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Special

DOUBLE FEATURE 11 MARCH

Henry Fairlie, Washington-based British journalist, will speak about "The Politics of Promise" in the University's continuing Series of Distinguished Lectures "John F Kennedy and His Legacy" to commemorate the opening of the Library in the Faculty Club today at 3pm.

At 8pm, also in the Faculty Club, a lecture-discussion about "Boston's Black Cultural Experience" will take place. The double bill will feature CAS Professor Edward Strickland and Elma Lewis.

Both events are open to the public at no charge.

FACULTY MEETING

The faculty approved the award of degrees to Jan '80 candidates at its meeting 3 Mar and unanimously elected Clark Taylor of CPCS Representative to the Board of Trustees and Bettina Harrison, CAS Biology, Alternate.

Ray Bronk, chairman of the Assembly, reported accomplishments for the year. Among them he listed the newly established standing committee to review research for the protection of human subjects, the 1980-81 calendar, consideration of a second bachelor's degree and growing cooperation between the Assembly and the administration.

Bronk said, "The promise of cooperation and consultation is being met." One example, he said, is the Planning Committee's internal restructure proposal.

"It was regretted that some have used this occasion of cooperation to launch violent personal attacks on members of the committee and the Chancellor," he said.

"The Chancellor's willingness to undertake the long overdue reorganization of the campus administration and the readiness of the Planning Committee of the Assembly to respond with advice augur well for a future which we shall need to meet the challenge of reorganization of public higher education," Bronk said.

Chancellor Corrigan spoke briefly about reorganization of higher education and reported about some activities of the "Boverini Commission," the Special

Commission for the Reorganization of Public Higher Education. He also answered questions which centered primarily around issues related to external reorganization and the expansion of graduate programs.

He said the Boverini Commission is scheduled to meet on campus on 13 March and that faculty, staff and students will have a chance to talk to members.

Corrigan, in response to questions, said the Boston subcommittee of the Commission has indicated a desire to report recommendations by April.

HI ED REORGANIZATION

Chancellor Corrigan spoke on 28 Feb at the invitation of the Boston Subcommittee of the Special Commission on Reorganization of Higher Education at the State House.

He said, "The University aspires to balance two functions...the traditional obligation to preserve and advance knowledge through excellence in teaching and research...and, of equal importance, the commitment to the democratic ideal of service through policies, programs and research developed in response to

the urban environment."

He focused on three facets of "what we do and how we do it"--programs, students and faculty. Corrigan said, "Our ability to offer solid baccalaureate and master's level graduate programs is enhanced by a noteworthy library which is comprehensive in many areas of its disciplinary collections."

"The research environment and social commitment of our University lead to wide-ranging activities in community service, appropriate to the function of a land-grant institution."

"We take our mission to our historically underserved population very seriously. I am talking about students who are fully capable intellectually of undertaking a university education, but who have often been poorly served by their previous education or their socio-economic circumstances."

He said, "UMB has been able to recruit a faculty with distinguished credentials, committed to teaching, to research and to service."

ASSEMBLY ACTION

At its meeting 25 Feb, the Assembly approved the calendar for the Academic Year 1980-81 and changed Commencement this spring to Sat 31 May. Members also re-committed a proposal regarding second bachelor degrees to committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30pm SSA Mon 24 Mar.

PUBLISHING

ROBERT C JOHNSON JR, director of Affirmative Action, has an article in the March edition of Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences entitled "Affirmative Action and the Academic Profession."

"Petra, Jerash and Damascus," a 1/2 hour video program composed of some 200 slides of original photographs from the Harvard Semitic Museum, was technically directed and produced by JOSE LUIS SEDANO of Center for Media Development. This program, broadcast in the US and the Middle East, represents the video portion of UNESCO's "Legacy of Light" and will be exhibited in England, France and Persian Gulf nations.

ART NEWS

The Museum of Modern Art recently purchased a color photograph for its permanent collection by LORIE NOVAK, CAS part-time lecturer in art. Novak earned her BA in Art and Psychology at Stanford U and her MFA in Photography at the Art Institute of Chicago. She

teaches Photography II and Visual Fundamentals.

SPEAKING

CHANCELLOR ROBERT A CORRIGAN was recently interviewed about educational issues, and UMass/Boston in particular, by two local radio stations, WRKO and WJIB.

MARIE KENNEDY, CPCS assistant professor in Center for Community Planning and director of the Community Service Program, gave a slide lecture at the Boston Architectural Center recently about "Housing in China." RICHARD MORRISON, CMPS lecturer, recently spoke about "Planning Today for the Agency's Tomorrow" at the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas Joe Vincent Advanced Agency Management Seminar in Austin.

FRANCIS R HART, CAS Professor of English, will speak in UMB's Distinguished Lecture Series on 26 Mar in the Faculty Club Lounge at 2:45pm about "The Story of a Suppressed Biography."

ELISABETH JOHNSON, CPCS lecturer Center for Human Services, will present a paper at the 8th Annual Conference on Ethnic and Minority Studies at the U of Wisconsin next month. The title is "Ethical Problems in Evaluation Research."

CORNELIA VEENENDAAL, CAS associate professor of English, and CAROLE GEYER, graduate student in English, will be on the St. Patrick's Day Program of the Dorchester Arts Council.

ERIC ROBINSON, CAS professor of history, will be a guest on the Phil Donahue Show at 10:30am 13 Mar on Channel 5-TV. He will be interviewed about and show film clips from the television documentary about his late wife's struggle with terminal cancer, "One Woman's Story."

The film has been reviewed, generally favorably, says Robinson, by some 600 newspapers. Time/Life Inc has purchased the archives which were not used in the film and will use them to produce instructional materials.

Robinson has also joined the Washington-based Advisory Council of the Committee for the Relief of Intractable Pain.

On Fri 28 Mar, GEORGE SLOVER, JOSEPHINE BUNSELMAYER and CHRISTOPHER HARDING of CAS English Department will discuss the BBC production of Henry IV Part I, which will be aired on Channel 2 on 26 Mar. Part of the English Department's colloquium series, the title is "Parody, Parable and TV Production: Henry IV Part I."

The event will take place in the English Department Lounge Rm 047 Fl 6 Build 010 2:30pm.

ELAM'S EAST-WEST CONNECTION

Houston G Elam, dean CMPS, recently spent a week at the East-West Center at the U of Hawaii as Professional Associate studying non-western processes. He was one of 15 participants.

The project, the first to focus on this subject, was co-sponsored by the Resource Systems Institute of the East-West Center and the Charles F Kettering Foundation. It was restricted to executives and scholars in non-western cultures or experts in those fields and a few western scholar observers. Elam was the only person from the mainland with a management speciality.

Others included the Chief Executive Officer for Maori Affairs from New Zealand, a lawyer from Bombay with expertise in traditional governance in India and the President of the International Center for Law and Development from New York.

"We studied various cultures and the decision-making used in their governance process," says Elam. "We spent time with many reigning Pacific Island chiefs at the Polynesian Culture Center, including those from Cook, Fiji, Hawaii, Maori, Marque and Samoa. This was the first study group the Polynesian Culture has ever permitted their chiefs to give an organized formal audience.

LIBRARY GIFT

Walter Grossmann, director of Libraries, a recipient of Humboldt Fellowships in 1964 and 1970, recently announced that the Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung of Bad Godesburg, Germany, has donated forty-six volumes of German literature and cultural history to UMB's Library. Among these are new editions of the works of Hugo von Hofmannsthal, Robert Musil and the Franz Kafka-Handbuch.

ADMISSIONS

The Admissions Office hosted a meeting for twenty-nine librarians, representing libraries in greater Boston, to brief them about the Returning Student Information Sessions. The librarians have offered to assist in reaching non-traditional students by providing library space for Returning Student Sessions.

More than 150 minority students attended a special minority student day held on campus to introduce students to college life at UMass/Boston. The Admissions Office was also represented at the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students' College Fair.

The Admissions Office thanks the Imani

Ujima Student Organization for recruitment assistance and cooperation. Their efforts have resulted in an increase of minority applicants.

Future recruitment events are scheduled: 24 Mar-4 Apr Telephone Campaign, 12 and 13 Apr CPCS Open House, 4 May Parent's Day, 7 May Mass National Honor Society Meeting at UMB.

CREDIT UNION

David L Edmonds, director of Personnel, recently announced that UMB is now affiliated with the UMass/Five College Federal Credit Union. "Whether or not you are presently a member of another credit union, you may learn about services and procedures for this one from my secretary, Margi Roche, on Mon, Wed or Thur 9am-1pm in the Personnel Office or call for an appointment x2271 or 2272," says Edmonds.

ENGLISH CAREER DAYS

The English Department, with assistance from the Career Planning and Placement Office, recently sponsored a two-day mini-conference for English majors about career and job opportunities.

More than 100 students attended. The sessions featured panelists from "the world of work" such as high technology writers, state government, publishing, advertising, public relations and retailing.

English Department faculty who organized the conference included Bob Crossley, Neal Bruss and Larry Hanawalt. Ginger McCourt, associate director of Career Planning and Placement, provided professional advice and moral support; the Placement Office and the CAS Dean's Office provided financial support.

BUSINESS-GOVERNMENT

Business-Government Relations is the theme for the all-day New England Conference of Business Administrators special conference planned for 31 Mar under the auspices of the NECBA, JFK Library and UMB.

Laurence D Wiseman, Washington-based vice president of Yankelovich, Skelly & White, will speak at 11am about "The Climate for Business and Regulations in the 80s." Others on the program include Harry T Allen, dean of the School of Business at UMA; Dan H Fenn, Jr, director, and William W Moss, chief archivist at JFK Library; and President Knapp, Dean Elam and Chancellor Corrigan.

Calendar

TUE 3/11

LECTURE/Henry Fairlie "The Politics of Promise" Distinguished Lecture "John F Kennedy and His Legacy" Faculty Club 3pm Free.

EXHIBIT/The Life and Work of Albert Einstein co-sponsored by Goethe Institute of Boston Fl 4&5 Library through 31 Mar.

EXHIBIT/"New Works" Women Exhibiting in Boston Harbor Gallery 10am-5pm Mon-Fri through 28 Mar.

CPCS ADMISSIONS/Information sessions Rm 419 Downtown every Tue 9am and 6pm.

SEMINAR/Adults Considering Return to College sponsored by Admissions every Tue noon Rm 419 Downtown & 6pm Rm 308 Harbor Admin Build. For info 287-8100 Free.

STAFF TRAINING/Susan Radius, assistant professor Behavioral Sciences Harvard School of Public Health "Consumer Satisfaction with Mental Health Services" sponsored by University Counseling Center Rm 308 Admin Build 1pm.

FILM/Alice In Wonderland SAC Series Large Science Auditorium(LSA) 2:30pm Free.

LECTURE/Elma Lewis and Edward Strickland "Boston's Black Cultural Experience" Faculty Club 8pm Free.

WED 3/12

FILM/The Innocent SAC Series LSA 2:30pm Free.

THUR 3/13

TV/Eric Robinson, CAS history Professor, guest on Phil Donahue Show Channel 5 10:30am.

FILM/SAC Series rerun 3/12.

RECEPTION/"New Works" Women Exhibiting in Boston Harbor Gallery 6-8:30pm Free.

FILM/Dial M for Murder and Frenzy Detective Persona Series (DPS) LSA 6:30pm Free.

FRI 3/14

SEMINAR/John Norden of UM/A "Recent Biochemical Investigations of Dutch Elm Disease" Rm 209 Fl 1 Build 020 2:30pm Free.

SAT 3/15

VACATION/Spring Vacation begins.

MON 3/17

HOLIDAY/Evacuation Day - St Patrick's Day.

TUE 3/18

CPCS ADMISSIONS/Repeat 3/11.

SEMINAR/Adults Considering Return to College repeat 3/11.

FRI 3/21

MEETING/Professional Staff Association Rm 308 Admin Build 9:30am.

MON 3/24

VACATION/Spring Vacation ends Classes resume.

MEETING/Assembly SSA 2:30pm.

FILM/2001: A Space Odyssey SAC Series LSA 2:30pm Free.

Futures

Tue 25 Mar/Nicholas J Fiumara, director Mass Division of Communicable and Venereal Diseases to speak on campus. x2522.

Wed 26 Mar/Francis Hart, CAS English professor, to speak about Suppressed Biography. x2266.

Sat 29 Mar/Conference on Christianity and Literature on campus. x2711.

Mon 31 Mar/New England Conference of Business Administrators special conference all-day on campus. x3241.

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