prairieview has been presented at national professional conferences by Prairieview teachers and we've been getting inquiries from around the country about our work. I expect that interest to increase now as a result of our involvement in the standards project."

Prairieview teachers and WMU personnel already have completed a detailed

survey for the NCATE project. This month, two representatives of the Prairieview PDS will travel to Chicago to join educators from the other schools selected to study and react to the information gleaned from that survey.

According to Ronald A. Crowell, education and professional development, who is WMU's site coordinator at Prairieview, NCATE will be trying to set standards and guidelines that incorporate the four basic goals of a PDS. Those are: to support the best teaching practices; to engage in inquiry and research; to provide professional development for inservice teachers; and to provide professional development for preservice teachers.

"The PDS is a professional practice site," Crowell says. He notes that the concept is often described as being analogous to a teaching hospital, but in a PDS, the focus is on learning and how to improve learning for the students, the teachers and the teacher interns.

Prairieview has been a success as a PDS, Crowell says, because teachers in the school were ready to study teaching practices, parents and the business community have supported the concept and hard work has gone into nurturing relationships between the school's teachers and University faculty.

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

"There are initiatives which are continually being improved," Crowell says.

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Did you know?

■ It takes a fair amount of food to feed the 5,593 students who live in the University's 22 residence halls. In one year, the dining services staff typically serves 65,456 loaves of bread, 79,288 gallons of milk, 45,633 gallons of juice and 22,800 feet of hot dogs. The tab for that fare is about \$2.5 million.

■ While the convenience of residence hall food is attractive to most students, a few choose to get their meals elsewhere. A total of 279 students live on campus without the food service option, making up just under 5 percent of the total.

■ The University residence halls have been home to many thousands of students over the years. In recent times, the peak occurred in 1989 when WMU housed 6,871 students. Figures for the last three years are 5,705 students, 5,247 students and this year's total of 5,593 students.

■ Of this year's residents, a whopping 92 percent or 5,163 students are willing to share their rooms. Some 285 students — only 5 percent of the total — choose to live alone. Resident advisers and assistant directors make up the remaining 3 percent of the total, at 106 and 39 respectively.



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 honorary. 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 Stephanie M. Kramer, a senior from Grosse 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.

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 \$1,446,051, 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 \$195,000 bequest from the estate of Evelyn Hart of 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 1995.

Also received in December was \$126,459 from a trust established by the late Gordon H. 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 \$1 million unrestricted cash gift to the University in 1986. Gordon Sindecuse was a resident of Sarasota, Fla., at the time of his 1993 death.

Self-respect focus of lecture

The connection between self-respect and emotions such as pride, shame and resentment will be the focus of a lecture Monday, Feb. 19.

Robin S. Dillon, a faculty member in the Department of Philosophy at Lehigh University, will speak at 7 p.m. in 3750 Knauss Hall. The title of her talk is "Self-Respect: Moral, Emotional, Political."

Dillon is the editor of the 1995 book, "Dignity, Character and Self-Respect." She also has written several articles on self-respect for scholarly journals.

Her free lecture is being sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, along with the Center for Women's Studies and the Department of Philosophy's Heraclitean Society.

Elizabeth Sindecuse died in 1990.

A \$31,691 unrestricted bequest from the estate of Frances M. Dixon of Kalamazoo also was received in December. Dixon, who died in January 1995, earned a teaching certificate in 1919 from WMU and a bachelor's degree in 1937.

A \$7,500 bequest from the estate of Patricia A. Chisholm of Sturgis has been designated for use in theatre education. Chisholm, who died in September 1995, was a 1948 alumna of the University.

The Kalamazoo Foundation gave \$10,000 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 Speech Pathology and Audiology 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

Did your box of 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.

Humans aren't the only species to use nuptial gifts to woo a potential mate, according to David P. Cowan, biological sciences.

"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 human, 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 that 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 she will feed on when they mate," he says.

With a careful eye, any keen observer

Academic advising facility in Read named for Ellis

The athletic academic advising facility located in Read 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 1965 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 a program director in education 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.

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. He says males compete against each other for access to females or to the resources they require, and he says females often use the gifts to choose from a field of possible suitors.

"It appears that in species where nuptial feeding has evolved, this is an aspect primarily 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.



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 Molitor of Portage Central High School, Shayna Schupan of Portage Northern High School and Lindsay Highley 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.

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12 staff members selected for quarterly award

Twelve outstanding employees have been selected to receive 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 Academic Support Programs; Paula S. Gilchrist, University computing services; Ronald A. Joyner, physical plant-maintenance services; Matthew A. Knewton, theatre; Gail L. Kurtz, funds management, investments and endowment services; Paul MacNellis, physical plant-landscape services; J. Ileen McCord, continuing education; Gayle S. McMillon, Lee Honors College; Robert C. Scherzer, physics; 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 also will request nominations for the annual awards component of the program. Annual award winners receive a \$1,000 prize and other recognition.

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

Top visually impaired athletes to compete here

Some of the best visually impaired athletes in the United States and Canada will gather at WMU Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24-25, to compete in the 13th annual Kalamazoo Invitational Goal Ball Tournament.

The event, which is sanctioned by the U.S. Association for Blind Athletes, is expected to feature men's and women's teams from 10 states ranging from California to New Jersey as well as from Ontario. They will compete in separate divisions for trophies and medals beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and continuing through noon Sunday at the Student Recreation Center.

The men's team from WMU won last year's tournament and will be favored to repeat. WMU's women's team also is expected to do well in its division.

Goal ball is a fast-paced, goal-oriented

sport similar to hockey or soccer. It was developed in Eastern Europe by blind veterans following World War II and came to the United States in the 1970s.

The playing area has dimensions similar to a volleyball court. Competitors use a 3.5-pound ball that contains a bell so they can hear it. The three offensive players try to roll the ball past the three defensive players and across the goal line. The ball may travel at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour, sometimes covering the court in less than one second.

"As has been the case for the past several years, the major portion of our volunteer corps is from the WMU student body," says Paul E. Ponchillia, blind rehabilitation, who coordinates the event. "However, anyone who could spare time Saturday and/or Sunday can volunteer by calling me."

Ponchillia can be reached at 7-3455.

Libraries

BOOKSCOPE, a CD-ROM database, is currently available for demonstration in the central reference department of Waldo Library. It is an easy new way to find and explore more than 350,000 book titles covering the last six years.

The database, which uses Windows software, provides comprehensive coverage from 1989 forward for titles from more than 1,200 publishers. Nearly 100,000 searchable tables of contents are available as are thousands of book reviews, book

summaries and author biographies. The database is updated monthly for optimum accuracy. More reviews, tables of contents and summaries will be included with each monthly update.

Searches can be entered for author, title and/or subject in the search field, using the author and subject browse lists. Optional search filters by type of book, publication date, time period covered and more are available to help refine the research. Books can be identified and evaluated and book information can be verified.

BOOKSCOPE is being demonstrated for a four-month period as a potential replacement for Books-in-Print Plus, formerly available on DataQuest-II. Users of BOOKSCOPE are asked to complete an evaluation of the database. Evaluation forms are available at the central reference desk.

Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits-eligible employees can apply for any of these positions (bargaining or non-bargaining) by submitting a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, or may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in identifying themselves as candidates for these openings.

S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in faculty positions, there are openings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

(N) **Assistant/Associate Professor** (Academic Year; Tenure Track), I-30/20, Music, 95/96-383, 2/13-2/19/96.

(R) **Budget Officer**, P-04, University Budgets, 95/96-386, 2/13-2/19/96.

(R) **Library Assistant I**, S-04, Uni-

On campus

A HEALTHY OUTLOOK

— With a name like hers, you'd expect that Katie Ill would get a lot of grief about being in a health-related profession. The assistant director for fitness in University recreation programs and facilities, she takes the ribbing with good humor and informs people that her grandfather was a doctor. Ill is responsible for coordinating both student fitness programs and the Zest for Life program for faculty, staff and spouses. She lines up the teachers and sets up the times for such classes as aerobics, oversees the fitness and weight room in the Student Recreation Center and organizes noon seminars on a variety of health-related topics. "I love the interaction with participants," she says of the 1,250 enrolled in Zest for Life. "When I get to see them, it's usually not when they're working and stressed out, so they're in a good mood." Ill says she enjoys being at WMU because she learns a lot about new trends in health and fitness. "Because we're an educational facility, we're encouraged to be on the cutting edge," she says. A WMU employee for one year, Ill previously worked as a graduate assistant while earning her master's degree in exercise science from WMU. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Oakland University, where she was a member of the swim team. In her spare time, she still enjoys swimming as well as running. She ran a marathon last fall and qualified for this year's Boston Marathon. She also likes reading and going to movies.



Service

These employees are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service to the University in February:

35 years — Shirley Bach, philosophy; and E. Thomas Lawson, chairperson of comparative religion.

30 years — Michael A. Weber, payroll.

25 years — Douglas H. Dommert, Sindecuse Health Center.

20 years — Phyllis A. DeHollander, logistical services-freight/postal/delivery.

15 years — Lewis D. Hamilton, accounts receivable; and Christina S. Sonnevile, international affairs.

10 years — Douglas T. Alrick, University computing services; Patricia An-

nen, College of Education; Carol J. Black, student financial aid and scholarships; Shirlee L. Bradeen, WMU Bookstore; Constance L. Klemm, Medieval Institute; Ruth H. Peterson, paper and printing science and engineering; Melanie K. Williams, Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Edith M. Yahr, Graduate College.

Five years — Linda D. Baird, external affairs-development; Nancy S. Barrett, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Jeffrey M. Carr, Burnham dining service; Dorla S. Evans, external affairs-development; Rita K. Keller, student life; Alice Kelley, Valley II dining service; Sherry LaRoy, registrar's office; Leola Moore, special education; Annie Mott, intercollegiate athletics; Altheria R. Parker, campus facility development; Jan M. Prange, Burnham dining service; Michael A. Secondi, physical plant-general services; and Andrew J. Simpson, external affairs-development.

Zest for Life

The next Expert Express will be from noon to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in 242 Bernhard Center. Theresa J. Landis, University recreation programs and facilities, will present "Take Care of Your Back." Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches and advanced registration is not required.

It's not too late to sign-up for "Eating the Vegetarian Way." The workshop, scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, will provide skills for making healthful food selections based on vegetarian food planning guidelines. To register, call the Office of Health Promotion and Education at 7-3263.

Media

Sondra C. Shaw, assistant vice president for external affairs, discusses women and philanthropy on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by news services. "Focus" is scheduled to air at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, on WKPR-AM (1420). "Focus" is also used on a regular basis by WKZO-AM (590), WKMI-AM (1360) and several other radio stations around Michigan.

Two teleconferences will air live next week on EducCABLE Channel 36.

"Discover Engineering" will be shown from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. It will feature four recent graduates who take the audience from their campuses to their first engineering jobs. It is intended to provide more information on the engineering profession for middle and high school students. The program was produced by the National Technological University.

"The View From Afar," which focuses on distance education, will air from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22. It addresses how to employ such technologies as two-way television, the Internet, World Wide Web and multiple user environments to enhance learning. The program emanates from Sun Microsystems in Mountain View, Calif.

For more information, contact Kanti S. Sandhu, University video services, at 7-5013.

Obituary

George James, public affairs and administration, died Feb. 10 in Grand Rapids. He was 64.

James joined the WMU faculty in 1992 after a 30-year career as a senior public housing official in Cleveland, Los Angeles and Chicago. He taught classes in human resources administration, supervision, the political environment of public administration and policy leadership. He also supervised master's theses.

The recipient of a doctoral degree from Claremont Graduate School's Center for Politics and Policy, James also completed the senior government officials program in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He was the author of several articles for professional journals on such topics as welfare reform and public housing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the student support fund in the School of Public Affairs and Administration.

Exchange

FOR SALE — Colonial home on large wooded lot with lovely view of Whites Lake from screened porch. Three bedrooms, two and a half baths, formal dining room, living room and study. Finished recreation room in walk-out basement. Call owner at 344-0538.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is available through Gopher on the VMScluster. Currently, there are three calendars available: 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. Western Michigan University, 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

(and 16) Student Employment Week.
(thru 19) Chicano History Week.
(thru 20) Exhibition, prints by Akemi Ohira, Charlottesville, Va., Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
(thru 22) Exhibition, pastel drawings and prints by Yvonne Leonard, Chicago, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
(and 16) Exhibition, "Can You Imagine That?," computer imaging/graphics, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Campuswide blood pressure screening, first floor lobby and Bronco Mall, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
"A Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.
Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master's theses, Graduate College conference room, Seibert Administration Building, 3 p.m.; to register call 7-3569.
*University computing services workshop, "Word 5.1 for Macintosh - Working with Equations," 2033 University Computing Center, 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.
Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "Color Perception and the Philosophy of Mathematics," Robert R. Bruner, Wayne State University, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.
Geology lecture, "Organic Liquid Contaminant Entrapment and Persistence in the Subsurface: Interphase Mass Transfer Limitations and Implications for Remediation," Linda M. Abriola, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, the University of Michigan, 1118 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.
University Film Committee showing, "Die Versprechung" ("The Promise"), directed by Margarethe von Trotta, 2750 Knauss Hall, 6 and 8 p.m.
*(thru 18) University Theatre and School of Music production, "Albert Herring," Shaw Theatre: Feb. 15-17, 8 p.m.; and Feb. 18, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 16

"High Noon at Dalton" concert, student chamber ensembles, Dalton Center lobby, noon.
*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "Advanced HTML for WWW Authoring," noon-2 p.m.; and "Macintosh Introduction," 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.
Psychology colloquium, "Preliminary Results of a Behavioral Parent Training Program," Kevin J. Armstrong, psychology, 3760 Knauss Hall, 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 17

Medallion Scholarship Competition, Bernhard Center, Sangren Hall, Fetzer 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 basketball, WMU vs. Kent State University, University Arena, 2 p.m.
*Hockey, WMU vs. Miami University, 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, Western Brass Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, February 19

(thru 23) Exhibition, paintings by Corianna Garrels, BFA candidate, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; opening reception, Monday, Feb. 19, 5-7 p.m.
African Heritage Month brown bag lunch, "African/African-American Coalition," student panel, A-220 Ellsworth Hall, noon.
*University computing services workshop, "Point-to-Point Protocol Communications," 2030 University Computing Center, 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.

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, 8 p.m.
Student recital, Susan Hoekstra, horn, and Mark Stice, clarinet, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.
Guest artist recital, Sarah Arneson, soprano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

Doctoral oral examination, "An Assessment of the Characteristics of Catholic School Boards in the State of Michigan," Frank C. Wippel, educational leadership, 3208 Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.
Enhancing Instruction with Technology program, "Using Technology to Teach Political Science," Neil A. Pinney and James M. Butterfield, political science, 3307 Sangren Hall, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.
Zest for Life Expert Express, "Take Care of Your Back," Theresa J. Landis, University recreation programs and facilities, 242 Bernhard Center, noon-12:30 p.m.
*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "VMScluster Introduction (Piglet and Tigger)," noon-2 p.m.; and "DOS Introduction," 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.
Student recital, Michelle Lazar, flute, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 7 p.m.
African Heritage Month gospel music concert, featuring the Voices of WMU gospel choir, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7 p.m.
*Performance, "La Traviata," New York City Opera National Company, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

*University computing services workshops: "WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows - Creating Documents," 2033 University Computing Center, 9-11:30 a.m.; and "UNIX Intermediate," 2063 Kohrman Hall, 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.
Institute of Government and Politics lecture, "The Postmodernist Challenge," Ernst A. Breisach, history, 3020 Friedmann Hall, 3:15 p.m.
Master class, Jeannie 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



COMPETING FOR TOP SCHOLARSHIPS – A record number of high school seniors are expected to participate in WMU's Medallion Scholarship Competition this year. A total of 580 were on campus last Saturday and another 600 are expected this Saturday. They are vying for four-year scholarships valued at more than \$7 million to attend WMU this fall. The event is the largest scholarship competition of its kind in the state. Before undergoing a battery of essay writing, problem solving and informational activities, students and their parents had a chance to get to know WMU by browsing at tables set up in the Bernhard Center. From left, Christina S. Sonnevile, international affairs, discusses travel and study abroad opportunities with Ben Morris, a senior at Holt High School, and his father, Greg Morris. To be invited to the competition, students had to be admitted to WMU by Jan. 10 and had to carry at least a 3.7 grade point average, or at least a 3.5 GPA and an American College Test score of 30 or better.

Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 10 a.m.; and "The Geometry of Multinomial Coefficients: The Pascal Cuboctahedron," 1104 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.
"A Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.

Human resources seminar, "Managing Stress: Dealing with Difficult Personalities in the Workplace," Kathy O. Kreager, Employee Assistance Program, 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-3625.

Master class, Ursula Oppens, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

*University computing services workshop, "DOS Intermediate," 2033 University Computing Center, 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.
***Admission charged**

NCATE (Continued from page one)

"We're moving toward becoming what the literature calls a 'self-renewing' school." NCATE's selection of Prairieview is the second piece of recent evidence pointing to growing interest and acceptance of the major changes in teacher education that WMU has initiated over the past few years. During a recent accreditation review, NCATE also issued an unusual commen-

dation of WMU's use of the cluster concept in placing teaching interns in schools. That cluster concept and the PDS relationship with Lakeview are both part of the same collaborative emphasis.

Through the cluster concept, placement of teaching interns from WMU, which once involved more than 110 school districts across the state, has narrowed to just nine cluster sites — all within easy reach of the Kalamazoo campus or one of the University's five regional centers. Two additional cluster sites may be added soon. The change means that instead of traversing the state trying to visit intern sites three or four times a semester, WMU faculty have more frequent contact with the interns and their supervising teachers.

"We narrowed the placement and increased the involvement," Odell says. "Instead of people driving all over the state to visit interns, our faculty spend one day each week at the cluster sites working with the teachers and with our students."

The PDS, she says, is part of the cluster concept and has the added dimension of giving teachers and University faculty members a place to try new teaching practices, study them and extend those that are successful to the other cluster sites.

The University and public school districts also are collaborating on other efforts to bring WMU students into more extensive contact with the K-12 setting. Those efforts include teaching some WMU education classes at the cluster sites rather than on the campus so that students can get in-depth exposure to the curriculum, culture, teachers and students of the school over a longer period of time.

"We have a vision that requires close collaboration and partnership in the education of teachers," Odell says. "We need teachers in the schools and our faculty to work closely together for that vision to develop. There used to be a gap between teachers as practitioners and university faculty as theorists. This is an attempt to bridge that gap and to give our students an opportunity to have experience with kids and to have that experience studied and reflected upon so that they can become excellent teachers."

OCL databases

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The latest addition is a car pool database that allows students, within Kalamazoo and surrounding communities, to find rides or riders to and from campus. The information can be deleted when it's no longer needed, or it will automatically be deleted at the end of the semester.

"The car pool database was created to serve students, but it has the added benefit of helping faculty and staff," Laaksonen says. "The program is written in a way that it can be used by anyone commuting to the WMU campus."

Students looking to travel to distant locations on weekends or semester breaks can look for rides or post ads in a separate fourth database, the Share-A-Ride listing.

Laaksonen says a fifth database where students can buy and sell furniture is planned for the future. He says they eventually will make the databases available on their World Wide Web page.

"Communication is one the biggest problems we have," Laaksonen says. "Bulletin boards are inefficient and very slow. Now we have instant information."

In addition to the interactive databases on the VAX, the Office of Off-Campus Life also has a home page on the World Wide Web. The page displays 40 different residential rental brochures on tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities. The Web site also lists apartment complex rental units that cater to WMU students. Its address is: <http://DOSAWeb.Faunce.wmich.edu/Departments/OCL/Welcome.html>.

For more information, persons may contact the Office of Off-Campus Life at 7-2336.