

H. Bruce Franklin accepts job at Wesleyan U.

H. Bruce Franklin, the associate professor of English fired by Stanford University in 1972 for inciting violence on campus, has decided to accept a job for next fall as a visiting fellow at the Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Although Wesleyan has not yet received it, Franklin wrote the letter of acceptance Tuesday.

Hayden White, director of the center, confirmed today that Franklin had been offered the post as a visiting fellow for September through December of this year.

White said that the center

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is a "miniature version of other think tanks," directly associated with Wesleyan University, which sponsors seminars and colloquia on questions of interest to humanistic studies.

The question to be addressed next fall is "art and criminality." White explained the topic deals with the way in which western literature portrays crime, and the extent to which the artist himself is a criminal, standing apart from the conventional world.

Franklin was fired by Stanford after it was recommended by a split vote of a faculty advisory board. The faculty advisory board majority had determined after a four month hearing that Franklin had incited violence during campus antiwar demonstrations in 1971.

Franklin also was a member of the Central Committee of Venceremos, the Midpeninsula revolutionary organization which

announced last fall that it was disbanding.

Asked if Wesleyan University was aware of Franklin's troubles at Stanford, White said, "You could hardly be in the academic world and not know about them, but that didn't enter into our consideration."

What was considered, according to White, was Franklin's extensive writings on the general theme of art and criminality, espe-

cially as related to American author Herman Melville.

Since his firing from Stanford Franklin has spent his time in appeals of the Stanford decision and in speaking engagements around the country.

He has also been taking horticulture classes at the College of San Mateo, using G.I. Bill money available to him because he served in the U.S. Air Force.

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