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Social Welfare Worker Examines Work Ethic

<u>In Special Lecture Thursday Night at WLU</u>

Reuben Baetz of Ottawa, executive director of the Canadian Council on Social Development, speaks Thursday night at Wilfrid Laurier University on a topic of special interest these days: The Work Ethic and Social Welfare. There is no admission charge.

His address is scheduled for the university's theatre-auditorium at 8 p.m. It is sponsored by the Faculty of Social Work and the John Easton-Christopher McCarney Memorial Fund.

Mr. Baetz, a former member of the WLU board of governors, serves also as president of the International Council on Social Welfare.

From 1949 to 1956 Mr. Baetz worked with the Lutheran World Federation Service to Refugees, Geneva.

Mr. Baetz was elected president of the International Council on Social Welfare in August, 1972. The council has about 70 member nations among its membership. It acts as a world forum for people working in health, welfare and education and serves as a spokesman for social welfare on international social questions.

The Easton-McCarney Memorial Fund was established at the request of Mrs. John Easton following the death of her husband, John, and his classmate, Christopher McCarney, in December, 1972. Both were students in the WLU social work faculty and died in a car accident. Purpose of the fund is to make resources available to contribute to the professional development of students and faculty and to provide educational experiences for the alumni and the community. -30-