Haenicke calls on University community for support

President Haenicke has once again called on members of the University community to support efforts to gain state government recognition of WMU's unique status and increase its 1996-97 state appropriation.

"We must be prepared to contact our leaders in state government," Haenicke said this week. "Meanwhile, we continue to work with the administration and legislative leaders to make our case, and we've been pleased with some of our progress to date."

The proposed executive budget recommends a 4 percent increase in state appropriations for WMU, the minimum earmarked for all of the state's public universities. Some institutions are slated for more, in some instances to bring their per student appropriation to a floor of $4,150.

"The executive office, after recognizing for two years our special status as a Doctoral I institution, this year did not do so," the president told the Faculty Senate March 7.

In each of the past two years, state appropriations reflected WMU's designation as the state's only public Doctoral University by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Last year, WMU received a 7.8 percent increase, largest of the 15 public universities, and the year before it received the second largest.

"Bullet points" to ponder

Haenicke provided senators with what he called "bullet points," a series of facts that distinguish WMU as one of the state's top four public universities that he uses to make his case in Lansing. They include that WMU:

• is the largest public Doctoral I university in the United States, at 26,673 students;
• has the fourth largest number of graduate students at 6,174 and produces the fourth largest number of graduate degrees in the state;
• has the fourth largest enrollment of international students at 1,524, ranking third in the state in the percentage of graduate students at 24 percent;
• has the fourth largest level of external support for research and private giving, with a combined total of more than $35 million a year;
• has the fourth largest number of undergraduate students at more than 1,000, making WMU one of the top four universities in many ways, including its impact as a statewide institution.

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• More than half of all WMU students come from the eastern part of the state as well as from nearly every Michigan county, all 50 states and 93 other countries.

• WMU is a major exporter, bringing in revenue from other states and nations through tuition, visitors and gifts for an annual total of more than $61 million.

"Many of you may have seen the editorial in the Gazette on state funding for us, which I think was a splendidly written and well argued case for our institution," he said. "I am very grateful to the Gazette for listening so carefully to our case in the editorial conference we had there."

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Tuition restraint

At the same time, Haenicke stressed, WMU thus far has exercised "significant restraint" in raising tuition, holding increases to 5 percent or below in each of the past three years.

This year's increase was just 2.6 percent, lowest in the state.

"While we have complaints every time we raise tuition, we must realize that we have the second lowest tuition for freshmen and sophomores in the state, and the fourth lowest when tuition and fees are combined," he said.

"And still we are ranked seventh lowest in state appropriations per full-time-equated student at $4,827, running for more complex programs than many other institutions," he continued.

A 'self-help' university

Pointing to other finance issues, the president noted that WMU has invested nearly $300 million in construction and renovation projects in the last 10 years, a bigger sum than anybody else in the region has spent. Of the total, about $120 million came in state dollars.

"That is why I make the point that we are a self-help institution," Haenicke said, creating capital through "smart, clever re-financing," grants and the support of many friends of the University.

"The state and our students get a very good bargain here," he said, explaining that for every 100 dollars the state gives WMU in capital outlay funds, the University adds 35 dollars to invest in its own future and that of the people it serves.

That is a message Haenicke has been taking to the media in recent weeks, including visits with editors at the Kalamazoo Gazette and the Grand Rapids Press.

Open office hours planned

President Haenicke will conduct open office hours from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, to provide students, faculty and staff members with the opportunity to stop by and visit with him on any topic of concern.

Haenicke plans to be available in his office, 3060 Seibert Administration Building.

Individuals may visit without making an appointment and will not be restricted in time unless others are waiting. In that case, a time limit of 10 minutes will be imposed.

Board to meet Friday at Grand Rapids center

The Board of Trustees will meet Friday, March 15, at WMU's Grand Rapids Regional Center, 2333 East Beltline S.E.

The full board meeting will begin at 10:45 a.m. in Room 1010 of the center.

Agenda items include a proposal for a 4.5 percent increase in room and board rates and a 3.3 percent increase in apartment rental rates, which would apply only to new residents. Last March, the board approved a proposal by President Haenicke to freeze 1995-96 room and board and apartment rental rates at 1994-95 levels.

In addition, the measure called for any student in the system during the 1995-96 year to be guaranteed the same rate for the 1996-97 year.

The proposal for the 1996-97 rates for new residents is expected to be tabled until the board's April 19 meeting to allow for public comment.

The trustees also will consider a proposal for WMU to join the Direction Center in Grand Rapids. The center provides consultation, training and applied research services to nonprofit organizations in West Michigan.

Committee meetings will precede the full board meeting in Room 2007 of the center. Times are: Budget and Finance Committee, 9 a.m.; and Academic and Student Affairs Committee, 10 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

High school tourneys here

WMU will play host to two Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments in the next week.

The state volleyball championship will take place at the University Arena Friday, March 15, and the basketball quarterfinals are scheduled there Thursday, March 21.

Because of expected traffic congestion near the University Arena and Oliver Street campus entrances, the University community is encouraged to use alternate routes.

In addition, Parking Structure 1 will be closed those days except to those attending the tournaments, who will pay a $3 parking fee.

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The Committee to Oversee General Education (COGE) has completed its preparation of the University’s new general education program, including the approval of more than 400 courses to help students meet its requirements.

The program will be implemented in the fall of 1996, following a one-year delay to allow the committee time to approve enough courses to make the program “substantially coherent,” said David A. Ede, professor of government, chairperson of the COGE, and told the Faculty Senate March 7.

The senate approved a new general education policy three years ago, creating the COGE as a standing committee of the senate’s Undergraduate Studies Council to implement and maintain it.

The policy set out four proficiencies, its major innovation, and eight distribution areas for general education courses: writing; baccalaureate-level writing; college-level mathematics or quantitative reasoning; and advanced proficiency in one of six options.

The distribution areas are: fine arts; humanities; the United States: cultures and history; science with laboratory; natural science and technology: applications and implications; and health and well-being.

The program itself has been before the University at least once a year during the past two years. Previously, she was director of communications at the Los Angeles Times.

Ede thanked the members of his committee “for their outstanding work” after telling senators that the committee met 34 times for at least two hours each time between January 1994 and March 1997. For a while, the weekly period, it stopped, meeting Monday evening for sometimes four hours at a time.

Twenty members in addition to Ede and Wright are: Judith H. Halsel, social work; L. Richard Harring, education and professional development; Mark R. Hathaway, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Mark C. Kersetter, computer science; Robert J. Hovland, English and theatre; R. M. Ruhl, accountancy; and Judith F. Stone, history.

Ede said the COGE will call for the review of all general education courses at least once within a seven-year cycle as part of its continuing work to address specific issues.

The committee’s next big task is to review all the baccalaureate-level writing courses that are part of the new program in order to improve upon this important University requirement,” Ede said.

Ede said the one-year delay also helped the Office of Admissions and Orientation work with community colleges and helped its curriculum to address specific issues, including course descriptions and advising.

Ethics talks scheduled on computers and feminism

The Center for the Study of Ethics in Society will sponsor free lectures on computers and on feminism next week.

Helen Nissenbaum, a faculty member in the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University, will speak on “Computing and Accountability” at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in 2303 Sangren Hall.

Nissenbaum is the co-author of a book, “Computers, Ethics and Social Values,” published by Prentice-Hall Inc. She is expected to discuss the barriers computers create for implementing the program with the COGE.

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The University’s Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations released an election of first-time director is now on board.

WMU’s Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations has moved to new quarters and is under the leadership of its first-time director.

The institute was announced in January, during which time as director since 1991 with duties as assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Moore was executive director of HealthConnect, a broad-based Kalamazoo initiative to improve the health status of underserved individuals, for the past two years. Previously, she was director of programs for the office of community services in WMU’s School of Social Work.

She also served as mayor of Kalamazoo from 1991 to 1993.

The institution was the first of its kind at a public university in Michigan when it was established in 1989. Under Moore’s leadership, it will engage in a broad range of activities to foster better understanding among people of different ethnic backgrounds and races. Those activities are expected to include lectures, discussion groups, film series and conferences.

OCS organizing trips to Stratford Theatre Festival

The faculty and students of this University are invited to sign up for the annual Red Cross Blood drive, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

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The second trip, planned for Friday through Sunday, May 31-June 2, will include the Stratford, Ontario, festival.

The program is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development Services. Faculty, students and staff members needed are asked to call 7-5305 or send e-mail to maryann.bowman@wmich.edu.

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Renowned scientist to discuss foundations of human language and children acquire it

One of the world's leading scientists of language and children's language development will discuss his theories on how language works in a lecture on Wednesday, March 20. Steven Pinker, professor of brain and cognitive science at the McConnel-Pew Center for Cognitive Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will present two lectures and participate in a question-and-answer session. All are free and open to the public.

Dr. Pinker will explain how children learn language in a lecture on "Language Acquisition" in 210 West Hall. That talk, which is based on his book, "The Language Instinct," is scheduled for 7 p.m. by a question-and-answer session on language development in the same room. A reception will follow the lecture and Dr. Pinker will give an address entitled "The Language Instinct" in 2750 Knauss Hall.

The second lecture, "Evolution of Language," is scheduled for 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, in the Oakl"
**Calendar**

March events; April events; and future events, which run from May through December. To view the calendars, type Gopher at the system prompt. At the next menu, choose 2.

**Thursday, March 14**

(thru 26) Exhibition, "Inner Landscapes," ceramic sculpture by Kay Takahashi, Lazaroff Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(thru 28) Exhibition, "Going Koo-koo," kinetic, sound and collage sculpture by Woody Haid, Chicago, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.)

(thru 20) Evens and Stevens: Paintings and graphic design by Tammy Evens and Todd Stevens, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closing reception, Friday, March 15, 5-7 p.m.

(thru 27) WMU annual Art Student Exhibition, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, Mondays thru Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; awards ceremony and reception, Monday, March 18, 5-7 p.m.

A Gathering of Women, Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.

Distance Learning Satellite Teleconference series, "Methods and Mediums," 1150 University Computing Center, 3:5-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.

Faculty development service program, "Generation X: The Challenge of Teaching in the '90s," Mary Ann Bowman, faculty development service, Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center, 3-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.

Doctoral oral examination, "Effects of D-Amphetamine on Free-Operant Response Acquisition with Immediate and Delayed Reinforcement," Mark G. LeSage, psychology, 208 North Hall, 4 p.m.

Lecture, "Spain as Seen by Non-Spaniards Before and After 1500," J.N. Hillgarth, professor emeritus of history, the University of Toronto, Meader Rare Book Room, Waldo Library, 4 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "From Symmetric Groups to Homology Theories," Kathryn F. Lesh, the University of Toledo, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everette Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

58th annual Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival closing concert, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

*(thru 17) University Theatre production, "Big White Fog," Multi-Form Theatre, 242 Bernhard Center, 3 p.m.

Department of Dance showing, Dalton Center Studio B, noon.

Psychology colloquium, "Yes We Can! Accomplishments with Applied Behavior Analysis," Dale M. Brethower, psychology, 3760 Knass Hall, 4 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "Even-Hole-Free Graphs and Related Classes," Kristina Vuskovic, the University of Waterloo, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everette Tower, 10:30 a.m.; refreshments, 10 a.m.

Student recital, Kevin Barton, baritone, and Kaitrin Mathews, soprano, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 3 p.m.

Student recital, Mark Morris, violin, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Student recital, Anne Decker and Julie Rummel, both flute, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.

Guest artist recital, Kurt Elling, vocal jazz, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 16**

Cold Country International Jazz Festival, Dalton Center Recital Hall, all day; evening concert sold out.

Seventh annual Sara Swickard Preschool walk-a-thon, Oakland Gymnasium, 9-11 a.m.

Graduation Ball, Michigan Baptist and Gay Life and Culture, Kiva Room, Faunce Student Services Building, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, March 17**

*President Haenicke's open office hours, 3060 Seibert Administration Building, 2:30-4 p.m.

*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "WWW Pages for WMU-All the Right Stuff," 9-11 a.m.; "Excel 5.0 for Windows-Analyzing Data," noon-2:30 p.m.; and "Powerpoint 4.0 for Windows-Introduction," 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.

*American Committee on Africa, 2303 Sangren Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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