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Special

HONORED

ISABELLE MAO, CAS associate professor of Chinese Language-East Asian Studies, was selected by the U S Dept of Education as one of the 10 leading teachers of Chinese in America to go to China last summer under the Educational Exchange Program. The aim was to provide an opportunity for scholars to update their knowledge of contemporary Chinese and to enhance their cultural contacts.

The first four weeks, the members of the group lived in the dormitory of the Beijing Language Institute in Peking where they observed teaching, held seminars and attended cultural events. The last two weeks they toured the country, including a visit to the famous excavation of the Han era tomb with its more than 2000 life-sized statues of the imperial guard and dazzling artifacts.

Mao is currently on a sabbatical to write a new introductory Chinese textbook.

PUBLISHING

RUTH S NICKSE, CPCS associate professor in CLAM, has had her book, Assessing Life-Skills Competence: The New York State External High School Diploma Program, published by Pitman Learning Inc. The book, she says, describes the development of a competency-based assessment system which grants regular high school diplomas to uncredentialed adults, and analyzes three additional models of current practice. Nickse was the original program director for this project which has become a national model in adult education. In June, she consulted with the U S Army Education Service in Frankfurt, Germany, offering technical assistance to staff in their efforts to initiate such a program in the European sector.

APPOINTED

CHARLES DESMOND, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee for the Higher Education/CETA Project of the American Council on Education.

JAMES E BLACKWELL, CAS professor of sociology, was installed as the 29th president of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

SPEAKING

DAVID STOCKTON, director of Health Services, is a member of the Visiting Nurse Review Committee and participated in a public affairs program for the agency on Channel 7 in Sept for the United Way campaign this fall.

MADELEINE ADRIANCE, CAS lecturer in sociology, led a round table at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association on the topic "Race Relations as a Course Topic and Classroom Dynamic."

At the same meeting, JAMES E BLACKWELL, CAS professor of sociology, presented a paper on "The Sociology of Access to Graduate and Professional Education" and was the presider for the plenary session on "The Present Significance of Race."

JOHN ROBINSON, director and chief clinical psychologist of the Counseling Center, spoke at the Harvard Med School's staff seminar about "The Psychologist in a Medical Setting: the Psychological Aspects of Patient Care."

PAUL BOOKBINDER, CAS associate professor of history, presented a paper entitled "The Culture of Violence in Weimar Germany" at San Carlos U in Guatemala City in Aug and one entitled "Feme Violence: the Revolution in Attitudes and Values in Post World War I Germany" at the Fifth Annual European Studies Conference sponsored by the U of Neb in Oct in Omaha.

ROS BARRON, CAS associate professor of art, will speak about her video art as part of Artweek Boston 1980 at the Institute of Contemporary Art at 3:45pm on Sun 19 Oct.

Two CPCS faculty members presented papers at the American Psychological Association meeting in Montreal early last month. CAROLE UPSHUR spoke about "Homebased Respite Care for the Severely Retarded" and GARY SIPERSTEIN participated on a panel and spoke about "Intervention Strategies: Emotions and Attitudes" and discussed his paper "Strategy to Change Children's Attitudes Toward Mentally Retarded Peers."

RICARDO NAVASRUIZ, CAS Professor of Spanish, appeared on Channel 7 TV Program ECO to discuss Argentinian President Sarmiento. He also commented on the translation of his work Facundo by Mrs. Mann.

PETER OTT, CAS associate professor of German, gave a lecture on Arno Schmidt at New York U, in conjunction with the "Deutsches Haus," the Goethe Institute and Helen & Kurt Wolff Books. The event honored the English translation of Schmidt's last book, Evening Edged in Gold, recently published by Helen Wolff. As a Schmidt expert, Ott consulted and assisted in an editorial capacity in the translation.

EXHIBITING

Two members of the Art Dept faculty, ROSWELL ANGIER and LORIE NOVAK, have photos in "Contemporary Photographs," the exhibit at Harvard U's Fogg Art Museum through 12 Nov.

KAREN SMILEY is showing in the exhibition "Four Maine Photographers" at Westbrook College in Portland through 11 Oct.

Robert C Wood, U Mass president 1970-77, led off the Sperry and Hutchinson Foundation lecture series for the CAS Honors Program with a talk on "A Goal for the 1980s: Cities Without Violence" on 9 Oct.

Others scheduled to speak are Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist J Anthony Lukas on 6 Nov and Kevin Lynch, city planner and author, about "What Makes a Good City" on 20 Nov. All talks take place in the Faculty Lounge on Fl 11 of the Library at 4:30pm. They are open free to the public.

MEMBERS OF CLASS OF '80 ATTEND NATION'S GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Members of U Mass/Boston's Class of '80 are attending more than 30 graduate schools across the country, according to Mary Winslow, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs who directs the University's Graduate Advising Office. Institutions where alumni are enrolled include U of Calif., Purdue, Brandeis, Case Western Reserve, the U of PA, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and Harvard. They are studying more than 30 subjects, including classics, international relations, philosophy and theology.

More than 20 members of the class are in seven law schools. Ten members are studying management. Nine are students at five medical schools, including the Medical College of PA and Tufts.

"We know of at least 100 graduates who entered graduate school this fall," says Winslow. "This is a conservative number, however, because when we collected the information, some students had not yet heard. There are undoubtedly more we don't know about."

ASSEMBLY ACTION

At its 29 Sept meeting, the Assembly approved nominees for several standing committees, recommended that UMB students be permitted to take part in an exchange program with other New England land grant universities, recommended that the vice chancellor for Student Affairs and for Administration and Finance or their designees be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Assembly and approved a combined Budget and Planning Committee.

At its 6 Oct meeting, the Assembly established the Planning and Budget Committee and its composition of six students and 10 faculty members which include as members the following students: two from CAS, one from CMPS, one from CPCS, and ex-officio the Assembly Chairperson and the Student Trustee. In addition, the Assembly also amended the By-Laws to include one staff member on the Steering Committee.

The Office of Grant and Contract Administration recently issued a list of deadline dates for application for research funds. The office has a library for faculty and staff use, as well as research interest questionnaires. By completing the latter you can get on their list to receive program information. For more information call Dolores A Miller x2301.

The Office also reports nine awards for Sept. They went to Barbara Buchanan, CMPS director of field education, and Pat Jerabek, CPCS assistant professor in the General Center, from the Boston School Dept to develop the role of para-professionals and community workers in the public schools; to Laura Cooper of ILT from Boston to continue the Boston Writing Project to Charles Desmond, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, from the US Dept of Education Upward Bound/Special Services for disadvantaged students; to Floyd Fowler of CSR from Harvard; and to Herbert Lipke, CAS professor of biology, from the National Institute of Health to continue his research on insects.

Lucia David of ILT and Hal Mahon of physics each received two awards. One of David's came from the Ford Foundation for an ethnography project; the other from the US Dept of Education for the Puerto Rican Exchange Program. Mahon's came from the Mass Executive Office of Energy Resources to run a series of self-help weatherization demonstration workshops and from the National Science Foundation for UMass/Boston to purchase the instructional scientific equipment. For the latter, a matching grant, Mahon received the maximum permitted -- \$20,000.

URBAN STUDIES PROGRAM REVAMPS

CAS has revamped its interdisciplinary Urban Studies Program offering students a chance to add a Certificate in Urban Studies as an adjunct to their departmental major, according to Timothy Sieber, director. The program is strongly weighted toward the study of contemporary urban American society, particularly the Boston metropolitan area, says Sieber, but it also provides a broad historical and cross-cultural study of the world's variety of urban models. There are 35 CAS courses to choose from. This year Bernard Kramer, CAS professor of psychology, is offering a new course--Urban Studies 101--which will feature guest lecturers from UMB as well as the Museum of Afro-American History, Northeastern, B U, Tufts and Harvard. Kramer is opening the talks free to the public. They take place in Build 2, Fl 3 Rm 617 at 11:30am. On 17 Oct Wilfred Holton, professor of sociology at Northeastern will speak about "The Population of Cities in US" and on 20 Oct about "Urban Geography." On 22 Oct Timothy Sieber, CAS assistant professor of anthropology, will speak about "The Culture of Poverty as Fact and Fiction" and on 24 Oct about "Urban Ethnic Relations" and on 27 Oct Ed Beard, CAS associate professor of politics, and Franklin Patterson, Boyden Professor of the University, about "Urban Politics and Public Policy."

Chancellor Corrigan has invited 12 Boston community leaders to serve on his Advisory Council. They will meet for the first time this week. Members are James F Connors, assistant vice president Boston Gas Co; Harold L Emerson, vice president First National Bank of Boston; Walter Jennings, manager community relations John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co; Harry L Johnson, II, manager community relations Polaroid Corp; Charles Lynch, manager civic affairs Gillette Co; Harold R Masterman, district manager Boston Edison Co; John F O'Leary, attorney, O'Leary, Behar and Kalman; Arthur Osborn, president Mass State Labor Council; Janet Pruitt, vice president marketing Shawmut Bank of Boston; Donald Saunders, president Saunders & Assoc; Simon (Sam) Sawtelle, principal mechanical engineer City of Boston Building Dept; and Barney Walsh, president Boston Building Trades and Construction Council.

The Advisory Council is one way to foster UMB's on-going relationship with Boston. Members will be asked to consult about a range of topics.

TRUSTEES ACTION

At their Oct meeting the trustees approved the FY '82 budget request of \$165.5 million. The increase of \$132 million from '81 is for new programs, inflation and salary increases. The Board also approved the Master of Arts Degree in American Civilization for the Boston Campus.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THE TELEPHONE?

Elementary? N E Tel & Tel doesn't think so. The company has special on-campus workshops they give to help people sharpen telephone skills. Maria Gerardell, telephone supervisor, sponsors these. To sign up for the next session, let her know at x2150.

ATHLETICS

U Mass/Boston received membership in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Charlie Titus, director of athletics, said, "Our membership in the ECAC brings us in line with other member institutions on the East coast and makes us eligible for all the important officiating services and scheduling meetings in all sports. Membership in both the ECAC and NCAA makes our teams eligible for post-season play, based on strength of playing record. It also allows our athletes to be considered for honors such as All American or All East in their sport."

New coaches appointed this fall include Steve Knipstein for men's soccer, Terry Fallon for women's volleyball, Bernard Stratford, associate coach for men's basketball, and Rodney Hughes, assistant coach for men's basketball.

On 1 Oct the Spanish Dept sponsored a lecture by Leah Lerner of Fordham U about the 17th century poet Francisco de Quevedo in connection with the Spanish poet's 400th birthday celebration this year. A grant from the "Comite Conjunto Hispano-Norteamericano para Asuntos Educativos y Culturales" supported the talk.

On 8 Oct, C C Tan, professor of genetics, director of the Genetics Institute and vice president of Fudan U in Shanghai, China, spoke in the Biology Dept series about "Current Research at the Genetics Institute at Fudan University."

JOGGING SAFELY

"Now that school is open and we have the pleasant fall weather, a large portion of the campus community will be out jogging or just walking on the perimeter road," says Charles O Spaulding, director of Physical Plant. "For everyone's sake, I hope you will all take heed of the safety information for joggers from the Massachusetts Safety Council Newsletter.

"Many serious safety problems arise when joggers, bicyclists and/or motorists share the same space - the street. For this reason, jogging should only be done in areas removed from vehicular traffic such as side-walks, foot paths, sports tracks or fields, beaches or other recreational areas. If for some reason a jogger finds him/herself on a road without a sidewalk, jog facing the on-coming traffic.

"After dark joggers should wear light-colored clothing and reflective strips.

"Assaults are a growing problem for joggers - male and female - especially in urban areas. When running, avoid secluded or semi-secluded places where an attacker could conceal himself. Stay in open areas where you can be seen by pedestrian and other traffic. Don't take shortcuts that might take you into infrequently traveled places.

"Statistically, most attacks occur at night or in early morning hours. There is safety in numbers, so try to work out with at least one other person. Finally, always report an assault, even an unsuccessful one, to police."

CAMPUS CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

The Massachusetts Association for Teachers of English As a Second Language is sponsoring a conference on the 1980 Refugee Act and settlement problems of recent immigrants on campus in Build 2 Student Lounge on Sat 18 Oct 9:30am-5pm. Speakers will be Evelyn Lee of the Office of Refugee Affairs in Washington and Harvey Kaplan, an immigration lawyer in Boston. There will also be sessions on the psychological and social stresses of immigration, on job counseling and placement, on the effect of migration on the classroom behavior of Puerto Rican children, on the settlement problems of recent Indo-chinese refugees. All faculty, staff and students are welcome. If you want lunch, call Mary Bonner, x2713.

HYPNOTIST TO CUT SMOKING AND WEIGHT

Janice Donnelly in the Accounting Dept will arrange for hypnotist Bob Richardson to return to campus for sessions with those interested in cutting smoking and weight. Let her know at x2526.

Calendar

INFOFEST

INFOFEST, the multi-faceted, three day gathering of programs, activities and services, will be held 22, 23 and 24 Oct 10am-3pm in Build 020, Fl 1&2 Lobbies.

Sponsored by INFO, all academic and administrative departments, services and programs are invited to participate.

This is the opportunity to generate interest and provide information about the who, what, when and where of activities.

In addition to academic information, there will be music, arts, crafts and general good fun.

To register contact Marirose Donovan, INFOFEST Coordinator x3100.

FLU SHOTS

The Mass Division of Communicable and Venereal Diseases warns of a potentially serious outbreak of influenza this winter.

The Health Service will, therefore, give flu shots during Oct and Nov 9am-12noon Wed and 1pm-4pm Thurs. Local health departments will also give free shots.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

This year's United Way campaign will be launched on campus soon. Under the theme "Life is Worth Giving" each UMass/Boston faculty and staff member will be given the opportunity to give to the United Way and the 167 human care agencies it supports.

The basis of United Way fund raising is voluntary giving. With regard to all charitable solicitation efforts, the Board of Directors of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay believes that (1) giving is a personal matter and a personal decision; whether an individual wishes to give and how much he or she wishes to give are personal decisions to be made by the individual; (2) no form of coercion is acceptable, particularly that which includes any stated or implied effect on the status of personal employment.

● TUE 10/14

EXHIBIT/Ceramic Works by members of the Radcliffe Pottery Studio M-F 10am-5pm Harbor Gallery through 28 Oct. Free.

EXHIBIT/Illustrations and translations of Ronsard and Petrarch by Nicholas Klimer and Lowry Burgess Library.

EXHIBIT/Posters from Goethe Institute Exhibitions Library Gallery Fl 5 through Oct.

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Information Session Rm 419 Downtown every Tue 9am & 6pm Free.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE SEMINAR/for adults every Tue noon Rm 419 Downtown and 6pm Admissions Office Harbor Campus. Free. For details 287-8100.

● WED 10/15

LECTURE/George Higgins Boston Globe columnist "The Perils of Publishing Fiction" sponsored by Extended Day. Faculty Club Lounge 8pm x2277.

● THUR 10/16

SOCCER/@ Framingham State 3pm.

VOLLEYBALL/@ U of New England 6pm.

● FRI 10/17

LECTURE/Dr. Trudy Morrison of UMass/Med Center on "Morphogenesis of Envelope Viruses" sponsored by Biology Dept Build 2 Fl 1 Rm 209 2:30-3:30pm.

● SAT 10/18

CONFERENCE/Immigrants & Refugees sponsored by Mass Assoc for Teachers of English as a Second Language. Build 2 Student Lounge 9:30-5pm. All welcome Free.

SOCCER/with Bridgewater State @ home 2pm.

VOLLEYBALL/with Mass Bay and U of Vermont @ home 2pm.

● MON 10/20

MEETING/Assembly Small Science Aud 2:30pm.

● TUE 10/21

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Repeat Tue 10/14.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE/Repeat Tue 10/14.

● WED 10/22

INFOFEST/Festival-food-fun Build 2 Lobbies Fls 1&2 10am-3pm through 24 Oct.

SOCCER/@ Curry College 3pm.

● THUR 10/23

INFOFEST/Repeat 10/21.

VOLLEYBALL/with Regis @ home 7pm.

● FRI 10/24

INFOFEST/Repeat 10/21.

LECTURE/Dr. Douglas Morse of Brown U Div of Biology and Medicine "Foraging Ecology of Crabspiders" sponsored by Biology Dept Build 2 Fl 1 Rm 209 2:30-3:30pm.

● SAT 10/25

VOLLEYBALL/@ Bryant time TBA.

● MON 10/27

MEETING/Faculty in Faculty Club Lounge 2:30pm Reception follows.

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