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## SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NEAR 1,700

Summer School enrollment is expected to peak between 1,650 and 1,700 at UMB, according to Director Maria-Louisa Roberts. Of the total figure, she says some 550 students are from colleges and universities other than UMB, adding, "I feel we did very well this year reaching outside students in an effort to get them to attend our Summer School. We are getting across our message to the public that a lot of people should avail themselves of our Summer School courses."

The Summer School cultural events will be held in the Main Lobby on the first floor of Building 020 on the Harbor Campus and will include:

--The New Haven Brass Consort, a brass quintet comprised of Yale graduates, Wednesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m.

--Helium Mime Show, Laura Sheppard, mime, accompanied by Robert Ross, classical guitarist, Wednesday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

--Polish pianist Marek Zebrowski, Wednesday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Three arts exhibits are also being sponsored by Summer School. They will be shown in the Art Gallery adjacent to the Main Lobby, Building 020.

Gideon Cohen's paintings, mostly done in casein will be displayed July 6 - 13.

Richard Bassett's collection of oil paintings, drawings and water colors will be available for viewing July 17 - 21.

Jose Mimo's paintings and photographs will be shown July 24 - August 1.

## SAC SUMMER FILM SERIES

The film series sponsored this summer by SAC will include: "The Thin Man," 7/12-13; "Walkabout," 7/17-18; "Don't Look Now," 7/19-20; "Romantic Englishwoman," 7/24-25; and "Last Tango in Paris," 7/26-27. All films will be shown in the Sm. Sci. Auditorium at 1 p.m. Admission is free to all.

## RESEARCHER SAYS MOST ELDERS SELF-SUFFICIENT

Dr. Laurence G. Branch, program director of the Center for Survey Research (CSR), addressed a conference on aging in June at Bridgewater State College -- sponsored by the Mass. Dept. of Elder Affairs. His main theme was that 55 to 66% of these citizens are self-sufficient and another 20% "just need a little help from their families and friends. About five percent use the formal support network to meet their needs; approximately 10% of elders are frail and need more help than the current system is providing; and about five percent of the elders are receiving support in institutions."

Dr. Branch said that the one in 10 who are frail are the ones who need the concentrated efforts of state and private agencies.

The CSR is located at 100 Arlington St. in Park Square and is a facility of UMass-Boston and Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard University.

## FREE ENERGY COURSE FOR HOMEOWNERS

UMB's Summer School is offering a key non-credit course entitled "How to Save Heat and Money" beginning July 17. The course is free and open to all with sessions to be held on the Harbor Campus: Monday, July 17, Wednesday, July 19, Monday, July 24, Wednesday, July 26, and Monday, July 31 -- all starting at 7 p.m. and extending to 9 p.m.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECTATOR NEEDED

There has been a dearth of contributions in the way of news about the activities of various departments and programs to date this summer. While many are away on vacation and outside projects, there are still faculty and staff persons on campus whose activities and accomplishments would be of interest to their colleagues.



DR. WEIL LECTURES ON CMD

While a guest recently of the University of Colorado Graduate Program in Telecommunications on the Boulder campus, Director Gunther Weil of UMB's Center for Media Development lectured on the topic: "The Center for Media Development: A New Model in Public Media Education."

Dr. Weil's talk covered the history and evolution of the CMD from the standpoint of a production facility/learning center for students and professionals who are interested in state-of-the-art production technology and its application to the broadly defined educational and public service media sectors. The faculty and students of the Graduate Program expressed a great deal of interest in the multi-purpose training and production capability of the CMD, particularly as it relates to emerging careers in public broadcast media, public service institutions, and the corporate and industrial use of communications technology for training and development.

Dr. Weil showed his Boulder audience a recently produced 3/4" video tape program which illustrates the Center's computer editing capability, its multi-track audio and electronic music studio facility, and its professional staff. This tape highlights the Center's year-old activities on behalf of a variety of UMB and public service institutional clients, including UMB's Law and Justice Program ("The Men in the Middle: The TPF and South Boston") and the State Department of Mental Health ("The North Shore Disaster Relief Training Program").

Earlier, Dr. Weil was invited by the National Science Foundation to participate in a three-day conference on the topic of "Humanizing Media Technology: The Community Setting" in Knoxville, TN. This conference brought together experts in communications technology and community development from all sections of the nation. It focused mostly on how the new communications technologies (satellite TV distribution, two-way interactive cable TV distribution systems, video discs, etc.) can be used by local communities to access informational and educational resources for urban and rural community development. Dr. Weil says the CMD's extraordinary capability in state-of-the-art audio and video production appears to be giving it increasing visibility among other institution of higher learning as well as public service media users throughout the country.

MEETING OF SPECIALISTS ON FRANCE

Prof. Paul Gagnon of the History Dept. and Prof. Richard Robbins of Sociology joined with numerous other specialists on France at a conference on the Fifth Republic and the impact of Gaullism, which was held for three days in June at SUNY-Brockport.

Prof. Gagnon reported on educational reform under the Fifth Republic, and Prof. Robbins lectured on the subsistence of Alsatian subculture in contemporary France.

The proceedings of the conference are expected to be published under the editorship of Prof. Stanley Hoffman of Harvard University.

SHRIVER ILT SPEAKER JULY 17

Sargent Shriver, former Peace Corps director, ambassador to France and a presidential and vice presidential candidate, will speak on "The Federal Government: A Political and Policymaker's Perspective" on Monday, July 17, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Shriver is participating in a two week (July 5-19) "Citizenship Education Institute" at the Harbor Campus, sponsored by the Institute for Learning and Teaching in collaboration with the Kennedy Library.

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINARS CONTINUE

CPCS will continue to hold its regular admission seminars for potential applicants through the month of July.

Anyone interested in counseling, community change and housing, or who presently is employed in a social service agency, daycare center, community school, mental health clinic, youth agency, court, legal service organization -- and would like to apply such experience to a bachelor of arts degree at CPCS is required to attend one of the seminars.

They are held weekly on Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m., at the Downtown Center in Boston's Park Square.

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.