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## Special

Theodore Sorensen Second John F. Kennedy Lecturer

Theodore Sorensen will be the second speaker in the University's John F. Kennedy and His Legacy distinguished lecture series on 5 Dec. The former special counsel to the late President Kennedy will speak about "President Kennedy and Domestic Policy" at 5pm in the 020 Lounge. Sponsored by President Knapp to commemorate the opening of the John F. Kennedy Library, the talks are open and free to the public.

Sorensen, who hails from Nebraska set out for Washington, DC, after earning his law degree from the state university in 1951. He spent the year employed by the Federal Security Agency, forerunner of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Sorensen then took a position on a US Senate committee dealing with retirement policy. It was in this capacity that he first met the then junior senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy. Sorensen joined the Senator's staff and became one of his close political advisors.

When Kennedy became President in 1961, he appointed Sorensen special counsel. In this capacity, Sorensen advised Kennedy about a range of matters, particularly the economy and civil rights. He also served as Kennedy's chief speechwriter. Many of the famous phrases from the late President's speeches have been attributed to Sorensen. Among them is: "Ask not what your country can do for you....."

After Kennedy's assassination, Sorensen wrote his memoirs and, in 1965, a long biography, entitled Kennedy.

Since 1966, Sorensen has been associated with the New York law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton and Garrison.

Getting Elected Institute  
Topic 8 Dec

The University Center for Studies in Policy and the Public Interest, the Student Activities Committee and the Division of Student Affairs are sponsoring a one-day conference on 8 Dec entitled Institute in Practical Politics about ways and means to effective political activity. Some two dozen elected officials and political professionals will participate in panel discussions and workshops dealing with campaign strategies and organization. Many are alumni.

Registration begins at 9am in the Faculty Lounge Floor 3 Building 020. There is no charge for the Institute.

The Hon John J Finnegan, chairman House Ways and Means and Representative 14 Suffolk (Harbor Campus District), will lead off with the keynote speech at 9:25 am. The Hon William M Bulger, president Mass. Senate, who also represents the Harbor Campus District, will

be the lunchtime speaker at noon in Building 020 Cafeteria. The Hon Chester Atkins of Concord, chairman of Senate Ways and Means, will speak at 2:30pm.

Panelists include Senators Robert A Hall of Fitchburg, Paul A Harold of Quincy and Allan R McKinnon of Weymouth; Representatives Timothy A Bassett of Lynn, Andrew H Card Jr of Holbrook, James G Collins of Amherst, Sandra Graham of Cambridge, Barney Frank of Boston, Philip Johnston of Marshfield, Raymond A Jordon Jr of Springfield, Stephen J Karol of Attleboro, Melvin H King of Boston, Thomas R Lussier of Pittsfield, Michael J McGlynn of Medford and Andrew S Natsios of Holliston; and Stephen P Crosby, who managed campaigns for Mayor Kevin White and former Gov Francis Sargent, and John W Sears, newly elected to Boston City Council.

### Publishing

Professor of sociology Robert S. Weiss's new book, Going It Alone: The Family Life and Social Situation of Single Parents has just been published by Basic Books.

### Speaking

F. DONALD COSTELLO, director of Placement, recently represented the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and made a major presentation at the European Council of International Schools' Annual Meeting in London, England. His two-week trip also took him to Moscow, Prague and Belgrade to consult with American sponsored schools in those cities.

ANN BERTHOFF, CAS professor of English, recently gave an informal talk about current rhetorical research to the English teachers at Brookline High School. She also participated in the National Council of Teachers of English Commission on Composition in San Francisco. On 7-8 Dec, Bertoff will give a workshop and a lecture in the Writing: Present and Research series at Indiana University and 12 Dec, she will give a colloquium at the University of Pennsylvania entitled "The Philosophy of Rhetoric."

LEVESTER TUBBS, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, spoke at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Council on Education in Houston, Texas, about "Black Students/White Campuses: Variables that Affect Performance." President David Knapp, Chancellor Corrigan and Chancellor Koffler of UMass/Amherst attended the meeting.

RICHARD J. MORRISON, CPS senior lecturer in Management and Marketing, spoke recently about "Planning for Agency Perpetuation" at the 43rd Annual Convention of the Independent Insurance Agents of Maryland in Baltimore.

ARNOLD J. OLENICK of CPS was elected to the National Board of Accountants for the Public Interest. He is president of the Mass. affiliate which recently hosted the National Board. Olenick was invited to speak on that occasion.

DONALD BABCOCK, CAS director of Freshman English, directed workshops in placement testing at the Massachusetts Bay Writing Program Directors Association conference held recently at Bentley College. He also served as chairman of a session of the New England Association of Teachers of English held in October at Wentworth-by-the-Sea in Portsmouth, NH.

LOIS RUDNICK, CAS assistant professor, helped organize a career conference held at Boston College sponsored by the New England American Studies Association.

MARY ANN FERGUSON, CAS professor of English, recently lectured on "Changing Images of Women in Literature" at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

GEORGE SLOVER, CAS associate professor of English, is organizing the New England Region's Conference on Christianity and Literature, which will meet at the Harbor Campus in March.

CHARLES KNIGHT, professor and chairman of the CAS English Department, spoke about irony in Goldsmith's Citizen of the World at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the American Society for 18th Century Studies last month in Toronto.

ROBERT S. WEISS, CAS professor of sociology, recently gave a lecture about "Attachment in Adulthood," to a conference organized in honor of Dr. John Bowlby.

### Grant and Contract News

In Oct UMB received 10 new awards for a total of more than \$235,800, bringing the total of new monies in FY '80 to more than \$1 million.

Those who received grants or contracts during the month are: Dorothy Berman of ILT from HEW for a Puerto Rican Exchange Program; Barbara Buchanan of CPCS from the Mayor's Office; Robert Dwyer of Center for Media Development from the City of Boston; Floyd J. Fowler of the Center for Survey Research to continue the study of life problems and alcohol for Boston University's Medical School and another from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies for a Jewish population survey; Murray Frank, dean of CPCS, from HEW's Administration on Aging for a three-campus Gerontology Career Preparation project; Herbert Lyken of CPS from the Small Business Administration; Hal Mahon of Physics from the US Dept of Energy for an energy saving demonstration; Molly Matson from the Library for resources from HEW; and Joseph Slavet, director of the Boston Urban Observatory, from the City of Boston.



## More Awards And Honors

The Professional Development Committee of the Professional Staff Association recently announced the following awards: MARC BERGER of the Counseling Center for a workshop in advanced Gestalt Psychotherapy; LAURA COOPER of Institute for Learning & Teaching for the Educational Policy Fellowship Program of the Institute for Educational Leadership; ANDREA SCHEIN of Disabled Student Center to attend a symposium on "The Supreme Court Davis Decision: Implications for Higher Education;" LYNN SHAPIRO of the Counseling Center for two inter-linking conferences on the social implications of individual growth; and WAYNE WILSON of Career Planning and Placement to attend a program "The Design and Implementation of Career Programs."

MARCIA LLOYD, CAS assistant professor of Art, has been invited to the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Since 1907, this artists' colony has provided an environment for intense creative work. Artists such as Milton Avery, Arthur Miller and Leonard Bernstein have worked at the Colony. Lloyd's selection was based on a presentation of her paintings.

JOHN D ROBINSON II, EdD, director of Counseling Center, was recently awarded diplomate status in clinical psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. This level of professional certification is currently awarded to only the top five percent doctoral level professional psychologists in the country. Robinson is the only psychologist at UMB so certified. He also has an academic appointment in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

## Skin Is Lipke's Game

Herbert Lipke is into skin. Skin has consumed the CAS biology professor's attention for more than 30 years. Moreover, Lipke recently established an international "skin connection." But his skin interest falls neither into the lascivious nor the rip-off variety.

Although his skin game is likely to have human implications, today Lipke's research focuses on the skin of disease spreading flies and that of a caterpillar that attacks cotton in the middle-east.

With the support of the US Department of Agriculture, Lipke is collaborating with Dr Navon of the Volcani Institute, Bet-Dagan, Israel, to unravel the puzzle: Why caterpillar skins fail to develop if Vitamin C is absent from their diets. Lipke's job is to analyse the skin to find a way to interfere with the insect's Vitamin C assimilation--find its Achilles heel--using the frozen powered caterpillar skin Navon sends from Israel.

"It goes beyond the issue of the cotton crop. If we find out what kills the caterpillar, we may be able to answer questions about the human body's need for Vitamin C," Lipke says. "The cotton pest can circumvent the major human reaction to the lack of Vitamin C which, of some half dozen symptoms, has traditionally

been thought of as the "most important" culprit in human scurvy. The caterpillar responds as humans do with this one exception."

Scurvy, a disease caused by the lack of Vitamin C (ascorbic acid), according to the World Health Organization (WHO) reports, becomes significant when food supplies are interrupted by natural disasters or war. WHO also concluded in 1967, after a decade of 33 surveys in 29 countries, that frank scurvy in advanced development is rare in most of the world, but the intake of ascorbic acid is low or deficient in a significant segment of the population in one-third of the countries.

Lipke has concentrated his skin investigation in recent years on disease spreading insects such as mosquitos and flies. He says, "Skin of insects is just as complicated as human skin. Fly skin may be more so. Preliminary findings reveal fly skin contains as great a variety of chemicals as human skin. Chemically its closest relative is bird feathers!"

In some ways, mosquito skin resembles the skin of bacteria more than it does animal skin."

## Italian Artists Donate Art To UMB

Five contemporary Italian Artists whose works have been on display in the Harbor Gallery during the month of Nov have each presented the University with one of their works. These gifts are from Enrico Ferreri of Rome, Naurie Valentini of Arrore, Oscar Piatella of Cantiano, Walter Valentini and Paolo Schiavo Campo, both of Milan. The exhibit was jointly sponsored by the Harbor Gallery, the UMB and the Olivetti Foundation.

## Snow Policy 1979-80

Classes and all other scheduled activities on campus will be held as usual unless a specific announcement is made to the contrary, commencing at 6am and repeated periodically thereafter. Such announcements will be made on radio stations WBZ-AM (1030), WHDH-AM (85), WEEI-AM (59), WEZE-FM (1200), and WBCN-FM (104.1), WITS-FM (1510). Channel 5 (M-F, 6-7am only.) It is important that you stay tuned to your radio. Do not call the University for this information.

The decision to call off classes will be made if indications are for extreme conditions of snow accumulation, extremely hazardous

road conditions, or officially declared Snow Emergency in the City of Boston, whether actual or anticipated.

Please note that a decision to cancel classes does not imply that offices are closed. All University employees will be expected to report to work unless an announcement is made to the contrary.

The decision to cancel classes or close made during the regular work day will be relayed by the Personnel Office via telephone. Departments should not call the Personnel Office.

All students and employees are encouraged to use mass transit when a snow emergency possibility exists. Every effort will be made to keep the University shuttle bus running from the Columbia Point MBTA station to the campus under all conditions.

In the event that classes and all other scheduled activities are cancelled, only Snow Day personnel will be required to work. Heads of departments should review and up-date their Snow Day plans and procedures.

The Library may close under certain circumstances after 5pm weekends, holiday periods and intersession. If so, the Library closing will be announced on the stations listed above.

The following will be the only announcements made concerning closing the Boston Campus and local radio stations will be asked to repeat them verbatim:

\*The University of Massachusetts/Boston is closed all day for classes. Only snow day personnel should report.

\*The University of Massachusetts/Boston Harbor Campus only is closed for classes. Only snow day personnel should report for work. The Downtown Campus is open.

\*The University of Massachusetts/Boston evening classes only are cancelled. Only snow day personnel should report.

\*The University of Massachusetts/Boston evening classes at the Harbor Campus only are cancelled. Evening classes Downtown will be held as usual.

\*The University of Massachusetts/Boston is closed for classes all day, but all employees are expected to report to work.

All personnel will be notified by their supervisors if they are considered Snow Day personnel.



### Linguistics Colloquium

The French Department and the UMass/Boston Circle of Linguistics recently held a colloquium attended by more than 60 faculty and students.

Organized by Jeanne Ambrose-Grillet, CAS professor of French, the event featured speakers Josephine Bunselmeyer, CAS professor of English; Joseph Graham, formerly of UMB's French Department and currently professor at State University of New York at Binghamton; David Sankoff of the University of Montreal; and David Reed from McGill.

### ILT's Second Guide

The Institute for Learning and Teaching has produced a second Multicultural Curriculum Guide, entitled Winter Festivals. Compiled from teacher contributions, the guide provides teachers in District VI of the Boston Public Schools with background information on the Dec and Jan festivals and holidays of many cultures. Featured are the Jewish, African-American, and Hispanic holidays, as well as holidays of Cape Verde, Ireland and Africa.

Winter Festivals, the companion to the Multicultural Calendar, is the second in a series of five multicultural curriculum guides ILT and District VI plan for the 1979-80 school year. For more information contact Carol Currie x2776.

### Flu Shots

The Public Health Service has recommended annual flu shots for everyone in high risk groups such as the elderly and people with chronic diseases. Flu shots are available free at the UMB Health Service or at local health departments.

### Carbon Monoxide Dangers

Gasoline engines of any kind can kill when operated behind closed doors, says Charles O. Spaulding, director of Physical Plant. Cars, motorcycles, and stationary engines all emit carbon monoxide. Failure to remember this can cost your life.

"Attached garages and garages located beneath buildings can be especially hazardous to building occupants, with or without connecting doors from garage to the building. Any opening, especially at or near ceiling level, can provide passage for escaping gas."

When in traffic, fresh air is still your best defense against carbon monoxide, says Spaulding. "It's a good practice to leave a window slightly open all the time. When parked, don't park with the motor idling and windows closed," he advises.

### Minority Grad Student Conference

UMB staffers and approximately 20 students recently attended a conference for minority students in graduate education at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Prof James Blackwell of Sociology took part in a panel. Staff members who went include Mary Ann Alexander of Academic Support Services; Francisco Chapman, Hispanic advisor; and Mary Winslow, assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

### Consortium Saves \$1.5 Million

State, private and community college and university members of the Mass. Higher Education Consortium saved the Commonwealth more than \$1.5 million by combining their purchases during 1979.

The three campuses of UMass realized \$996,902 in gross savings, compared to \$426,250 in 1978.

Now in its third year, the consortium is a cooperative effort of the purchasing departments of 42 colleges and universities to combine their purchasing powers to win discounts from businesses on large orders for commonly used items, such as scientific and office equipment.

### Two UMass Programs Exceed Targets

Two UMass programs to support small businesses or businesses owned by minorities or women have exceeded their targets for the second year, according to Bernice E. Bradin, vice president for management.

The two programs were established by the trustees to insure that an increasing proportion of the University's purchasing dollars would go to small business and firms owned by women or members of minority groups.

The goal of \$1.5 million for small businesses in Fiscal Year 1979 was exceeded by nearly 36 per cent, with purchases of \$2,037,879. A goal of \$400,000 for purchases from minority and women-owned businesses was topped that by nearly 17 per cent with purchases of \$467,219, said Bradin. Higher goals have been established for the Small Business Purchasing Program and the Minority/Women Owned Business Program for this fiscal year.

### Foreign Student International Programs Advisor Returns

Bette Davis recently returned from her one-year professional improvement leave at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In the year she was away, she has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs, (NAFSA), the national professional association for people who work with foreign students in U.S. colleges and universities, as well as those who administer overseas study programs and advise U.S. students going abroad. Davis was appointed chairperson of NAFSA's Commission on Policy and Practice.

Davis was also elected to the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Council of

Boston and was selected to be a member of the Crisis Reaction Group. The Crisis Reaction Group consists of approximately 20 journalists, academicians, former ambassadors and other business and professional leaders. They meet once a month, to discuss a current international issue affecting U.S. foreign policy. Subsequently, the consensus and recommendations are summarized and addressed to the appropriate branch of the U.S. State Dept.

### WUMB Supplements Library Dedication Coverage

WUMB Radio, in conjunction with the dedication of the John F. Kennedy Library, provided tapes of speeches and personal interviews which were fed to stations in the area. The actualities included Joseph P. Kennedy III, Senator Edward Kennedy and President Carter; personal interviews included former ambassador Andrew Young, House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neil, Lt. Gov. Thomas P. O'Neil, Senator Paul Tsongas, and Senator Hollins (S.C.). The station that used the service included: WLDM, WDOM, WILD, WCCM/WCGY, WOTB, WCOD, WHAV, and WESO. The National Black Network also picked up some of the interviews.

### Woodrow Wilson Regional Winners

Of twelve Woodrow Wilson Faculty Development Award regional winners for 1979, two teach in UMB's English Department. One, Louise Smith, is working on a project to develop methods and materials for integrating the teaching of fiction and the arts in a core course. Sue Horton is working on a new model to teach composition and critical thinking.



# Calendar

Tue 11/27

EXHIBIT/Five Italian Artists Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Harbor Gallery Building 020 thru 30 Nov.

MOVIE/Minor Altercation noon and 5pm room 619 CPCS.

MOVIE/The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes w/Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce 2:30pm Large Science Auditorium (LSA).

Wed 11/28

MOVIE/The Hound of the Baskervilles w/Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce 2:30pm LSA.

MOVIE/Flash Gordon: Doom of the Dictator & Five Million Years to Earth (Quatermass and the Pit) Sci-Fi Classics 7pm LSA.

Thur 11/29

MEETING/Professional Staff Association 9:30am Room 308 Building 110.

MOVIE/rerun Hound.

Fri 11/30

SEMINAR/"Evolution of Three-spined Sticklebacks: Differentiation of Stream Populations" Dr. Michael A Bell of State University of New York at Stony Brook sponsored by Biology Dept 2:30-3:30pm Room 209 Building 020.

LECTURE/"Urban Planning in Boston" Former Gov Michael Dukakis, professor Kennedy School of Government Harvard University, sponsored by Politics Society 2:30pm Small Science Auditorium (SSA).

BASKETBALL/Varsity two games in McDonald Invitational U of Maine at Farrington.

Tue 12/4

MOVIE/Slapshot w/Paul Newman, Jerry Houser 2:30pm LSA.

Wed 12/5

LECTURE/Theodore Sorensen "President Kennedy and Domestic Policy" at 5pm in 020 Lounge.

MOVIE/rerun Slapshot.

MOVIE/Demon Seed Sci-Fi Classic 7pm LSA.

Fri 12/7

SEMINAR/"Protoplasts of Desmids" Dr. Martha Berliner of Simmons College sponsored by Biology Dept 2:30-3:30pm Room 209 Floor 1 Building 020.

BASKETBALL/Varsity v Unity 8pm Home.

HOCKEY/Varsity v Bunker Hill 9pm Home-Neponset Rink.

Sat 12/8

INSTITUTE/Practical Politics 9am-4pm Faculty Lounge Building 020.

HOCKEY/Varsity v Stonehill 5pm Away-Stonehill.

Mon 12/10

MEETING/Assembly 2:30pm SSA.

BASKETBALL/Varsity v Stonehill 8pm Away.

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ID's When And Where

I.D.'s for faculty and staff will be made at the Harbor Campus, Rm 020/4/414 on Tues. and Wed only. Hours: 9-12, 1:30-4 and 5-7.

ShoreLines Items

Keep the Items coming for inclusion in the newsletter. It would be helpful to have typed items doubled spaced. Thanks.

Errata

Mary Winslow, formerly director of Graduate Student Advising continues to advise in her new capacity as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Grace McSorley is now associate director of Advising.

Marsha Gordon, lecturer, directs Academic Systems Development for CPCS.

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