Engler raps WET for raising tuition rates

State Sen. John Engler, the proba-ble Republican candidate for gover-nor next year, criticized the Michi-gan Education Trust board for rais-ing prepald college tuitions 13 percent.

But not because the Increase was

"What was surprising was that it was held to 13 percent. We thought it was underpriced a year ago," Engler said on an Oakland County campaign

visit.

It will cost parents of a newborn infant \$7,664 — up \$908 from a year ago — to invest in the MET fund, which guarantees the youngster four years of state university tuition 18 years from now.

Bowman holds meeting on trust

The public can learn about the Michigan Education Trust straight from the founder's mouth next week in Royal Oak.

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State treasurer Robert Bowman
will hold a community forum at 7
p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, in Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington.
It's one of five being held around
the state and the only one in

Engler noted the MET price in-crease must cover not only this year's tultion increases of 9 percent but 1988 increases of 9.6 percent.

"The intent of the MET forums and intent of the MEA forums is to answer any questions people might have about MET before the Oct. 2-6 open application period," Bowman said.

Parents, grandparents and even

southeastern Michigan. Others will be in Marquette, Traverse City, Haslett (near Lansing) and Grand Rapids).

employers may invest \$7,664 to guarantee a newborn child four years of state university tuition in 18 years. Cost are lower for fewer years and for community colleges.

To make a reservation or for further information, call the state's toll-free hot line at 1-800-MET-4-KID.

THE CAREER lawmaker said "I'm steamed" at Gov. James J. Blanchard's refusal to appoint Engler's designee to the MET board.

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As Schale majority leader, Engler,
40, of Mount Pleasant, is allowed by
law to designate one member of the
board. He said he nominated Gary
Wolfram, Hillsdale College professor, former Senate Fiscal Agency
budget analyst and former University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty
member.

"They (Blanchard administration) rejected him. They don't want anybody knowledgeable on the board," Engler said.
In an Oakland County Building news conference Thursday, Engler

said, "I fear for the future obliga-tions" of the MET fund because of

tions" of the MET fund because of the underpricing.

And he repeated his general theme: that Democrat Blanchard and House Democrats place too low a budget priority on education, in-cluding universities.

Engler said it's a major reason tu-itions are rising faster than consum-er price inflation.

DR. C. GARY Artinian, Bloom-field Township physician and mem-ber of the Wayne State University board, agreed.
"We (15 state universities) are un-derfunded. I'm the Lone Ranger against It (9.6) percent utilition in-crease approved in July by the WSU

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board)," said Artinian, a Republican who supports Engler.
"The state budgets about \$1 billion for all colleges and universities. That docent's even match Medicald, which is \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion.
"Engler has always pushed former," said Artinian, one of two dozen Oakland and Wayne GOP Teaders Joining the senator's "exploratory" committee. That committee has 1,500 members, including all GOP legislative lenders and top party of ficials of the last decade.
"We (Mitchigan) are at the top in providing bocals services, but we're 38th among the 50 states in funding Wayne State is still in the top 10 or 15 public universities in the courty in tuition. Michigan and Mitchigan State are in the 100 10. We can't afford that," Artinian said.

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based its plans on annual tuition increases averaging 7.3 percent and trust fund carnings of 9.5 percent compounded.

But when most major university boards hiked tuition more than because the most percent earlier this summer, the MET board last week raised entry prices into the trust fund.

Bowman, the former Wall Street financier who is Blanchard's cooning guru, said:

"If people think this is expensive, they're in for a real abocker when they find out how expensive online they find out how expensive online they find out how expensive of the price of the pr

University renames library for Kresge

The renovated library at Oakland University and its newly added north and south wings have been named for the benefactors who helped pay for the project.

The entire \$11.5 million project, which has doubled the size of the former library, will be named the Kresge Library. That's in honor of Stanley Kresge, who created the Kresge Foundation, which contributed \$1 million to the renovation work.

nessman and philanthropist who contributed \$1 million to build the structure. The south wing will be called the Alumai Wing in honor of OU graduates, who also contributed \$1 million to the expansion.

The project cost of \$11.5 million included \$9 million for cacquistilons and \$1.5 million included \$1 million for acquistilons and \$1.5 million in construction, \$1 million for acquistilons. The state contributed \$7 million in came from donations.

The new library will be dedicated on Nov. 8.

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