Ford to receive honorary degree at June 30 commencement exercises in Waldo Stadium

Congressman William D. Ford (D-Tamalpa, Calif.), the former U.S. attorney general, confirmed as a doctor of laws degree during the University's spring commencement exercises at 11 a.m. June 30 in Waldo Stadium.

During the ceremony, as many as 1,400 degrees will be awarded. Those completing their studies at the end of the spring semester will be included in the graduation ceremony to receive degrees at the end of the summer session in August will be recognized.

The ceremony will be conducted in Fall events calendar deadline is July 2

The deadline for the fall semester University Calendar of Events and Business Directory, a free publication made available by the Division of Student Services, is July 2.

The calendar is a semesters publication that includes information regarding student, faculty and staff events. It is distributed throughout the University community and will be on or off campus frequented by students, faculty and staff.

To submit an item, persons should fill out a form available from the Office of Student Activities, 2420 Pammo Student Services Building. For more information, persons may call 7-2114.

Review board being formed to hear Inselberg grievance

WMU administrative officials and leaders of the University's faculty union, the American Association of University Professors, are forming a six-member review board to hear the Step II grievance of Edgar Inselberg, biological sciences.

Inselberg, who is facing a one-semester suspension without pay and other related disciplinary action for alleged unprofessional conduct, has opted to bypass mediation and go directly to Step II where the review board will be appointed by the faculty senate and the University administration.
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26 faculty members on campus explore 'the theory of knowledge' at NEH institute

Recent developments in epistemology, or 'the theory of knowledge,' are being explored in a six-week institute this summer at WMU.

The June 18-July 27 workshop, "Epistemology and the Text," is being funded by a $121,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The participants include faculty members from WMU's Lee Honors College and the nine-member Consortium of East Central Colleges (ECC).

Each faculty member is working on a specific project, and will enhance or provide support for scholarly research. The outcome will be a book comprised of papers by each participant on epistemology in his or her discipline related to undergraduate teaching or research.

Nancy Siferd, executive director of the ECC and one of the directors of the institute, says that the institute will help faculty to become more familiar with recent developments in epistemology. The institute is based on readings and sessions led by major philosophers. Participants and readings and discussions provide a structured environment in which the participants can explore recent shifts in epistemology and their far-reaching implications for the library.

The aim is not to make every participant a philosopher, nor is it to transform a professional course in philosophy seminars or a laboratory science into a Socratic dialogue, Siferd said. The working assumption is that faculty can become sufficiently knowledgeable in epistemology to pursue individual reading and writing, or to implement research projects.

Siferd will be in press at 8 p.m. in 2302 Sangren Hall. All other lectures begin at 5 p.m. in 2302 Sangren Hall.

The nine members of the ECC are the Ohio colleges of Heidelberg, Hiram, John Carroll, Marietta College, Otterbein College, Otterbein; Bethany College in West Virginia; Lewis and Clark College in Oregon; and West Virginia Wesleyan College in Ohio colleges of Heidelberg, Hiram, John Carroll, Marietta College, Otterbein College; Bethany College in West Virginia; Lewis and Clark College in Oregon; and West Virginia Wesleyan College in Ohio.

The cooperative link between the ECC consortium and WMU events is because of Dean Faith Gabelnick, Lee Honors College. She was a consultant to the ECC for three years on a federally funded project emphasizing the teaching of critical thinking and suggested that the Lee Honors College play host to the institute. Gabelnick has assisted in preparing the grant for selecting participants.

In addition to Pritchard, the participants from the ECC include: Richard McKitterick, professor of philosophy; Arthur E. Fulk, chairperson of philosophy; Paul Farber, education and professional development; Charles Lawson, chairperson of religion; and Shelley B., professor of English.

Aid also is available in the form of on-line tutorials and "help" screens that are available at each step in the search. A number of FAQs will be put online with the knowledgeable about the system for help in connecting to or finding INFORMATION. Help in connecting to INFORMATION is available through an Technical Support.

Remote access to INFORMATION is available during Waldo Library's normal operating hours.

Book selected for Choice 'outstanding' list

A 1989 book in which two WMU professors detailed how the language of sports has permeated spoken and written English has been named an "Outstanding Academic Book" in Choice magazine.


Choice, a monthly magazine and information service published by the Association of College and Research Libraries, named "Sports Talk" to its 26th annual "Outstanding Academic Books and Nonprint Materials." The book was chosen in the social and physical education section of the reference category.

Choice's "Outstanding" list includes books selected from the more than 6,000 reviews published from March 1991 through February 1990. According to Choice editor and published Pamela E. Saboisk, the list is "a tribute to the quality maintained in scholarly publishing in the United States today."
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Peter W. Krawutschke, chairperson of the Japanese language and literatures department, attended one of 20 faculty members selected from a field of 68 applicants nationwide to represent the University at an international conference.

Krawutschke is attending the Faculty Development Institute (FDI) of the Undergraduate Curriculum, sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The FDI will help attendees understand curriculum content and literature, culture, society and history.

The institute is designed to help full-time, undergraduates teaching faculty members from the humanities and social sciences expand their knowledge of Japanese history and culture and understand the meaning of Japanese issues becomes broadly diversified in the undergraduate curriculum in the United States.

The fellowship competition was limited to faculty members who have at least two years of experience teaching undergraduate courses in the humanities and social sciences, the potential to effect change in the undergraduate curriculum and no prior experience in Japanese studies. Candidates were nominated by their presidents or provosts.

Juliette Gregory, project manager in AASCU's Office of International Programs, said, "Professor Krawutschke demonstrates the dedication to teaching, to broadening his knowledge of Japanese studies and to the internationalization of the undergraduate curriculum, which will help to infuse the month-long institute with the enthusiasm and professionalism necessary to its success."

Center receives two science education grants

WMU's Center for Science Education has received two grants totaling $110,000 from the Michigan Alliance of Physics Teachers to develop the K-12 Operation Physics workshops for Michigan science teachers.

According to Poel, the grant will fund two, year-long workshops, each of 20 workshops for area science teachers and school administrators. The aim of the Science Curriculum Leadership Workshops is to help educators restructure their schools' science curricula to meet the state's new K-12 science curriculum.

Co-directing the SEMPlus project with Poel will be Wayne Anderson, education and professional development director. The two week-long workshops, each of which will accommodate about 25 teachers, are scheduled for this summer with goals for new state science objectives that Poel says "may radically change the content and focus of science schools and local needs drive the program."

Poel, who is a member of the steering committee that is developing the new objectives, says the science test portion of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) will be changing in the near future to reflect the new objectives and will also be a point of concern to science teachers and administrators around the state.

In addition to the two workshop bookings, the SEMPlus grant will support the center's continuing series of workshops on the development of science curricula for the state's K-12 program.

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Says new agreements in university to world

WMU has entered into seven new academic linkage agreements with foreign universities, including two in Eastern Europe, bringing to 28 the number of formal international agreements.

Norman C. Greenberg, international affairs, recently announced that the University has negotiated contracts with Latvia State University in Riga, Latvia, in the USSR; the Institute of Spectroscopy of the USSR Academy of Sciences in Moscow; the Eberhard Karls University in Tubingen, West Germany; the University of Paderborn in North Rhine-Westphalia, West Germany; Addis Ababa University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Nihon University in Tokyo, Japan; and the National Kaohsiung Normal University on the island of Taiwan.

The agreements are intended to facilitate such activities as faculty and student exchanges, scholarships for students, visiting scholar arrangements, teaching and research opportunities for professors and graduate students, and development of library resources.

The academic linkage contracts, Greenberg says, are similar in form to other international agreements that institutionalize collaboration between universities in a way that is beneficial to both institutions.

The contracts entered into by the University, Greenberg says, are very general in nature and establish a "sister school relationship" between the institutions. Each agreement is worked out to the satisfaction of both institutions on a case by case basis to see if it is workable for both institutions.

A WMU program designed to keep minority students in school and increase their graduation rate has received funding for the 1990-91 academic year from the Office of Minority Equity in the Michigan Department of Education.

The WMU program is being funded to provide academic support and "at risk" minority students, is its analysis of social welfare goals and services' success rate will play an important role in the program, Sledge says.

As part of the same agreement, British scholars already have traveled to WMU to share their expertise with students in the field of international relations.

The contracts are designed for both American and German students and focusing on the tourism industry. WMU has academic linkages with that university establishes a student exchange program that could, in the future, "provide mutual benefits to the sister institutions and internationally by doing business with the world."

A good example of such an academic linkage, he says, is one announced earlier this year linking WEMU with the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom. Such linkages, he says, provide "an 'as needed' basis. Beginning with the coming year also will mark the first time that WMU has academic linkages with that university establishes a student exchange program that could, in the future, 'provide mutual benefits to the sister institutions and internationally by doing business with the world.'"

"The renewed and expanded Select Student Support Services project, which was designed to provide discipline-specific academic support for "at risk" minority students, is one example of a cooperative proposal that falls under the umbrella of the University's retention efforts. Although significant gains in minority student recruitment and retention have been made in recent years, he says, the initiatives lose more than 1 percent of underrepresented minority students between their freshman and sophomore year, compared with an 18 percent loss among white students in the same entering class. In addition, minority students graduate at approximately half the rate of white students.

"The overall goal of this program is to keep students here and to keep students here," Sledge says. The coming year also will mark the first time that the CSF and the services are offered on a project enrollment basis rather than on an "at risk" basis. Adequate resources, however, must be found to offer a European business seminar to "at risk" minority students, Sledge says.

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