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## Budget Battle

The budget process for the University of Massachusetts at Boston for Fiscal Year 1980, which begins on July 1st, 1979, began last summer.

From the colleges and departments for UMass/Boston programs reporting to the Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Administration and Finance the campus request forwarded to the President's Office and the Board of Trustees was \$26,010,690, up from the current budget of \$21.7-million.

The Board of Trustees voted to seek \$26-million, and this request was forwarded -- and they later reaffirmed the responsibility of this budget -- to the Governor.

Governor King in January recommended that the UMass/Boston budget should be \$23.5-million.

For the next two months budget deliberations for the campus and the entire University System will be heard by the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and, undoubtedly, by the Conference Committee made up of House and Senate members, and then by the Legislative bodies. Their conclusions will be forwarded to the Governor.

The objectives of the UMass budget request:

- to make a University-level public education accessible to all qualified and interested individuals within the Commonwealth, regardless of their family income level or age;
- to offer a diversity of opportunities for study, including, first, liberal, career-oriented and professional programs at the undergraduate level; and, second, graduate and professional study at the post-baccalaureate level;
- to offer students academic strength in all fields of study offered by the University and provide, as necessary, special academic support for students entering undergraduate programs who come with motivation but weak academic preparation;
- to meet the University's long-range as well as immediate needs, by maintaining both a highly qualified faculty and a physical setting which enhances learning.

In this light, President David Knapp is appealing to graduates of UMass/Boston and Amherst to voice their concerns with State Senators and Representatives to support the campus budget request of \$26-million and the University-wide request for \$139.5-million.

Chancellor Search

The Chancellor's Search Committee, headed by Prof. Steven Schwartz, Psychology, in addition to seeking written comments on candidates for Chancellor, will conduct two meetings on Wednesday, April 18th, for faculty and professional staff to seek further assessments regarding the eight candidates who have visited the campus.

The Search Committee will meet with the faculty at the Chancellor's Conference Room, third floor, Administration, between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. The professional staff will meet with the committee at the same location from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Second Annual Harbor Festival

Here is the fact sheet on the Second Annual Harbor Festival that will be held on campus. You are cordially invited by Dean Michael Riccards, Arts and Sciences, and Festival Director Joan Hobson to bring your family and friends to this gala.

WHAT: Winds and Airs - Music To Celebrate Spring (second annual Harbor Festival)

WHERE: Harbor Campus, University of Massachusetts Boston

WHEN: April 29, 1979, noon to midnight

WHY: The Festival is designed to bring the campus into closer relationship with the greater Boston community and to stimulate arts activity within the university.

HOW: To accomplish these goals, the university invited the general public to a free, day-long festival which includes internationally-acclaimed professional musicians as well as talented student, faculty and community-based groups. Thirty performances and activities are planned to appeal to families and to appeal to a wide range of musical tastes.

WHO: Highlights -- The Winter Consort, led by Paul Winter. 3:00 and 5:00

Adam Makowicz, jazz pianist. 9:30

Carl Atkins and the New Music Ensemble. 2:30

Concert of chamber music, including premier performance of winner of 1979 UMass/Boston award in music composition. 7:30

Also -- Semenya McCord, "Journey Into Jazz." African Heritage Ensemble of Elma Lewis School. Silver Stars Steel Orchestra.

Continuing events -- Clowns, mimes, face-painting, NEW GAMES, workshops in music, kite-making, vendors selling international foods.

Massachusetts Cultural Heritage and Chemical Evolution

The Extended Day Program is presenting a continuing lecture/discussion series which will explore the different contributions to the life of the Commonwealth of various ethnic groups. By combining the insights of knowledgeable faculty members and persons who have made their contributions in other fields, we hope to give some new perspectives to the unique brew in the Massachusetts melting pot.

Education Perspectives:  
Faculty Lecturers

Prof. Paul Gagnon, History, lectured last month in Washington, D.C., at the Conference of Europeanists of the Council for European Studies on the topic "Politics and Opinion in the Reform of Secondary Education under the 5th Republic." While currently working on a book Education and Democracy: France since 1940, Prof. Gagnon was a speaker at the American Historical Association meetings in San Francisco on "Tocqueville as Prophet: Democratic Education in France and the United States since 1900."

Prof. Alan Harwood, Anthropology, delivered a paper on "Ethnicity and the Delivery of Health Care" in the Socio-cultural Perspectives series on Health Care Delivery System, sponsored by the Department of Health and Hospitals, City of Boston.

Dr. John Conlon, Teacher Certification Program, recently addressed the Boston branch of the Dickens Fellowship on the subject of Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby. Conlon, President of the Boston branch, has previously spoken on "The Dickens Detective Force," the place of plainclothesmen, police, spies, informers and private inquiry agents in Dickens' novels. Susan Horton, English, has also addressed the group on "Dealing with Dealings With the Firm of Dombey and Son."

Bonnie G. Hurley, Applied Language and Mathematics Center, College of Public and Community Service, recently conducted a management training seminar at Exeter, N.H., in cooperation with the Digital Equipment Corp. to assist municipal employees develop leadership and communication skills.

Prof. John Anzalone, French, has been giving a series of lectures at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., on "Drole de drame and the filmed social satire" and the art and ideas of Jean Luc Godard.

Prof. Richard Robbins, Sociology, delivered a paper for the Association for Social and Behavioral Sciences (ASBS), a predominantly Black national association of social scientists, which met in Washington. He focused on the educational problems of Boston after five years of court-ordered, racial desegregation. Prof. Robbins addressed 200 foreign students at Boston University's Center for English Language and Orientation Programs, on March 29, on "Major Values in American Society" which emphasized change and conflict in the interpretation of the American value system.

Prof. James E. Blackwell, Sociology, was keynote speaker in Forum I of the 19th Annual Public Affairs Symposium at East Texas State University on April 2. He spoke on "Brown to Bakke and Beyond: Which Way Civil Rights in America." This series was in commemoration of Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives for many years. Other participants included Atty. J. Clay Smith, U.S. Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Atty. Warren Burnett, a noted Civil Rights lawyer from Dallas, and Dr. Bruce Chadwick, Prof. of Sociology at Brigham Young University.

Heritage/Evolution Cont.

On Wednesday, April 18, at 8 p.m. in the Small Science Auditorium, John A. Volpe will join Professor Gerald S. Volpe of the Italian Department, to discuss "The Children of Columbus in Massachusetts."

Prof. George Goodwin is pleased with the enthusiasm with which our guest speakers have agreed to share their expertise, and hope that you will plan to attend. Presentations, focusing on other ethnic groups will be continued in the fall.

Dr. Cyril Ponnampereuma of the Laboratory of Chemical Evolution, University of Maryland, as part of the Extended Day series, will be the speaker on Wednesday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. in the Large Science Auditorium.

A distinguished Professor at the College Park Campus of the University of Maryland and editor-in-chief of the International Journal Origins of Life, he will speak on "Cosmochemistry and the Origins of Life." He will discuss the formation of organic compounds under primordial conditions which is considered a necessary preamble of the origin of life on earth. Dr. Ponnampereuma will also note that the discovery of a vast array of organic molecules in the interstellar medium has dramatically highlighted the cosmic nature of prebiological chemistry.

Donors Needed

Sirens scream. Tires screech. Attendants stir. Operating lights glow. Moans. The accident victim -- a baby, a teen-ager, a parent, a grandmother -- needs instant, delicate surgery. The skilled stand-by. Equipment, the best. But blood is needed for the transfusion of life. Help on April 24th or 25th when the Red Cross is here.

The life you save may be a colleague, a neighbor, a friend.

Afghanistan Report  
By Prof. Patterson

Afghanistan, the hotly contested crossroad strategically athwart India, Iran, Russia, Pakistan and China, has been politically and economically important from the days of Darius I, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, and Tamerlane up to the immediate past and the dynamic present.

In a scholarly, sober, and thoughtful commentary and report in the April Atlantic, Prof. Franklin Patterson reviews the problems and possible pitfalls that face Afghanistan today whose people, by and large, live in clan and tribal groups across the land, the size of Texas, at a harsh subsistence level.

Prof. Patterson's essay is one result of his visit there last fall for the Peace Corps.

Russian involvement in the country and the role of American aid are important in the nation's current affairs since, Prof. Patterson writes, "It is a time when American policy-makers have to keep alternatives to Soviet control visible for an ambivalent population."

Among the dilemmas facing the nation are the "public pronouncements and actions (that) indicate that the Taraki regime wants desperately to succeed within its own ideological terms and its own view of proper national development, and is persuaded that the USSR will help it do so. The new regime would also accept American assistance if ways could be found that did not compromise the revolution's position."