

The University of Michigan  
*Regents Communication*

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**William J. Mitchell, M.S.**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2008.

Professor Mitchell received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Michigan, in 1958 and 1960, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an instructor in mechanical engineering in 1961 and was promoted to lecturer in 1966. In 1973 his appointment was changed to instructor and assistant to the dean. He was promoted to assistant professor of mechanical engineering in 1977, and served as assistant to the dean until 1983.

With his record of 47 years of service to students in the Department of Mechanical Engineering on the Dearborn campus, Professor Mitchell is one of the department's pioneer faculty members. He has been instrumental in developing and updating curricula and laboratories in materials and manufacturing, an integral part of the mechanical engineering program. He has commanded high respect from colleagues throughout his tenure for his dedication to excellence in teaching. Former students speak highly of him even after they have graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and embarked on their careers.

The Regents now salute this dedicated faculty member by naming **William J. Mitchell assistant professor emeritus of mechanical engineering**.

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