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## NEW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT NAMED

David C. Knapp, the 50-year-old provost of Cornell University, is the new president of the University of Massachusetts. His selection by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting in Boston on May 15 ended an eight-month search to find a successor to Dr. Robert C. Wood who had resigned last December.

Prof. Franklin Patterson, a member of the Political Science Dept. at UMass-Boston, has been serving as interim president.

A native of Syracuse, NY, Dr. Knapp is also a political scientist who graduated from Syracuse University and earned master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Chicago. He has been a Fulbright Research Scholar at the University of Helsinki and a Bullard Fellow at the Graduate School of Public Administration at Harvard.

He is a former dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of New Hampshire and dean of the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell. He also has served as director of the American Council on Education's Institute of College and University Administrators.

He is expected to assume his new post Sept. 1.

## ENGLISH PROF'S ARTICLE IN NEW YORKER

Prof. Igor Webb, winner of a Writing Fellowship in the 1978 National Endowment for the Arts competition, will have a lengthy poem published in an upcoming issue of New Yorker. The current Modern Fiction Studies includes his essay, "Marriage and Sex in the Novels of Ford Maddox Ford." The forthcoming Minnesota Review contains his assessment of Nobel Prize winner Vincente Aleixandre's poetry, as well as that of Nicauraguan poet Ernesto Cardenal and that of Turkish poet Nazim Hikmet.

## PROF. ALVAN S. RYAN RETIRES

Prof. Alvan S. Ryan, one of the founding fathers of UMass-Boston, was honored by his colleagues at a retirement party in the Faculty Club, Library, on May 19.

Members of the English Dept. have recommended that Prof. Ryan be promoted to the rank of professor emeritus for his outstanding service to the university. Additionally, the "Alvan S. Ryan Award" for distinguished work in English graduate studies also is to be awarded annually hereout.

A native of Needham, MA, Prof. Ryan earned a BS at the University of Massachusetts, MA at Harvard and Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. He began his teaching career as an English instructor at Iowa, and served for three years as English Dept. chairman and professor at Notre Dame. He came to UMB in 1965 as chairman of the Humanities Division and professor of English.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS SET

President Franklin Patterson will deliver the greetings of the university during commencement exercises of UMB on the Harbor Campus, Thursday, June 1 at 2 p.m. Chancellor Claire Van Ummersen will be the principal speaker, and former student trustee Judy Baker, a graduating senior, will speak on behalf of the Class of 1978.

Some 1,156 degrees will be conferred by UMB at its 10th annual commencement.

## DISTRICT OLYMPICS ON HARBOR CAMPUS

The District VI Olympics, a combination athletic and multi-cultural event involving some 500 Boston public elementary and middle pupils, was to be held on the Harbor Campus on Thursday, May 25, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. A sponsor is the Institute for Learning & Teaching at UMB.

## LIBRARY CONSORTIUM GUIDELINES

Ms. Janet Stewart, head reference librarian at UMB, will be in charge of issuing cards to those who wish to borrow books and other materials from member institutions in the Boston Library Consortium.

Public Service Librarian Molly Matson, says UMB is permitted "to set up our own criteria for issuing cards, but we are determined to keep them as simple as possible." She notes that cards may be issued to faculty, graduate students and, in special cases, to undergraduates working on honors papers. The first criteria will be the need of the prospective card holder to use another institution, i.e., he/she must check the resources of the home institution before trying another's resources.

The second criterion will be the person's borrowing record at UMB. Since the UMB Library will be responsible for paying bills run up by its faculty at the lending libraries, it will seek to determine how responsible the borrower has been in dealings with the UMB Library.

Mrs. Matson says the Library staff hope that many scholars will take advantage of the opportunity to use other collections that UMB does not possess or cannot acquire. And she adds that the Library shortly will circulate a paper describing the consortium and its regulations, along with UMB's regulations vis-a-vis the consortium.

The current membership of the consortium is comprised of the following: UMB, Boston College, Boston University, Boston Public Library, Brandeis, MIT, Northeastern, State Library of Massachusetts, Tufts, UMA and Wellesley College.

## MIKE WALLACE UMA COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

CBS news correspondent Mike Wallace is scheduled to deliver the commencement address at UMA's 108th exercises on Saturday morning, May 27, on the Amherst campus.

Additionally, Wallace and five other distinguished men and women will receive honorary degrees. The others are: author James Baldwin, British astronomer E. Margaret Burbidge, Singer Co. chief executive Joseph B. Flavin, U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity and Latin American scholar Lewis Hanke.

## SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION EXTENDED

The late registration period for UMB's Summer School has been extended until June 2, according to Director Malissa Roberts.

The starting dates for summer classes are June 5 and 12. Tuition is \$25 per credit for undergraduate courses and \$40 per credit for graduate courses. The charges are the same for in-state and out-of-state students.

## FINAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Author James Carroll drew a big audience to his lecture on "The Irish Novel in Boston" in the Faculty Lounge last Thursday afternoon.

Carroll's latest work is the novel, "Mortal Friends," which was published by Little, Brown & Co., and set to be a Book-of-the-Month Club selection shortly. An earlier book, "Madonna Red," is to be produced as a film by actor Robert Redford.

Carroll's talk was the last Distinguished Lecture for this academic year. It was sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies here at UMB.

## 1978 FERGUSON LITERARY PRIZE WINNER

Ms. Lorrie Smith, an English major and graduating senior, has been awarded the 1978 Ferguson Prize for distinguished work in American Literature. Her paper was entitled, "Image Formed Keeps the Vision: An Analysis of 'Peter Quince at the Clavier' by Wallace Stevens."

Ms. Smith has been awarded a graduate fellowship in English at the University of Toronto.

## SCULPTOR'S PLAQUE UNVEILED

In a brief ceremony May 9, Chancellor Claire Van Ummersen unveiled a plaque to commemorate a bronze work by sculptor Frank P. Tock (1897-1976).

The plaque is on the wall below the work entitled "Head and Long Arm" in the second floor lobby of the Library.

Director of Libraries and Prof. Walter Grossman hosted a reception following the unveiling.



#### ARTS FESTIVAL DRAWS NEARLY 7,000 VISITORS

Spring was welcomed to the Harbor Campus through a merry mix of cultural events billed as the "Spring Arts Festival" during the weekend of May 6 - 7. The program, another "first" for the university, drew nearly 7,000 warm-weather revelers who thoroughly enjoyed the numerous music, theatre, art, music, dance, film, video and children's events.

The idea for the festival originated with CAS Dean Michael P. Riccards and the outstanding program was put together by Mrs. Joan Hobson who had so much success in coordinating Boston's "First Night" programs the past two New Year's Eves.

On the lighter side, the weekend festivities featured face-decorating by festival clowns, folk dancing, food vendors and an edible food sculpture. Additionally, the campus was festooned with pennants, "floating fish," a forest of green balloons, and an exhibit of kites.

Media attention included three photographs in the Boston Globe over a three-day period, including one on the Globe's first page.

#### UMB PUB MEETING SET

The Pub Committee has set Monday, June 5 as a temporary opening date for the facility during the summer session, according to Manager Carol Tyler.

Any member of the faculty, staff and student body with ideas and suggestions re the Pub should plan to attend an open meeting of the committee on Friday, May 26 at 1 p.m. in the 308 Conference Room in the Administration Building. Ms. Tyler says, "Any input you have to offer will be greatly appreciated."

The Pub will be located in the old faculty lounge on the third floor of the 010 Building, and the "grand opening" is set for late summer.

Ms. Tyler can be contacted in the SAC office, ext. 3181.

#### ETHICAL SOCIETY TALK

Senior Associate Provost Primo Vanicelli discussed "Why Communism in the Midst of Affluence?" in a lecture before the Ethical Society of Boston recently. The site was the Boston Adult Education Center.

#### PROF CHAIRS JOINT CONCLAVE PANEL

Early this month Prof. John C. Papageorgiou of CPS chaired a panel session at the Joint National Meeting of the Operations Research Society of America and the Institute of Management Sciences in New York City.

The panel was entitled "Management Science in Developing Countries: Applications and Attitudes." Among the panelists were: Ardy Stoutjesdijk, World Bank, Washington, DC; David M. Boodman, Arthur D. Little Inc., Cambridge; Profs. Arnold C. Hax and Zenon S. Zannetos of MIT; Prof. Burton Dean, Western Reserve University, Cleveland; and Prof. Leon Lasdon, University of Texas, Austin.

#### CAMPUS OIL STRIKE

Operators on the heavy equipment used to drive the pilings for the new gymnasium foundation thought for a time they had an oil strike. But their hopes didn't come true.

Rather, they struck a submerged oil tank which had been buried on the peninsula site years ago by a Boston utility company.

#### CHORUS PRESENTS ANNUAL CONCERT

Members of the university family and the community joined in praise of the UMB Chorus following its annual concert with orchestra.

Conductor Larry Hill of the Music Dept., in his choice of program, continued what is becoming a tradition for the Chorus: a performance of large sacred works with orchestra. His selections this year were: "Canata No. 79" of J.S. Bach, "Gott der Herr ist Sohn und Schild," and the Mozart "Coronation Mass, k. 317." The soloists included: Hazel O'Donnell, soprano; Jane Struss, alto; Bruce Fithian, tenor; and James Maddelena, bass.

Hill is completing his third year as the conductor of the Chorus.

#### REMINDER TO SPECTATOR REPS

Department representatives are reminded that there is a continuing need for a steady stream of news and informational items about the activities of their various faculty and departments. It would be helpful too if all personages were properly identified as to titles and relationships to UMB in your memoranda. Many thanks.

FREE INTENSIVE COURSE IN ENGLISH

The Education Development Center of Newton, a non-profit educational corporation, in cooperation with UMB is offering a free intensive course in English as a Second Language from July 31 - August 25, Mon. through Fri. from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The course is open to all UMB students for whom English is a second language and to any community resident in need of instruction in English.

The program is being funded by the Educational Development Center and the government of Algeria as a practicum for Algerian nationals studying in the United States for graduate degrees in English as a Second Foreign Language.

Any faculty and staff member or UMB students who know of persons who might be interested in this program -- should direct queries to Prof. Penny Shaw, acting director of ESL, English Dept., ext. 2475 or evenings at 547-8479.

Prof. Shaw will be directing the program, supervising the practicum teachers and coordinating seminars. Interested UMB students who have career interests in ESL and who might want to participate on teaching teams in the capacity of tutor or adjunct instructor should also contact Prof. Shaw.

STUDY IDENTIFIES METROPOLITAN BLACKS

Prof. James E. Blackwell of the Sociology Dept. is the senior author of a recently published research monograph, Health Needs of Urban Blacks. It was published under the auspices of the Solomon Fuller Institute.

His co-authors are Dr. Robert Sharpley and CPCS Prof. Philip Hart.

The study identifies metropolitan blacks in Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan and Brookline/Newton. Issues were dichotomized into macro-community and micro-community concerns and correlated with socio-economic status variable and place of residence. Major differences between central city and suburbanite blacks were identified with regard to micro-community issues and rank on alienation and anomie scales. The two groups were similar in their perception of the impact of racialism on their daily lives, regardless of place of residence.

CENTER COMPLETES KEY FEDERAL STUDY

The Center for Survey Research at CPCS recently completed a 22-month project for \$277,503 on behalf of the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, an arm of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) in Washington, DC. The Center's research disclosed that police efforts against gambling could not be reduced -- even with legalization, because there is no evidence that legalized wagering decreases illegal gambling.

The UMB Center was established in the fall of 1971 and is a facility also of the Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard.

Staff associate Larry Branch says that the purpose of the Center is two-fold: to assist academic scholars and community organization with data collection and other aspects of survey research; and to encourage and facilitate the development of reliable population data in New England which are relevant to policy making.

Direct any queries about the services of the Center to Branch, ext. 341, or Judy Chambliss, ext. 342. CPCS.

PROF. BERKOWITZ UMB'S JFK FELLOW

Prof. Edward Berkowitz of the History Dept. wears an unusual second hat on the UMB campus. He is UMB's sole JFK Fellow, serving as the executive secretary of the university's John F. Kennedy Library Committee and as a part-time staff member of the Library.

One of his chief responsibilities is to coordinate the JFK Library Conference on Welfare Policy scheduled for next year. To prepare for it, scholars hopefully will be commissioned to visit each of the Presidential libraries and to write papers on welfare policies in a particular administration.

Prof. George Goodwin of Politics serves as chairman of the UMB JFK Library Committee.

THE SPECTATOR is a University-wide newsletter designed to keep you informed about relevant activities on campus and to engender a sense of community among us. Deadline for copy is the first and third Tuesday of each month. Editorial contributions are welcome and should be forwarded to Jim Ryan, director of Public Information, Campus Relations, ext. 2147.