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Faculty Development Grants

Thirty-three U/Mass-Boston faculty members have been awarded Faculty Development Grants according to Primo Vannicelli, Associate Provost. "Although the total amount available for such grants is limited, it is encouraging to see the increase in the number of faculty members applying for the awards because such awards have frequently served as 'seed money' allowing the recipients to initiate new projects which have led to major funding from other agencies," Vannicelli stated. These grants have also allowed previous recipients to initiate and revise projects that have led to published works.

This group of summer awards ranged in size from \$180 to \$1,690 and totalled some \$24,000. A total of 50 grant proposals were made to the committee requesting a total of approximately \$100,000. The grants are generated from research trust funds.

Those awarded Faculty Development Grants at this time are: CAS: Anthropology - Stuart Berde, Michael Gibbons, Jr., Barbara Luedtke, Michiko Takaki, Suzanne M. Spencer-Wood; Art - Frances D. Fergusson; Biology - John P. Ebersole, William Hagar, David Policansky, Fuad Safwat, Karlene V. Schwartz, Harland E. Sheerin; Chemistry - Robert Carter, Robert Gelb; English - Pamela J. Annas, Robert Crossley, Susan R. Horton; Music - Martin Pearlman; Physics - Leonard Catz, Harold P. Mahon, Martin Posner, D.V.G.L.N. Rao; Political Science - John D. Spence; Psychology - Claire Golomb; Sociology - Ira Gerstein, Glenn Jacobs and John Bauman, Calvin J. Larson.

CPS: Management - Joseph F. Byrnes, Richard P. Nielsen, Joan C. Tonn.

CPCS: Essential Skills - Lucy Horwitz; General Education - James R. Green, Ann Withorn.

WUMB Wants You!

UMass campus radio station WUMB wants to hear from staff and faculty who have an interest in producing a show for the station next semester. Most desired are a host/hostess for a weekly classical music show, and feature series or public affairs presentations. For more information, contact the station General Manager, Patricia Monteith at extension 2249 or 2250.

Black Leadership Patterns

Assistant Professor Michael B. Chesson, History, recently presented a paper entitled "Black Leadership Patterns in Richmond, Virginia, 1850-1890" at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in New Orleans.

Papers Presented At American Physical Society

Graduate students Sue Levene and Charles Masi, and Dr. Hal Mahon presented papers at the New England meeting of the American Physical Society at Lowell in April. Sue Levene discussed methods for improved waste management focusing on minimizing the volume of waste created, and on recovering resource materials and energy. Charles Masi described the magnetic resonance research he is undertaking for his Ph.D. thesis. Hal Mahon outlined his economic studies showing the need to make more efficient use of electricity because of insufficient investment capital to build enough power plants to keep up with present and forecast growth in use.

Publication Grant

Assistant Professor Barbara E. Luedtke, Anthropology, was one of sixty-six recent recipients of the Ph.D. who was awarded a grant-in-aid by the American Council of Learned Societies for preparation of their doctoral dissertations for publication.

Ms. Luedtke's research project is entitled "Trade in Prehistoric Michigan."

The American Council of Learned Societies of New York is a private non-profit federation of forty-two national scholarly associations devoted to the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning. The program was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Play and Play

Claire Golomb, Associate Professor of Psychology has given two colloquia at the Harvard School of Education. "Play and Cognition: Studies in Pretense Play and Conservation of Quantity" was the subject in March and "Symbolic Play and its Relation to Cognitive Development" was the subject for a seminar presented in May.

Summer Stipend for Shaker Studies

Ms. Jean M. Humez, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies has been awarded a Summer Stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the summer of 1979. Ms. Humez will spend two months in Delaware and Maine making a study of "Female Visionaries in Shaker Communities, 1837-1867."

The visionary writings and drawings of Shaker sisters and brothers in three communities over a thirty-year period will be studied against a background of the political struggle going on inside the Shaker communities.

Published

Glossary of Transformational Grammar by Jeanne Ambrose-Grillet of the French Dept. has recently been published by Newbury House. "This glossary of 182 terms used in transformational grammar turns out, on examination, to be much more than just that."

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The book according to the publisher, "will prove to be not only a major reference on this important school of thought for all linguistic scholars in general, but a particularly invaluable summary for advanced students preparing for comprehensive degree examinations."

Who's Number One?

UMass/Boston's Anthropology Department ranks first in the number of undergraduate majors per 1000 students and seventh in the total number of undergraduate majors among the 289 institutions listed in the Guide to Anthropology Departments published by the American Anthropological Association and the National Directory of Universities. This information was gathered by C.M. Nelson, Anthropology Chairman who stated "considering the size, maturity and resources of the universities with well established programs . . . we can be doubly proud of the size and quality of the program we have built here at UMass/Boston."

Disability Rate Change

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 effective May 1, 1979. A moderate normal increase is reflected in the new rate based on the last twelve months experience.

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.

Prof. Ross Chairs Annual Meeting

Dr. Barbara Ross, Psychology Department, Chaired and introduced the major speaker, B. F. Skinner, at the Eastern Psychological Association annual meeting held in Philadelphia April 18-21. She was also the discussant for a symposium, "Leaders of the Second Generation of American Psychology: G. Stanley Hall, James McKeen Cattell, and James Mark Baldwin."

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 Donald Reid, Director of Advancement, Administration Building, Room 032.

Open Enrollment For Health Insurance

The Group Insurance Commission has announced that there will be an open enrollment from May 14th through May 29th, at which time all employees may transfer their health insurance policies. This transfer from the State's non-regional health insurance plan (Blue Cross-Blue Shield) to the Harvard Community Health Plan or vice-versa will be effective July 1, 1979. Applications, which are available in the Personnel Office, must be made no later than May 29th.

The rate chart below shows the present and new monthly deductions for the most common types of insurance coverage. Questions concerning coverages that are not included on this chart should be directed to the Personnel Office, ext. 2270.

<u>TYPE OF COVERAGE</u>	<u>PRESENT MONTHLY PREMIUM</u>	<u>PREMIUM EFFECTIVE 7/1/79</u>
2,000 Basic life ins. only	\$.22	\$.22
BC/BS - individual with CIC	7.55	9.00
BC/BS - individual without CIC	4.60	5.49
BC/BS - family with CIC	18.03	17.31
BC/BS - family without CIC	10.55	11.60
HCHP - individual	4.37	.75
HCHP - family	16.29	15.59
BC/BS Optional Medicare Extension individual with CIC	3.40	3.55
BC/BS Optional Medicare Extension individual without CIC	2.71	2.84
BC/BS Optional Medicare Extension family with CIC - one spouse over 65 other spouse under 65	10.73	12.33
BC/BS Optional Medicare Extension family without CIC - one spouse over 65 other spouse under 65	7.09	8.11
BC/BS Optional Medicare Extension family with CIC - both husband & wife over 65	6.58	6.88
BC/BS Optional Medicare Extension without CIC - both husband & wife over 65	5.20	5.46