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Another Danforth Winner

UMass/Boston has had an enviable tradition of winners of Danforth Graduate Fellowships and another winner this year is senior Mark Kimbrell of Dorchester, who is majoring in Russian. A 30-year old transfer to UMass/Boston from the University of Chicago, he has been here since 1976 and now is planning graduate studies at either the University of North Carolina or the University of Michigan.

Such faculty members as Prof. Joseph Schork and Prof. Anny Newman are proud of the accomplishments of this scholarly student. To win the Danforth, he competed with 2205 applicants around the country; 458 reached the interview stage and some 58 were named winners.

In selecting Danforth Graduate Fellows special attention is given to: (1) evidence of personal characteristics that will contribute to effective teaching and to constructive relationships with students and professional colleagues; (2) evidence that supports the applicant's commitment to a career in teaching; (3) evidence of the motivation, discipline, and purpose required for success in graduate school as well as in the profession of teaching; (4) evidence of academic accomplishment and intellectual ability; (5) evidence of the human sensibilities without which the applicant's career can only be narrow and technical; (6) evidence of a concern for the relationship of ethical and moral values to individual and institutional life; and (7) evidence of determination to achieve a life of service.

Two UMass/Boston students were also honored by being named to the Honorable Mention List: Susan Beattie, Philosophy major, and Deirdre Larkin, who has a double Classics and English major.

An instructor in the College Prep part of the Higher Education in Prisons Program of UMass/Boston, Chris Harris a senior at Boston University, was also a Danforth winner. He plans to go to Boston University or Brown University. His major is American Civilization.

To all, our warmest congratulations.

Another Part of the War
Cont.

For those who lost their vision about the "unjust" war and others who never did grasp the essence of the moral question, Marty reports that "Zahn is convinced that a few dozen people in a quiet way effectively showed that assent to modern war was not universal. They helped enlarge the zone in which people of conscience spoke up and were heard."

Greek Reviews

Euforian De Calcis, edited by Spanish scholar Luis Alberto deCuenca, is the subject of a review in the American Journal of Philology, 99th volume, by Prof. George Leonidas Koniaris, Classics. Our Classicist was also the reviewer in the same journal on Theodoridas, Philoxenos. Die Fragmente des Grammatikers Philoxenos.

Prof. Emily McDermott, Classics, in the 99th volume of the same journal is the reviewer of K.W. Gransden's edition of Virgil's Aeneid Book VIII.

Not Rated X

The Labor Relations and Research Center at UMass/Amherst has lost a 16 mm film "Senority vs. Discrimination." If by any chance the film has arrived on this campus, would you contact Lilian Silver at Amherst at Ext. 2893.

National Student Exchange
Program

UMass/Boston is part of the National Student Exchange Program, which involves 44 colleges and universities around the country. Temporary housing is needed for students coming to this campus which requires hosting for a maximum of two weeks in August. If you are interested and able to accomodate a student who may be able to commute to the campus by public transportation, please call Ellen Engelson in the Registrar's Office at Ext. 2475.

Massachusetts
Psychological Association

As part of its community service program, UMass/Boston is providing facilities for the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Psychological Association at the Harbor Campus on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. Some 500 scholars will be attending general and workshop sessions.

Malraux et Thompson

Prof. Brian Thompson, French, has published critical essays in several publications on Andre Malraux. Among his essays were "Malraux and the Artist's Quest" in Twentieth Century Literature in a special issue on Malraux. Upcoming in the New York Literary Forum, which is also publishing a special Malraux edition, Prof. Thompson is the author of "Visual Imagination in Man's Hope: From Appearance to the Absolute."

He has also had book reviews on Malraux facets in the Modern Language Journal and an article "L'Art et le roman: l'imagination visuelle de romancier entretien avec Andre Malraux" in Andre Malraux IV: Malraux et l'art (Lettres Modernes, 1978).

Rate Changes for Long
Term Disability Insurance

After negotiations between Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company and the University under the Long Term Disability program, the new rate for the Long Term Disability coverage will be \$.80 per \$100.00 of monthly payroll. This new rate will be effective May 1, 1979. A moderate normal increase is reflected in the new rate based on the last twelve months experience.

Year Book Contributor

The World Topics Year Book 1979 is off the press and Prof. Robert Steamer, Political Science, is the author of three essays: Human Rights, Supreme Court and Women's Liberation.

The year book covers commentary of major concerns of the nation and world during calendar 1978.

Prof. Steamer on President Carter's impact on human rights, said: "Certainly President Carter's leadership and emphasis on human rights has had some impact by arousing a greater sensitivity to the issue, but unfortunately there is no universally agreed-upon standard. Unless such agreement is possible, the concept of "rights" will differ from culture to culture, and human beings will continue to suffer indignity, injustice, and mistreatment at the hands of their governments."

Litigation in many areas found the Supreme Court making decisions in vital areas, including the Bakke case, which arose out of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment; criminal procedure cases on illegally seized evidence, and cases which violated the 8th Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

One of the major issues with the Supreme Court was freedom of speech and press, and Prof. Steamer covered the Stanford Daily case, which was debated on the issue of search and seizure of the college newspaper's photo files.

In his women's liberation article, Prof. Steamer noted that "when the United States Senate voted to give new life to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) on October 6, the leadership of the women's movement won a major victory. The seven-year deadline for ratification of the ERA would have expired on March 22, 1979, and although 35 of the needed 38 states have ratified, the momentum toward final approval by the states appeared to have come to a halt.

"Not only was there a lack of enthusiasm for ratification among the remaining 12 states, but four of the 35 states that had approved the amendment were seeking to reverse their action. Although the constitutionality of the move to rescind a prior ratification is questionable, the fact that such sentiment exists suggests that the ERA is in trouble."

Another Part of the War

The war here is World War II as seen by Prof. Gordon C. Zahn, Sociology, in his new book Another Part of the War, acclaimed by reviewer Martin Marty in the New York Times and Robert Taylor in the Boston Globe.

Prof. Zahn was one of 12,000 conscientious objectors during World War II. His book is "not a tract but a narrative, one that forces the reader to wrestle with the issues posed by the theoretical literature on the subject." Dr. Marty adds that "it does so with a full sense of human drama enacted for some months at the camp (Simon) by disciples of Dorothy Day and other critics of American policy."

Rate Changes Cont.

The major portion of the increase, however, is necessitated by the recently passed Pregnancy Benefit Legislation which amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and requires that employers provide benefits for pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions under their fringe benefit programs. Implementation is mandated by April 29, 1979 under this legislation. In addition, the maximum benefits under the program have been increased from \$1,200.00 per month to \$1,500.00 per month.

Application cards are available at the Personnel Office for any eligible employee who is interested in this fringe benefit program. Any questions may be directed to Patrice Rochette, Ext. 2270.

Direct Payments

All individuals responsible for University Grants, Contracts and Trust Funds are reminded of the University Policy in regards to Direct Payments.

The policy states, in effect, that no Direct Payment will be allowed. A valid encumbered Purchase Order must exist and all reimbursement payments must be charged against the encumbrance. The Accounting Office will no longer accept Direct Payment Invoices.

In order to eliminate the necessity of many "standing orders for reimbursements" you may encumber one Purchase Order under the general account object code 63000,68000 (for 13 or 14 Accounts). Invoices may then be processed with the proper specific object code under the reservation of funds. The payment will create two transactions against the account:

1. A payment at the specific object code.
2. A Liquidation (same dollar amount) at the general object code reducing the Purchase Order.

If you have any questions please contact the Accounting Office.

Science Information
Conference

Dr. Barbara Ross, Psychology, was one of thirty-four invited participants to attend a two-day seminar on April 9th and 10th, on "Research Needs and Applications for Indicators Based on the Scientific and Technical Literature," sponsored by the Institute for Science Information, Philadelphia.

Associate of the Danforth
Foundation

Prof. Frances Fergusson, Art, has been selected as a member of the Danforth Associate Program. This program offers interdisciplinary and interinstitutional activities over a six-year period "among faculty who share a broad concern for values in education and society at large and who, as persons interested in teaching and scholarship, share a specific concern for students as persons."

Research on
Desegregation

Prof. James E. Blackwell gave a paper and conducted a workshop at the Conference on Desegregation in Higher Education, sponsored by the Southern Education Foundation in Atlanta. His presentation was on "The Uses of Empirical Research in Desegregation."