Parfet appeals to South African authorities on behalf of graduate

Maury F. Parfet, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, has written the South African minister of police and prisons expressing concern for the health and safety of a U-M graduate recently was imprisoned there and requesting information about the arrest.

Lila Patel, a recent master's degree graduate in social work, has been imprisoned under the provisions of the South African Internal Security Act of 1976. SASSO II (the South African Solidarity Organization) presented a request to the Board of Trustees on July 18 asking the Board to officially inquire about Patel's health and the circumstances of her arrest. The Board proposed that the Board of Trustees work with a revisionary committee, also chaired by Parfet, for review.

In her August 1 letter to the Hon. L. L. LeGrange, Minister of Police and Prisons, Cape Town, South Africa, Parfet stated, "Because Patel is one of our alumni, we would like to express our concern for her health and safety. Towards that end, we would appreciate receiving information regarding the circumstances of her arrest, the nature of the charges against her, the proposed disposition of her case, and any other pertinent facts related to her."

Evaluation Center gets $680,000 grant

A grant of $680,000 over the next two years has been awarded to the Evaluation Training Consortium (ETC) by the Division of Personnel Preparation, Office of Special Education, U.S. Department of Education.

The money will be used to continue a project which began in 1972 with workshops throughout the United States conducted by ETC for persons who work in special education. The workshops are meant to upgrade the self-evaluation capabilities of special education personnel and give them follow-up technical assistance and related evaluation services.

Specifically, the ETC will refine, redevelop and field-test its evaluation workshops to convert these sessions into three separate self-contained, self-instructional packages. One is for institutes of higher education which operate pre-service programs for personnel preparation; the second is for those who have local education association inservice programs; and the third is for state education associations and others who operate multiple-project preparation programs.

Technical assistance is available from four regional sites; the central one is the ETC at Western, under the direction of C. O. Brinkhous, who is also the leadership and associate director of the university Evaluation Center.

Democratic convention to be discussed

James E. Nadasdy, political science, will be a guest on "Accent," the noon television program Tuesday on WZTV. He will be interviewed by Della Koach, hostess for the program, to discuss the Democratic convention which opens Monday in New York City.

Education is a continuing thing for Gernant family—'Degrees By The Dozen'

If someone should ask, "Is there a doctor in the house?" at a reunion of the Leonard Gernant family, the "yes" answers would come from four different directions. Karen Gernant received her Ph.D. degree in Chinese history at the University of Oregon recently, she was the last of four Gernant children to receive a doctorate. Karen, the others are Paul, who has a Ph.D. in international economics from the University of Michigan; David, who has a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Harvard Law School; and Mary-Kathleen Gernant Blanchard, whose Ph.D. in Romance Languages is from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In addition to their doctoral degrees, the children, like their parents Leonard and Frances Gernant, are all Western graduates. He retired in 1975 as dean emeritus of the university service after 39 years on the university. Karen, the oldest of the children, is a 1959 graduate who has a master's degree in political science from Michigan State University, and a second master's degree from the University of Oregon where she accepted a teaching position for the coming academic year. She previously taught at Flint Community College, Monmouth College and here. In addition to her teaching assignments, she served two years in the Peace Corps in Sabah (Borneo), traveled in the Orient, was with a Stanford University project for a year in Taiwan, and last fall visited China's chief cities and the Great Wall while a lecturer on a tourist liner.

Paul, who graduated in 1962, also earned his master's degree in economics here. After getting his doctorate in 1977 at the U of M in the area of automobile trade agreements between Canada and the United States, he has done marketing research in Grand Rapids, was an assistant professor of economics at Grand Valley State College, and taught for a year at Central Michigan University. Currently he is associate professor of economics at Ferris State College.

David, a 1965 graduate, was a member of an Honors College group that studied in India and traveled around the world, and was president of the student government as an undergraduate. After he received his doctoral degree, he served with VISTA in Alaska, working in an Indian community, and later in the Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. At present, he is legal counsel to the Oregon Supreme Court at Salem.

Mary-Kathleen, the youngest of the quartet, is a 1970 graduate who took part in the French study program in Grenoble, France. She attended Middlebury College and the Sorbonne in Paris to earn her master's degree in 1971, and in May of 1979, she was awarded a Ph.D. She is married and now is assistant professor of French at Augusta College, Augusta, Ga.
Job openings...

These listings are being posted by the personnel department for regular full-time or part-time employees. Applicants should submit a job application before the posting period.

Secretary II, NE, 80-266, Sociology, posted 8/5-8/11
Patrol Officer, 80-267, Public Safety, posted 8/5-8/11
Professor, 1 year, 80-268, Applied Sciences, posted 8/5-8/11

Men’s Assistant Basketball Coach, 80-270, Athletics, posted 8/5-8/11

Assistant Professor, cont., 80-272, Health and Human Services, posted 8/7-8/13
Instructor, 1 year, 80-273, Business, posted 8/7-8/13

Secretary Senior, HF, 80-274, Home Economics, posted 8/7-8/13

Secretary Senior, HF, 80-275, Applied Sciences Counseling, posted 8/7-8/13

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High school track stars will enroll

Coach Jack Shaw has announced that fourth place state Class A 400 and 800-meter track champion, Mike Fowler of Dearborn Fordson High School, has signed a National Letter of Intent to enroll here. Fowler has time of 1:49.2 and 1:54.8 in the quarter and half-mile events and was a member of Michigan’s two-mile relay team that competed in the Midwest Meet of Champions against athletes from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

It’s purging time at Computer Center!

As of Aug. 31, all users files not accessed since June 12 will be transferred to magnetic tape and purged from the disk system. The access date is updated by reading, updating or running the file. In order to recover a file purged from the disk, a user must request that it be reinstated through the PLEASE command or a written request to the assistant director for operations, Academic Computer Center.

To check the access date of a file, use the SLOW option of the DIRECT command: DIRECT/SLOW.

Campus briefs...


Erwin W. Rayford, industrial education, accepted for the university a slide and tape presentation titled "Marketing with Graffiti" during the annual Graffiti Technical Association meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Michael Warner, music, will be guest percussion clinician with the Trenton High School band for appearances in the Detroit area on Aug. 27, 28 and 29.

Terence Hudson, Campus Bookstore, has received a diploma for completing a management seminar presented by the National Association of College Stores, Inc.

Robert J. Griffin, Modern and Classical Languages, wrote "Latin Is Not Dead, It's Alive and Living" which appears in the current issue of The Classical Outlook in which he describes a step-by-step approach for Latin teachers to make a sound slide program to demonstrate the vitality of classical languages.

ENERGY AUDIT--Four students under the direction of George Jarvis (left, with clipboard), a physical plant engineer, are conducting energy audits of most of the university’s nearly 60 major buildings. The audits, to determine the levels of energy use in each building, are required for the university to qualify for state funds to conduct energy-saving projects on the campus. “These audits are an important part of the university’s continuing efforts to conserve energy,” said William J. Kordecki, assistant vice president for facilities engineering. So far the students have "audited" about 45 buildings on the West Campus and have begun work on about 12 buildings on the East Campus.

The students are, from left, Cecil Meyers, a recent Industrial education graduate from Dowagiac who will teach here in the fall; Jeff Stout, a senior in mechanical engineering from Niles; Chris Vogel, a recent mechanical engineering education graduate from Dowagiac who will teach here in the fall; and Yvonne Treloar, a junior in mechanical engineering from Kalamazoo. Here the students inspect a motor in the sub-basement of Dunbar Hall. (WMU Newstopho)

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