WMU officials are gearing up for this year’s legislative budget process, armed with the University’s distinctive place in the Carnegie classification and the impact it had on last year’s state appropriation.

They are hoping once again to convince the governor and lawmakers that WMU is underfunded when compared to peer institutions, that using the classification system designed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, WMU is grossly underfunded when compared to peer institutions in the state and the nation.

“As we successfully did last year, we will be calling on students, faculty, staff, parents and friends to join our campaign,” President Haenicke said. “We will be encouraging them to write letters and to make phone calls on our behalf. Funding equity is the single most important issue facing the University right now.”

Forty past several years, Haenicke has advocated using the Carnegie classification as a basis for funding because it makes clear that there are significant differences between institutions. The system, he says, provides an objective rather than a political method for classifying peer institutions.

Last year, the University’s advocacy efforts paid off with a $4.3 million increase in its state appropriation — the second highest percentage increase of Michigan’s 15 public universities. That followed two years of no increases in state funding for the state’s public institutions.

Haenicke termed the increase a “milestone,” but said the University still had a lot of work to do to achieve funding equity. Under the most recent Carnegie classification, WMU was released last fall. It groups institutions into 11 categories using such criteria as highest level of degree awarded, number of degrees conferred by discipline, amount of federal research support and selectivity in admissions.

In Michigan (see table below), there are three institutions in the Research I category at the top of the classification: Michigan State University, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Wayne State University. There are no Research II universities.

WMU is the only public institution in the Doctoral I category. Michigan Technological University is classified as a Doctoral II institution, while all of the other public universities fall in the Master’s I or II grouping.

Although Michigan Tech is in a lower category than WMU, its appropriation per fiscal year equal funded student is $2,077 more than WMU for 1994-95. Northern Michigan, a Master’s I institution, received $1,514 more per student in state funding than WMU.

### Meetings scheduled in Kalamazoo, other cities

Two meetings have been scheduled in Kalamazoo for alumni and friends who want to know more about bringing the University’s case to the Legislature.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel, will discuss “Influencing Legislative Change” during a program that is part of the WMU Alumni Association’s “Good Morning, Kalamazoo” series.

That event will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:15 a.m. and conclude by 8:20 a.m. in the Feter Center. The cost is $5 for association members or $6 for non-members and reservations are encouraged by Friday, Feb. 10.

Pretty will also speak at a Legislative Advocacy Network reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20, at the Gilmore Theatre Complex. While persons are asked to make reservations, there is no charge for this program.

Four other Legislative Advocacy Network receptions are scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on designated Thursdays throughout the state. The dates and locations are: April 6, Lansing Radisson Hotel; April 27, Benton Harbor Holiday Inn; May 4, WMU Grand Rapids Regional Center; and May 11, Fox and Hounds restaurant in Bloomfield Hills. A reception in Battle Creek is also being planned.

To make reservations, persons may call the McKee Alumni Center at 7-8777.
Events ranging from a heritage night to a two-day music festival that examines the origins of “funk” music and its continuing influence on today’s pop music will be featured at “Funk Fest: Some Funk, Brother” Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18, at the Dalton Center Recital Hall. The festival will feature live performances from “funk” musicians, and concerts will focus on rural blues, urban blues featuring women who sang the blues, traditional and contemporary gospel, jazz, Latin and live performances from international music that we’ve explored are present today’s urban sounds. Their introduction to funk music and its continuing influence is the subject of this year’s music festival, planned for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18, as part of the University’s celebration of Black History Month.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, African American studies and music at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will be guest speakers during the lecture, “The History of African American music,” Wilson says. “Artists like Bobby Womack, who formed the heavy funk and soul band, seeks a donor, he or she consults the registry. If a match is found, the donation process can begin.

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Blood pressure screening program begins Feb. 6

Take this message to heart: Check your blood pressure on Feb. 6.

That's the theme of this year’s Campus-Wide Blood Pressure Screening and Education Program sponsored by the Sindecuse Health Center. Zest for Life and Eta Sigma Gamma health education honoraries.

Professional nurses and certified student screeners are scheduled to travel to 13 convenient sites throughout campus over the course of two days: Feb. 6 (see the calendar on page four for times, dates and locations).

The annual blood pressure control program offers blood pressure assessments and preventive health education, with the goal of helping students, faculty and staff keep their blood pressure in a healthy range.

"Over the past 15 years, the death rate from diseases of the heart and blood vessels has declined dramatically," says Chris G. Zimmer, health promotion and education coordinator. "Changes in lifestyle and risk factor reduction have played a major role in this decline. Still, coronary heart disease and stroke continue to kill all Americans than all other diseases combined.

"Cardiovascular disease also continues to retain its status among leading causes of disability," she continues. "Three major risk factors contribute to this problem: high blood pressure, high cholesterol and cigarette smoking. People with high blood pressure have been told for years not to develop heart disease and as such, seven times the risk of a stroke as those with normal blood pressure."

Zimmer says about 30 percent of all adults over the age of 18 have high blood pressure. But studies show only 54 percent of hypertensive adults are aware of their high blood pressure and only 11 percent have their blood pressure under control.

"High blood pressure has no symptoms, so getting your blood pressure checked every six to 12 months should be on everyone's list for preventive health care," she says. "Feel free to pump your own blood pressure checked at one of our screening sites scheduled for your convenience."

Lacey earns recognition for role in health care reform

Bernardine M. Lacey, nursing, has received the prestigious Health Policy and Legislative Award. An Award presented by the Division of Nursing in the School of Education at New York University.

Lacey was honored in her work with Sen. Jay Rockefeller's Alliance for Health Care Reform, a study panel she created to define the role of private health care insurance in the national health care reform legislation. Her contributions to President Clinton's Task Force on Health Care Reform were also noted in the award presentation.

Lacey was presented with the award Nov. 4 during the "Leadership in Action" program, which recognized accomplishments and current endeavors and explored future directions for the nursing profession.

On campus

On-campus 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 should submit a job application to the Job Opportunity Program employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

For persons interested in faculty positions, apply through the Vicksburg-Kosciusko Community College Human Resources Department.

A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

For information call the Office of Human Resources at 627-4896.

WMU, Opalewski was a homemaker. She has two daughters, ages 20 and 18. When not at work, she enjoys traveling and reading. She's also on the verge of taking up two new hobbies: golf and scuba diving.

Human resources

Limited reservations remain for stress management seminar

If too many happenings in your busy, stressful life have you kept from reserving a space at the stress management seminar? Run, don't walk, to your nearest campus mailboxes and fire off your reservation now.

A few spaces are still available at this brown bag lunch seminar, which will go to all employees, from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in 157-159 Bernhard Hall.

Kathy Kreyger, Employee Assistance Program, will lead a panel of presenters that includes: Cindy Griffith, massage therapist with Abies Chiropractic Clinic, speaking on natural health and healing and demonstrating on-site experimental chair massage; Richard M. Oxhandler, Counselor Center, discussing the influence of personal perception of ourselves and our surroundings; and a demonstration on natural health and healing and demonstrating on-site experimental chair massage; Richard M. Oxhandler, Counselor Center, discussing the influence of personal perception of ourselves and our surroundings.

Complimentary health drinks will be available for all participants. The seminar will be held to order a healthful box lunch from the Bernhard Center Deli. Complete the order form on the box-lunch order form and return it to the Office of Human Resources, 130 College Ave. in the Bernhard Center. The cost for the box-lunches is $4.35, and may be paid when lunches are picked up.

Zest for Life

Need a break from the mid-winter blues? Sign up for one of these workshops offered through Zest for Life and the Office of Human Resources: "Take Care of Your Back" or "Be A Leaner Eater".

Zest for Life program line at 7-3262 for more information or to register.

For more information or to register for these next three programs, call the Office of Human Promotion and Education at 7-3262.

MAPPING OUT HER CAREER — Since joining the WMU staff four and a half years ago, Linda Lacey has been navigating her way through logistical services positions in freight/post/delivery and in University stores before becoming a secretary in purchasing three months ago.

Her doctorates include working on purchase requisitions, greeting vendors and answering the telephone. "It's all new to me," she says, "but I really enjoy the people in the whole area on campus, the most in-favorite part of the job so far is that she gets to deal with faculty and staff, or call Demetra D. Barber at 7-3620. Purchasing Director in the Department of Human Resources, sponsor of the seminar. You should return the registration slips on a timely fashion.

Many of life's stressors come from interpersonal problems and relationships with others in creating unnecessary stress; and Molly B. Vass, Specialty Program in Holistic Health Care, speaking on the mind/body link in stress.

Reservations and tickets are available at the Office of Human Resources, 130 College Ave., the Bernhard Center Deli, or from the Office of Human Resources.

For additional information, call Kathy Kreyger, 7-3262.

Dietary counseling, based on "Focus," a five-minute interview program on "Focus," a five-minute interview program on WKPR-AM (1420).
Keeping fit

Robert O. Brinkerhoff, educational leadership, is one machine, is one of 488 people, including faculty and staff members, who have paid memberships to join the Student Recreation Center this semester to keep in shape. On a recent weekday, he showed off the facility to his brother, Dennis McKay, who was visiting from Washington, D.C. In addition to using the weight machines, faculty and staff members are playing racquetball, running on the track and exercising in the aerobics classes. More than 3,000 people pass through the center's turnstiles each day.

One-stop Career Center opens in Ellsworth

WMU students who need a job while in school and recent graduates seeking career opportunities now have a place to go to help the help they need in one convenient location.

The directors of four units in WMU's Division of Student Affairs that deal with different aspects of career information — career services, the student employment office, testing and evaluation services and the Counseling Center — have created a new Career Center.

The Career Center, located in A-90 Ellsworth Hall, is a walk-in, phone-in center where students can get answers to their career questions or be referred to one or more of the career-related offices on campus.

A grand opening reception is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6. The center officially opened Jan. 31 with a full-time staff and professional careers and graduate assistants. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Bryan, who ran an employment referral service, said the new center represents an effort to streamline the process of helping students with career information.

"This is a unique opportunity for the four units to come together and provide services out of one area," she said. "Our goal is to improve service to the University community.

"The Career Center was created out of a need to have one location where students could access the University's career services," she added. "Because the career-related offices are physically located at different areas on campus, students were often confused about where to go for the service they needed. Many were unsure who did what. But now, they have one place to go for help.

"The counselors and graduate assistants will assist students with questions they may have regarding planning their career, information on internships with companies while in school or where to find a job after graduation. The staff will evaluate the students needs and refer them to the appropriate career office. A telephone line at 7-2686 also has been set up in the center for students, alumni, and faculty and staff members to call in questions.

"The students are looking for a job on campus, they will be referred to student employment next door," Bryan said. "If the students don't know where to go, they can start at the Career Center and go from there.

"Students will be able to walk in or call and ask such questions as: "How do I get started in this field?" I am thinking of being a fashion merchandising major. What are my career options when I graduate?"" Bryan said. "We will be able to make appointments for students to look for information to them or direct them toward a person who would be able to get them the information they need.

For more information on the Career Center, persons may contact Bryan at 7-2725.