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Kennedy, Crimmins and
UMass/Boston

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and his family have announced their intention to establish a scholarship fund at the University of Massachusetts at Boston in memory of the late John B. Crimmins.

Trustees of the University acknowledged with gratitude the new scholarship fund, which will be reserved for South Boston residents graduating from South Boston High School.

The scholarship will be entitled "The John F. Kennedy Scholarship in Memory of John B. Crimmins."

In a letter to Joseph P. Healey, Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, Senator Kennedy noted that "Mr. Crimmins, a lifelong resident of South Boston, was a loyal and devoted friend of my family."

The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen by a committee whose members will include the Headmaster of South Boston High School.

In making the award to a South Boston student admitted to UMass/Boston as a freshman, the committee will consider the applicant's scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, contributions to the high school and neighborhood community, and the nominee's needs.

The Kennedy family asked that its scholarship gift be invested in a South Boston bank, with tuition assistance paid from interest earned on the account.

"We are delighted that Senator Kennedy and his family have chosen to honor the memory of Jack Crimmins in such an appropriate fashion," said UMass President David C. Knapp. "On behalf both of the University and of the prospective winners of this prestigious award, I want to express our deep appreciation for the establishment of this scholarship."

Chancellor Van Ummersen said "the establishment of this scholarship fund links the Kennedy family, the South Boston community, and UMass/Boston in a very special way that is most heartening to all of us on the campus."

Dorchester Exhibit

"Dorchester: An Exhibition" will open from 2 to 5 on Sunday, March 25, at the UMass-Boston Library, with a private showing for Dorchester residents.

A series of contemporary photographs by Robert Bayard Severy, Historian of the Dorchester Historical Society, will be the highlight of the exhibit.

Other exhibits will feature early histories of Dorchester, old street directories and maps, programs of Dorchester Days celebrated in the first decade of this century, books on Dorchester architecture, including works

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on three-deckers and on church architecture, and personal papers of the William Bellamy and Caleb Wilson families.

Starting with March 26, the exhibit will be open to the general public and university community during the regular hours of the Library until May 31. The hours are: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

This exhibition is made possible through the imagination and initiative of Molly Matson, Public Service Librarian, and with support from Chancellor Claire Van Ummersen.

Minority Students

A series of workshops and seminars for national groups of Black educators, administrators and students will be held at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, Harbor Campus on March 16 and 17.

The theme of the sessions is The Minority Student in the Predominantly White Institution: Strategies for Future Survival.

The keynote speaker on March 16 will be Dr. Gerald L. Durley, Project Director of Legacy Unfolded of Washington, D.C., an agency sponsored by HEW, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Workshop sessions will address issues related to curriculum, financial aid, career development, admissions, the mood of minority students and minority student organizations, and involvement in community affairs by minority students.

Panelists include Dr. Lawrence Kamara, Professor of Sociology, UMass/Boston; Dr. Kenneth Haskins, President, Roxbury Community College; Dr. Badi Foster, Harvard University School of Education, Ms. Alma Armstrong, former MIT Community Relations fellow, and Maryanne Alexander, College of Arts and Science, UMass/Boston.

The luncheon speaker on Saturday, March 17, will be Ron Edmond, Director of the Black Studies Program at Harvard University.

Program coordinators are Sharon Johnson White of Emerson College and Phyllis Wesley of UMass/Boston's Admissions Office.

They expect several hundred participants at the two-day parley.

Tuition Bills

Among the thousands of bills filed annually at the State House are those concerning increasing in-state tuitions for students at UMass/Boston and all other segments of public higher education.

One bill, filed by Sen. John King, Danvers, and Rep. Barney Frank, Boston, would jump the present tuition here from \$525 to \$1,575. Supporting their position is the Massachusetts Taxpayers Association.

At a State House hearing last week students voiced their opposition, claiming such a hike is "outrageous" and would deny middle and lower income students access to public high quality education.

Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts will hold their regularly scheduled monthly meeting today (March 7) at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester.

Moral Values and Television

When Prof. George Goodwin, Extended Day, was canvassing the campus for ideas for courses to be offered this semester, Prof. Richard H. Horsley, Chairman, Study of Religion, had a perfectly pertinent idea. This was the course on Moral Values in Television. He already had his adjunct faculty member in mind. This was Hubert Dee Jessup, who is the talk of the town for his award-winning ways as producer of "The Baxters" on WCVB-TV.

A recent Boston Globe profile of the 34-year old graduate of Harvard Divinity School, noted one of his class presentations on his views on myths, roles and values in relation to television situation comedy programs. Out of the discussion came views ranging from Kierkegaard to Kojak.

Among his comments in the article, Jessup said: "TV does not create community. It makes people isolated and individualized. The experience of TV viewing is separate as compared to going to the church or theater. TV is not a dialogue. You can't talk back. Good religious communication enhances human relationships between family and friends. TV rarely has moments of real transcendence where people are lifted beyond mundane reality. Laverne and Shirley worry about their work and boyfriends. Barney Miller contends with crooks, pimps and hookers.

"The Judeo-Christian tradition has a sense of justice and condemns the world for not standing up. But television is a conservative medium and rarely challenges the status quo."

Classics Day

Prof. Emily A. McDermott, Classics, has been working assiduously for several months in organizing and planning the annual meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts Junior Classical League, which will be held at the Harbor Campus on Thursday, March 15th.

More than 500 students of Latin and Greek from scores of high schools in New England will be on campus to attend workshops and general sessions. Some 30 speakers will participate in the program.

While on campus the high school students will be offered tours of the campus through the cooperation of the Admissions Office.

Billiards Champion

Nancy Spector has done it again -- she is the New England Women's Collegiate Billiard Champion.

For the third time, the UMass-Boston senior has won the title, this time at the Orono campus of the University of Maine. She now goes on to the National championship contests at the University of Michigan in April.

The 21 year old student from Malden went undefeated at the Maine regionals, chalking up wins in seven contests.

This was the first time she had gone undefeated.

Billiards was something new and alien to this English major when she came to UMass/Boston, but she tried her hand at the sport and began scoring victories over all competition -- male and female.

"I did not know how well I would do this year," she said, "because I've had little time to practice with all my classes and practice teaching assignments."

But she prevailed. More than a Willie Mosconi type than Minnesota Fats, she is modest about her accomplishments.

Faculty Development

The Faculty Development Committee reviews applications for grants three times a year. Awards have now been made for proposals to be carried out or initiated during the Spring Term 1979. The Committee received 17 proposals in January (for projects to be carried out during the Spring Term 1979) for a total of \$29,000. Ten awards were made, for a total of \$5300.

Recipients:

Timothy Sieber	Anthropology, CAS
Ros Barron	Art, CAS
Bettina H. Harrison	Biology, CAS
Joseph Alper	Chemistry, CAS
John Blaise Anzalone	French, CAS
Marvin M. Antonoff	Physics, CAS
Edmund Beard	Political Science, CAS
Gary N. Siperstein	Human Growth & Development, CPCS
Carole C. Upshur	Community Change & Housing, CPCS
Daniel Shimshak	Management, CPS

The Committee will soon review proposals for projects to be carried out during this Summer 1979 and during Fall Term. Grants are awarded in support of scholarly projects and other activities which contribute to faculty development. All full-time faculty and part-time faculty with a minimum of six consecutive semesters of service at UMB are eligible to apply. Interested faculty should request copies of the guidelines and applications forms from the Provost's Office (x2330, 2331).

Applications deadlines: March 15: for projects to be initiated during the Summer 1979, May 15: for projects to be initiated during the Fall Term 1979.

Jobs for Students

The Job Placement Program of the Financial Aid Office is hosting a "Thank You" Reception at the Harbor Campus on March 15th for some 400 representatives of private firms which have employed UMass/Boston students in part-time jobs over the past year.

Dr. Charles E. Memusi Johnson, who was recently named new Secretary of Educational Affairs, will be the guest speaker. Also participating in the program will be Vice Chancellor LeVester Tubbs, Student Affairs.

Three campus personalities responsible for the success of this program are Milton Kirstein, Grace Muscarella, and Peter McQuaid.

The program has placed 1,212 students in a variety of jobs which has generated an estimated \$3,150,000 over a 36-week work period.

More than 1,000 Greater Boston business firms have participated in the program.

Don't Be a Spectator

For upcoming issues of this newsletter, it is the intention to publicize activities of every department of the University. Easier said than accomplished. But with the real interest and assistance of all the colleges, deans, department chairpersons, directors of services and YOU, we need notices about your publications, speeches, research, reviews, public service and whatever may be interesting to the University community. Send the news to John Lerner, Administration Building, Room 030.