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Poem Written for the Dedication of the John Fitzgerald
Kennedy Memorial Library

What can a poor poet do, alas--
Outflanked by the likes of Kennedy and Carter,
Outshone by the fairest Rose that ever graced a dias,
Upstaged by Jackie, who draws eyes from every quarter.
Well, I'll play it first for laughs,
And become--I'll put you on! --the Mad Green Hatter.
It's Prudential! For they say the glass
Of I.M. Pei has been known to shatter;
And I fear that the top brass
Of my old Alma Mater
(Whose motto's "Veritas"),
When they hear me flatter
This location at UMass
As possessing desiderata
Beyond what Harvard has,
May find me Poeta Non Grata!

Well, wearing this fool's hat, sign of the fool's sanity,
I'll take some bits and pieces of this place and this
occasion,
And sing, out loud, both threnody
And song of jubilation
To John Fitzgerald Kennedy,
Great and human leader of this greatly human nation.
His Ivy League urbanity,
Working in combination
With old South Boston sanity,
Gave to his imagination
The length of history, the breadth of all humanity.
Here, from this seaside station,
We overlook the Presidential Roads--O sweet amenity
That his Library observed that mark of navigation.

For though Harvard was the chosen place,
Though he we honor was its graduate,
It could not be, for all of its tradition and its grace,
So fit
To house in its embrace
His memory. Inland a bit,
It does not face,
As does this windswept, landfill spit,
The cargoed ocean, Logan's thunderous space.
This site was desolate;
Detritus was its base.
His monument will sit
Here, reminding us in abstract and in concrete ways
That we, though born of dust, may make great things of it.

---Duncan Nelson

Special

Schlesinger To Speak At UMB

Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., will lead off a series of distinguished lectures the University will sponsor to commemorate the opening of the Kennedy Library. Entitled "John F. Kennedy and His Legacy," the series is sponsored by President Knapp. Of seven talks, six will take place at U Mass/Boston.

Schlesinger, former special assistant to the late President, will speak about "The Kennedy Years in Retrospect" at 3 pm in the Auditorium in O10 on Tues 13 Nov.

A confidant of both John and Robert Kennedy, Schlesinger worked in the Kennedy White House as Special Assistant to the President. Before his Washington adventure, he taught history at Harvard, following in his

father's footsteps. He is currently at the City University of New York as Albert Schweitzer Professor of the Humanities.

Schlesinger has twice received the Pulitzer Prize, first in 1946 for history for his book The Age of Jackson and in 1966 for biography for A Thousand Days: John F. Kennedy in the White House.

Under the collective title Age of Roosevelt, Schlesinger published three volumes about Franklin D. Roosevelt. In the late 1940s, he wrote The Vital Center. He also participated in both Adlai Stevenson's presidential campaigns.

Schlesinger's most recent book, Robert F. Kennedy and His Times, won the National Book Award for biography this year.

Others who will be part of the University's Series of Distinguished Lectures are Theodore Sorensen, "President Kennedy and Domestic Policy," on 5 Dec; Doris Kearns Goodwin, "Irish Inheritance" on 22 Feb; Henry Fairlie, "The Politics of Promise" on 11 Mar; Bruce Miroff, "The Limits of Leadership" 10 April; William Manchester, "John F. Kennedy and his Generation" in May in Amherst; and Pierre Salinger.

All talks are open free to the public and will take place at U Mass/Boston except Manchester's. A U Mass/Amherst alumnus, he is scheduled to speak there.

Faculty Hears

Knapp Recap Year
Corrigan Call For U Center
Bronk Say UMB Faculty
Must Lead Reorg

Chancellor Corrigan introduced the concept of U Mass/Boston as a University Center in his rescheduled talk to the Faculty Meeting on 11 Oct. He said reorganization provides the opportunity to develop a comprehensive Center offering high quality educational programs to all citizens of Mass. Corrigan said, "The future of this campus is as a part of the University of Massachusetts not as a piece of a City University of Boston."

The University Center Corrigan envisions will offer masters degrees suited to urban needs. No graduate program will be developed at the expense of undergraduate curriculum, he said. He praised the present curriculum saying, it is "responsive to the needs of this academic community to a degree seldom found in an institution of our type."

The Chancellor described the University Center as having doctoral, research and service components. He called on the faculty to actively engage in reorganization. "Any plan that deals with public higher education in the eastern part of the Commonwealth," he said, "must include at every stage U Mass/Boston."

Corrigan advocated a continuation of UMB's commitment to hiring minorities and women. He said to increase the number of minorities who are tenured faculty we must make a corporate effort to expand the pool. He said, "Second only to the maintenance of high academic standards is my commitment to affirmative action."

President Knapp reviewed the University's accomplishments with special emphasis on Trustee actions related to UMB. He said his major objective for the year he realized with the appoint-

ments of three new Chancellors and five deans. He called for stable and continuous leadership saying "Let's not float, but stabilize."

Knapp said the future looked bright. The state needs a highly trained population, he said. What must concern the University is "where the state is going to get the kind of intelligence trained to do the jobs society needs."

The faculty elected William (Bill) A. Percy, professor of history, Secretary of the Faculty.

Ray Bronk, co-chairman of the University Assembly, reported. In his remarks he admonished the faculty to take the lead in reorganization. Said Bronk, "No faculty exists in the eastern part of the state as able to do this, no group of students is better qualified and our physical plant is the best." Bronk called on the faculty to be "the guardians and proposers" of reorganization.

Assembly Action

The University Assembly took the following actions at its third regular meeting on 15 Oct: adopted Student Affairs Committee charges and composition, ratified appointments to certain committees, considered recommendations for Honorary Degrees and adopted recommended changes to the academic calendar for make-up classes and final exams.

The 12 Nov meeting was cancelled due to the Veterans' Day holiday and tentatively rescheduled for 19 Nov.

Martin Elected

Jane R. Martin, CAS associate professor of philosophy, has been elected President-elect of the Philosophy of Education Society.

Boston Deans And Deputy Chancellor Report To Trustees

Deans Elam, Frank and Riccards made special reports to the Board of Trustees on 3 Oct. Each described plans and directions in which the college is moving.

Elam noted CPS graduated its first four-year class last spring. He listed the plight of transfer students and the development of graduate programs as major concerns. For the first time this fall, Elam said, CPS is offering courses in the evening, some at the Harbor, but most Downtown.

Frank ticked off a list of grants received by CPCS, including \$200,000 from HEW to train BEHIP personnel (See story this issue) and \$160,000 for a gerontological program. He pointed out that 30 percent of CPCS graduates are now attending graduate school and indicated that the college must concern itself with the fact that the Commonwealth lacks graduate education in human services.

Riccards highlighted CAS's new core curriculum designed with support from Ford Foundation and the Freshman Honors Program. He reported pre-med students enjoy a high -- 80 percent -- success rate of medical school acceptance. He also noted UMB student's extraordinary record winning Danforth Fellowships.

Deputy Chancellor Broderick reported about general academic programs, including the year in France, Nantucket and the new history masters degree in Archival Studies.

The Board voted that the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) delete from developer consideration any Columbia Point land now owned by the University or that the University is authorized to acquire. The University plans to develop alternatives to to BRA Columbia Point plans which are consistent with its goals and in line with needs and interests of the Dorchester community.

Trustees meetings are held on the first Wed each month. They usually start at 2pm and are held at various University locations. The next on 7 Nov is tentatively scheduled for Worcester.

The Chancellor attends these meetings. UMB faculty representatives are Profs Francis (Russ) Hart of the English Department and, alternate, Frances Fergusson of the Art Department. Nancy Cross of UMB is a student trustee.

For information about meetings telephone Ann Hurd, secretary to the Board of Trustees, at 482-8400.

ShoreLines is published for the UMass/Boston family by the Office of Public Information second and third Tues. Items are welcome and due first and third Mon. When Mon is a holiday, deadline is preceding Fri. Next deadline: Fri 2 Nov.

Library Safe But Needs Repairs

Areas beneath the Library's east and west facades have been blocked to pedestrians and other traffic as a precautionary measure. The action was taken following advice received from an engineering firm which spent several weeks evaluating needed repairs. Bricks from those surfaces, according to a preliminary report, might drop off under certain circumstances.

The Library will remain open.

Kudos To Thurman For A Banner Year

Hal Thurman, chairman of the Art Department, won the University's Banner Design Contest, Joan Hobson, director of Special Events, recently announced. Thurman designed three broad white undulating stripes on a light blue ground to symbolize UMB's three colleges and suggest sky and sea. The eight foot square banner will fly on special occasions from 35 lampposts lining the entrance drive. Similar banners in related colors, each representing one college will hang on alternate posts.

The new banner will make its debut 19 Oct in time for the Kennedy Library dedication, says Hobson.

Wednesdai Rossi, a student, Hobson says, discovered that Thurman's design, according to authority Henry Dreyfuss symbolizes the active intellect.

Nickse Returns

Prof. Ruth Nickse, of CPCS Center for Applied Language and Math, recently returned from serving as a panel member to the Transferable Skills Project at the National Center for Research in Vocational Education, Ohio State Univ. The project is supported by the National Institute of Education.

CPCS Receives Grant To Train Community Health Employees

CPCS recently received a 28 month \$200,000 grant from HEW to build a model training program for employees of the Boston Environmental Health Improvement Program (BEHIP).

Some 60 to 80 people whose tasks range from educating residents to dealing with Boston City Hospital and the Housing Court are expected to enroll in the education program, according to the co-investigators Barbara Buchanan, CPCS director of field education, and Debora Sherman, head of

the Center for Applied Language and Math. Training will be competency-based and designed to relate skill development to work requirements.

"Inner city residents have a keen self-interest in environmental improvement such as rodent control and eliminating the risk of lead paint poisoning. They make dedicated and highly motivated community health workers," says Buchanan. "However, the job of convincing and educating other residents, property owners and officials is difficult, one that requires strong interpersonal and communications skills. These are the skills we will work to develop and strengthen."

Personnel Changes

SUSAN HORTON received tenure during the summer and is now associate professor of English.

MARY WINSLOW, director of Graduate Studies, has been named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. She will continue to direct Graduate Studies.

MARSHA GORDON, formerly in Institutional Planning, was appointed lecturer at CPCS this fall.

GRACE MCSORLEY, formerly in the Registrar's Office, was recently appointed Associate Director of Graduate Study Advising.

Publishing

Associate Professor SUSAN HORTON's book about the theory of interpretation, Interpreting, Interpreting, will be published next month by Johns Hopkins University Press. She expects another, The Reader in the Dickens World, to be released in the spring by Macmillan, Ltd. in London.

Prof EFRAIN BARRADAS of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese has prepared the Puerto Rican poetry selection for Revista Nacional de Cultura, the official publication of Venezuela's National Council of Culture. The publication has issued selections of contemporary poetry from every Central and South American country in recent years. Barradas introduces his selection with an essay entitled "Palabras asediadas: Situacion actual de la poesia puertorriquenax" (Besieged Words: the Present Status of Puerto Rican Poetry).

JOHN J. CONLON, CAS director of Teacher Certification, recently published an essay, "Conan Doyle and George Moore: a Note on 'The Adventure of the Empty House'" in the fall issue of English Literature in Translation.

Prof NAVAS-RUIZ of CAS Spanish Department recently published a book Imagenes Liberales in Spain. He held a Faculty Development Grant to complete the manuscript.

Speaking

Prof MICHAEL STONE, CPCS Community Planning Center, was the keynote speaker recently at the Community Action Program's statewide conference about housing issues and advocacy.

Prof LAWRENCE FOSTER, director of the Law and Justice Program, will be a principal speaker at the end of Nov at a conference, "The Future of Undergraduate Law-Related Education in America," co-sponsored by Rice University and the National Endowment for the Humanities to be held in Houston, Texas.

UMB figured heavily in a new play "An Exhibition of Fossils, Relics and Other Treasures," recently performed in various Greater Boston locations. Students Lawrence Eaton and Joan F. Clark were stage manager and assistant respectively. Prof RITTA JO HORSELY, CAS German Department and CAS English Profs EILEEN WIZNITZER and MARY ANNE FERGUSON were discussion leaders following performances.

Three CPCS CALM faculty formed a panel of "Competency-Based Education and Literacy: the Adult Learner" at the annual conference of the New England Association of Teachers of English 19-21 Oct in N.H. They were EMILIE STEELE, SHARYN LOWENSTEIN and SALLY ANN JACOBSEN. Steele also served as chairwoman of a session on college and public school collaboration and Jacobsen as chairwoman in a session about integrating English studies and the sciences.

JOANNE G. SMALL, director of Field Relations at CPCS, presented a workshop on Internship Administration at the 1979 conference of the National Society for Internships and Experiential Education held recently in San Antonio, Texas.

MARIO CATINELLA, CAS lecturer in the Teacher Certification Program, spoke about "Teaching Foreign Languages in Secondary Schools: Practical Perspectives," here on 22 Oct.

Faculty/Staff Press Form

The enclosed Faculty/Staff Press Form will enable the Office of Public Information (OPI) to send news and features to hometown newspapers and other publications as appropriate and in accordance with individual requests. OPI hopes all faculty, professional and classified staff will complete and return the form as soon as possible to OPI.

Human Rights in Southern Africa

The Black Studies Department will hold a free symposium about Human Rights in Southern Africa 2:30-5 pm Science Auditorium, 080 Building, Harbor Campus, Friday, 2 Nov.

Scholars who will speak include Willard Johnson, professor of political science at M.I.T.; Ann Seidman, professor of economics at Clark University; James Turner, director of Africana Studies and the Research Center at Cornell University; and Immanuel Wallerstein, professor of sociology at State University of New York at Binghamton.

Energy Conservation Works

UMB's energy conservation program has reduced Harbor Campus consumption more than 45 percent since it began in 1974, according to Thomas McNeil, coordinator. It has shaved \$4,500,000 off the cost. "We must all do our part," McNeil says. "These successes can't be taken for granted."

McNeil has a check list to inform and help cut energy use and cost at home and on campus. He welcomes other suggestions. To make them call x 2251.

BUO Pilots So Boston Modernization

New jobs, sidewalks and street lights exemplify a fraction of the changes wrought this year at South Boston's West Broadway Housing Project, according to Joseph Slavet, director of the Boston Urban Observatory (BUO). BUO is coordinating a four-year pilot program and providing support services to the Boston Housing Authority and West Broadway Tenant Task Force to up-grade living conditions for the 2000 residents. Slavet says the most dramatic changes are attitudinal. Improved morale, he says is evident by the renewed interest in community.

The UMB project is unique. Slavet points out it is the only one of five sponsored by the Executive Office of Communities and Development with a university component. Thus, the \$10 million project draws on university resources for planning, technical assistance and training.

For example, Prof Elaine Werby, CPCS head of Human Services Center, trains tenant task force members to develop decision making and leadership skills. Another faculty member has worked with Boston Housing Authority staff to improve management and maintenance.

Slavet says, "The integrated comprehensive approach UMB is using accounts for

the strides that have been made at the West Broadway Housing Project this year."

ILT Citizenship Education Institute Holds Ceremony

On 3 Oct Dan H. Fenn, Jr, director of the Kennedy Library, and Laura Cooper, Institute for Learning and Teaching (ILT) staff associate and director of the Citizenship Education Institute (CEI), presented neatly bound curriculum packets to 25 Boston Public School teachers who spent more than two weeks during the summer developing the curriculum in CEI.

They plan to test and evaluate it in their K through 12 classrooms this year.

The 1979 CEI is sponsored by UMB, the Kennedy Library and the Boston Public Schools.

City's Design Affects Crime

The physical design of a neighborhood can affect crime and crime prevention, according to Floyd J. Fowler, Jr, director of the Center for Survey Research. Fowler's conclusion comes from his recent evaluation of the Hartford, Conn., Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funded project. This urban residential experiment is the only one in the country with an integrated approach to crime control that has a physical design component. Fowler, who will speak about the project on 10 Nov at Loyola University's Symposium on Social Problems: Law and Justice, says design is a key element in neighborhood crime prevention because it affects residents' surveillance ability. Some other conclusions Fowler's evaluation produced: incidence of burglary plummeted, robbery and purse snatching showed no increase, residents felt safer, they used the streets more and began looking out for each other's homes.

Tardy ShoreLines

ShoreLines' new crease caused undue delay and resulted in its tardy debut. Modern technology folds one way, but not the other. Please be patient as we smooth out the wrinkles. In the meantime, feel free to re-fold.

To facilitate the news flow, ShoreLines would like to publish names of college, department and center correspondents. Please send them with news for the next issue. Deadline: 2 Nov.

Calendar

Tues 10/23

EXHIBIT/Selections from UMass/Amherst Permanent Collection includes drawings, photographs and prints by Jim Dine, Michael Mazur, Leonard Baskin and Ansel Adams to commemorate opening of John F. Kennedy Library thru 10/27 Community Arts Gallery, Downtown Campus Tues-Sat noon-5, Thur noon-8. For more info x251.

MOVIE/Captain Blood/w Errol Flynn 2:30pm Large Science Auditorium(LSA).

MOVIE/Why Work? political film sponsored by Socialist Column noon and 5pm CPCS room 619.

SOCCER/vs Bristol Community College 3pm @UMB.

Wed 10/24

LECTURE/Prof Paul Raabe, director of Wolfenbüttel Library and Research Center co-sponsored with Goethe Institute of Boston 3:30pm Faculty Club.

MOVIE/The Adventures of Robin Hood/w Errol Flynn and Olivia De Havilland 2:30pm LSA.

Thur 10/25

SOCCER/vs UMass/Amherst JV 3pm Away.

MOVIE/Wed rerun.

Fri 10/26

PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEETING/Chancellor Corrigan to speak 10am 020 Student Lounge.

SOCCER/vs Tufts JV 3pm @UMB.

Mon 10/29

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY/2:30pm Small Science Auditorium.

EMPLOYEE DEFERRED COMPENSATION SESSION/Orientation about new compensation plan sponsored by Personnel 2pm Faculty Club.

MOVIE/Miri and The Troubles with Tribbles/w Wm Shatner, Leonard Nimoy 2:30pm LSA.

Tues 10/30

EMPLOYEE DEFERRED COMPENSATION SESSION/Mon repeat.

SOCCER/vs Mass Maritime 3pm Away.

MOVIE/Mon rerun.

MOVIE/Controlling Interest political film sponsored by Socialist Column noon and 5pm CPCS room 619.

Wed 10/31

EMPLOYEE DEFERRED COMPENSATION SESSION/Mon-Tues repeat.

SOCCER/vs Tufts JV 3pm Away.

MOVIE/Space Seed and the City of the Edge of Forever/w Wm Shatner, Leonard Nimoy 2:30pm LSA.

Thur 11/1

MOVIE/Wed rerun.

Fri 11/2

SYMPOSIUM/Human Rights in Southern Africa 2:30-5pm Science Auditorium 080 Building.

SOCCER/vs Emerson 3pm @UMB.

DEADLINE/Due to 12 Nov holiday, ShoreLines items to OPI by 5pm.

Mon 11/5

MOVIE/Singing in the Rain/w Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor 2:30pm LSA.

Tues 11/6

MOVIE/Mon rerun.

Wed 11/7

TRUSTEE MEETING/Tentatively @ Worcester.

MOVIE/Funny Girl/w Barbara Streisand and Omar Sharif 2:30pm LSA.

Thur 11/8

SOCCER/vs Brown JV 3pm Away.

MOVIE/Wed Rerun.

Sat 11/10

COLLOQUIUM/Circle of Linguistics sponsored by UMB in cooperation with Societe des Professeurs Francais en Amerique 9am-5pm 020 Building students \$1, everyone else \$3, lunch \$3. For more info: Jeannette Ambrose x 3125 or 2956.

Mon 11/12 Veterans' Day

HOLIDAY/Essential services only.