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## PRESIDENT KNAPP'S INAUGURAL

David C. Knapp, in his inaugural address as the 19th President of the University of Massachusetts, stated that "the American people are now fully dependent upon institutions of higher learning for the functioning of society," and emphasized that "universities must become aware of their accountability to those they serve."

The inauguration ceremonies, held at historic Faneuil Hall on October 29, were attended by some 500 invited guests, including Governor Dukakis and representatives from various colleges in the Commonwealth.

President Knapp said, "After three centuries, the American people's compact with learning has brought us to the point where we -- the American people -- are now fully dependent upon institutions of higher learning for the functioning of society. They, and most especially public and private comprehensive universities, have been instrumental in creating a system of human interdependence which flows from our unique characteristic as human beings -- our intelligence.

"Only the university, among social institutions, singlemindedly pursues abstract knowledge, explores its applications, and prepares young people to make society function. Take away the universities, and you take away the society as we know it today," he continued.

"If society is not working well, neither are its institutions of higher learning. After 20 years of unprecedented growth -- after a traumatic period of internal turmoil, after several years of economic stress, many in the academic community are dispirited. The traditional college-age population is dropping, especially in New England and the Northeast. Inflation, which has already

made deep inroads into hard won resources, continues unabated. A new cult of disparagement has arisen, questioning the economic, social, and even emotional value of learning, a new and more sophisticated strain of the disease of anti-intellectualism which has threatened to afflict America from time to time throughout its history," he said.

"Now is the time to renew the social compact with learning, with seriousness and determination, to create a better climate for learning, to take our intelligence -- and employ it better than we have.

"In renewing the social compact, universities must also become more aware of their accountability to those they serve -- parents, students and funding agencies," he emphasized.

Stressing equal opportunity, President Knapp noted, "Equality of opportunity in learning is more than a matter of abstract principle. It is an imperative for future survival."

In conclusion, President Knapp said: "Ours is a heritage of ideas, of ideas transformed into action, of renewal from generation to generation. Faneuil Hall symbolizes that heritage. We of the University of Massachusetts share it. We, as a young partner in the social compact with learning, as the University of the people of the Commonwealth, have an obligation to see that our heritage endures. We intend to fulfill that obligation, and, with your help, we shall."

## GRAD NAMED BY GOVERNOR

Jacqueline Michelove, a 1978 graduate of CPCS, has been appointed to Chair the Board of Registered Licensure of Social Workers. She was administered the oath of office by Governor Dukakis at the State House on October 26th.

Prof. S.C. Schneider, director of Latin American Studies and associate professor of History, appeared on a panel with Tom Wicker, associate editor, The New York Times, James Chace, managing editor, Foreign Affairs and Marcel Neidergang, correspondent, Le Monde on October 23, at the Conference on Political Culture and Communications: The Iberian Peninsula in Transition. The Conference, held at Columbia University, was sponsored by the German Marshall Fund.

## NEH SUMMER STIPEND NOMINEES

UMB nominees for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends have been named. They are: Prof. Walter Grossman, History and director of libraries; Prof. Ritta-Jo Horsley, German; and Prof. Jean Humez, Women's Studies. Selections were made by the Faculty Development Committee. Award will be announced in mid-March, 1979. The NEH program provides support for those working in the humanities to pursue two consecutive months in full-time study or research. Each stipend provides \$2,500.

## PROF HEADS TASK FORCE

Dr. Barbara Ross, Psychology department, president of the New England Psychological Association, presented an address, "Publishing in Perspective" at the annual meeting held at Boston University, October 28. Dr. Ross also has been appointed Chairman of a Task Force on Manuscript Review by the American Psychological Association.

## DUBOIS LECTURER

Richard Robbins, Sociology, delivered the DuBois lecture, the first in a series, to the fellows of the DuBois Institute, on October 18. His subject was the distinguished sociologist Charles S. Johnson. The lecture, entitled "Charles S. Johnson-Continuities in Research" forms part of a forthcoming biography of Johnson, the work for which was carried out on a Guggenheim fellowship in 1975-76.

## REMINDER TO SPECTATOR REPS

Department representatives are reminded that there is a continuing need for news and informational items about the activities of their various faculty and departments.

CPCS and the Boston Teen Center Alliance will sponsor the first Boston Area Youth Worker Conference Nov. 17 at the Downtown Center. Keynote speaker will be John Calhoun, Commissioner, Mass. Department of Youth Services.

Topics at the day-long conference include planning, implementation and evaluation of Youth Programs; Methods of Community Crisis Intervention; Creative Supervision of Youth Workers; Program Management and Fiscal Procedures; Youth Advocacy in the Courts; Career Development for Teens; Adolescent Sexuality; Issues Confronting Adolescent Women.

## MS. CROWLEY NAMED TO TWO STATE POSTS

Marcy Crowley, CPCS director of Career Planning, was sworn in Nov. 1 as a Commissioner of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. She has worked closely with the Commission for the past few years on matters of employment, the marketplace, and legislation. Also she was elected an officer of the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns. The officers of the Municipal Associations also serve on the Local Government Advisory Council. Members meet monthly with the Governor and his cabinet to discuss matters of local concern.

## UMB FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Faculty Development Committee awarded 15 grants this Fall. The Committee received 21 proposals totalling \$30,000. Awards made range from \$250 to \$1500, totalling \$12,000. The Committee will be soliciting proposals again, to be reviewed in January 1979. Recipients are: Kamaljit Bawa, Biology; Jeremy Hatch, Biology; Jean-Pierre Anselme, Chemistry; Lowell Schwartz, Chemistry; Michael Jones, English; Friedrich Ott, German; Paul Keyes, Physics; Harold Mahon, Physics; Nareshchandra Shah, Physics; Ricardo Navas-Ruiz, Spanish; Bradley Honoroff, Legal Education Services; John Papageorgiou, Management Program; Ruth Butler, Arts; Louis Ferleger, Economics; and the Chemistry Dept. (award for journal reprints).

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