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Special

KENNEDY BACKS FINANCIAL AID IN COMMENCEMENT TALK

"If student loans and grants for college education are defeated in the Congress, this could be a unique year and you could be a special class--the last one whose members come from every sector of our society," Senator Edward M Kennedy told the Class of '81 at UMB's 13th Commencement. "I do not intend to see that happen." The audience applauded when Kennedy said that practically all UMB students who have loans already have jobs and thus can't make up the difference of any financial aid they lose as a result of federal cuts.

Chris Alberto, representing the Class of '81, said graduates should become involved in the political process to prevent reduction of loans and tuition increases.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Bishop Edward G Carroll, retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church; Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, the Senator's mother; Harold J Russell, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped who lost both lower arms in World War II; and Frederick S Troy, Honorary Professor of the University and a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Chancellor awarded Distinguished Scholarship Awards to three members of the faculty. These awards are traditionally presented at Commencement to recognize outstanding scholarship in faculty publications during the previous year.

This year the awards went to Kamal S Bawa, Associate Professor of Biology, whose research has led to advances in conservation and forestry in tropical forests; Lawrence Blum, Associate Professor of Philosophy, who introduced a new area of study to contemporary moral philosophy in his book Friendship, Altruism and Morality; Frank J Nisetich, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Classics Department, whose book, Pindar's Victory Songs, is a translation of the ancient Greek's odes into English poetry.

Joseph S Bloomstein, Material Manager, received the Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to a member of the administrative staff who has shown exemplary skill in carrying out fundamental job responsibilities, excellence and professionalism in dealing with members of the university community, and who has made a substantial contribution to the instructional mission and the quality of university life.

Salvatore Reale, a member of the Class of '82, received the Alumni Association's Student Award. This award is given to an undergraduate for study at UMB based on high academic performance and financial need. Reale is in CAS and majoring in political science.

Additional student awards which were announced at Commencement were the John F Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence to Diane Kimbrell, '81; the Alvan S Ryan Award for Distinguished Graduate Study in English to Sarah Boslaugh, MA in English; and the John W Ryan Award for the highest cumulative average achieved in four semesters during freshman and sophomore years to Maria Motta, CAS Class of '82.

HONORED

ANDREA SCHEIN, Director of the Disabled Student Center, has been elected President of the Massachusetts Association on Handicapped Student Service Programs in Post-Secondary Education.

ARTHUR MACEWAN, CAS Associate Professor of Economics, is one of 15 who received a German Marshall Fellowship. He was chosen from more than 225 North American and European applicants. The fellowship will enable him to spend next year in full-time research and writing, studying the relationship between major changes in the international economic order and the disruption of stable economic expansion.

The fellowship program, sponsored by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, supports comparative analysis of political, social and economic problems common to advanced industrial societies.

FRANCIS L BRODERICK, Commonwealth Professor and former Chancellor of UMB, has been named a member of the Board of Trustees of Merrimack College in North Andover.

EFRAIN BARRADAS, CAS Assistant Professor in the Spanish and Portuguese Department, has recently been elected a member of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

PUBLISHING

JOHN CAIAZZA, Associate Director of Student Financial Management, had his article "Analyzing the Social 'Scientist'" published in the Spring/Summer '81 issue of The Intercollegiate Review. He also reviewed Entropy: A New World View, by Jeremy Rifkin, in the March/April issue of The Chronicles of Culture.

JOHN C PAPAGEORGIOU, CMPS Professor and Chairman of the Management Sciences Department, published an article on "Need for Specialized Books in Operations Management" in the May-June '81 issue of The Operations Management Newsletter.

PROMOTED

ELIZABETH MOCK has been promoted from Serials Acquisitions Librarian to Manuscripts and Archives Librarian.

REBECCA BREEDLOVE takes Mock's former position, becoming Serials Acquisitions Librarian.

APPOINTED

RICHARD MC ELROY has been appointed Assistant Fine Arts Librarian. Formerly associated with the Fine Arts Library at Harvard U, McElroy earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts at Mass College of Art and his Master of Library Science at Simmons College.

ERIKA REYES has been appointed to the Library Acquisitions Dept staff. She has undergraduate and library degrees from the U of Chile in Santiago.

SPEAKING

In May, BILL POLLARD, Assistant Director of the Disabled Student Center, spoke on the educational opportunities for the disabled at a seminar for students and professionals at Tufts Medical School.

LAWRENCE FOSTER, Director of the Law and Justice Program, was a featured panelist on Channel 4's "Impact" program on 20 April. This one and one half hour program was devoted to a discussion of issues concerning crime, mandatory sentencing, Governor King's anti-crime package, prisons, and alternatives to prisons. Other panelists included: Louis Berman, Acting Commissioner of Corrections; Dennis Curran, Legal Counsel to Governor King; Alan Dershowitz, Professor of Law at Harvard University; and the Honorable Albert Kramer, Presiding Justice, Quincy District Court.

SCOTT BASS, CPCS Associate Professor in the Community Planning Center, spoke on the topic "Key Players, Power and Decision Makers" at the June Training Institute, "Minority Management in Health and Human Services," sponsored by the Greater Lynn Community Mental Health Center of Union Hospital and the Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Programs of Region I of the U S Dept of Health and Human Services.

WALTER GROSSMANN, Library Director and Professor of History, recently spoke about religious toleration to a seminar funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities at the U of Pa.

DOING

CHANCELLOR CORRIGAN spent five days last month visiting the UMB program in Freiburg, Germany. The program offers American students a cooperative international educational opportunity to study for a year as regular students at the University of Freiburg, earning credits toward U Mass degrees. It is open to graduate and upper division undergraduate students.

This year Ray Bronk, CPCS Associate Professor in the General Center, directed the Freiburg Program.

UMB also offers a summer program in Freiburg.

The Chancellor also attended a meeting in Glen Cove, N Y, of urban school superintendents and urban university heads sponsored by the Division of Urban Affairs of the National Association of State and Land Grant Colleges.

In May, ROGER SURPRENANT, Staff Assistant of the Disabled Student Center, attended the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped Conference held in Washington D. C.

BETTE DAVIS, Director of the Office of International Exchange, placed first in her age category, Women Sub-masters, in Satch's Celebrity Run, a 10 kilometer race to benefit the Special Olympics, held in Boston in May. Her time was 38:04. She was 196th overall. But the coup, says Davis, is that she was the fifth woman, and thus winner of Bill Rodgers' donation, his fifth place NY Marathon medal.

BOSTON-SAN JUAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM CONFERENCE

In June, the Boston-San Juan Exchange Program held its second annual conference sponsored by the Institute for Learning and Teaching (ILT). The program provides a continuity in the education of children who migrate between Puerto Rico and the U S through a teacher and student exchange arrangement.

Participants included Judith Nine-Curt, Associate Professor at the University of Puerto Rico School of Education, speaking on the topic "Cultural Awareness Through Non Verbal Communication" and Luis Fuentes from UMA speaking about "Teacher Training for Bilingual Education." Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Headmaster of Boston's English High School, responded to Fuentes. Efrain Barradas, UMB Assistant Professor of Spanish, also participated. He spoke on the topic, "Reflections on Teaching: Literature of Migration."

The two-day conference featured a talk by Maria Socorro Lacot, Secretary of Education of Puerto Rico. Chancellor Corrigan introduced her.

SERVICE RECOGNITION

On June 16, 24 employees who have served the University for ten or more years were honored at a luncheon given by Chancellor Corrigan.

They are: Ann R Fay and Sarah Levine, Senior Clerk-Stenographers in the Admissions Office; Helen D Langone, Senior Clerk-Stenographer in the Black Studies Program; Ronald J Gerring, Chief Accountant, and Jane Yee Cummings, Head Administrative Clerk, in the Bursar's Office; Thomas E Curran, Technical Specialist in Central Duplicating; Mary T Thornton, Head Clerk in the CAS Dean's Office; Dorothy Hall, Head Clerk in the CPCS Dean's Office; Helen M Kelley, Head Administrative Clerk in the Computing Center; Rima Aukstikalnis, Senior Clerk-Typist in the German Dept; Vera P Beswick, Administrative Assistant in Health Services; John E Carlow, Library Reference Assistant; Richard K Mahoney, Head Clerk in the Mailroom; Kathleen M Gorman, Principal Clerk in the Mathematics Dept; John C Robinson, Electronics Technician in the Media Center; James C Andrews, Technical Assistant at the Nantucket Field Station; Vendela E Carlson, Senior Clerk-Stenographer in the Philosophy Dept; Helen A Kirby, Administrative Assistant, Robert S Curtis, Technical Specialist, Charles Ohrenberger, Head Carpenter, Vincent Meyer, Head of Building Maintenance, and Martin Coyne, Institutional Maintenance Foreman, all in Physical Plant; Carol L Chin, Principal Clerk in the Registrar's Office; and Janice L Underwood, Head Administrative Clerk in the Teacher Certification Program.

MBTA ALTERS SERVICE FOR REPAIRS

The MBTA is making major track repairs on the Ashmont branch of the Red Line. The work will take at least six months. During this time, the MBTA will serve Columbia Station to and from Harvard Station with rapid transit trains every 10 minutes. Commuters coming from stations south of Columbia will be served by MBTA buses. The University will run the shuttle bus service on weekdays between Columbia and the G-2 busway 6:40am - 7pm when the MBTA will close Columbia Station. After 7pm, the University shuttle will operate to Andrew Station. Campus bound shuttle buses will board at Andrew Station on the S Hampton Street side near the bus entrance road leading into Andrew Station.

INTRAMURAL SUMMER ATHLETICS

The Intramural Summer Athletic Program includes activities such as swimming, scuba diving, sailing, badminton, volleyball, softball, water polo and tennis. There is also an exercise class offered M-F noon-1pm.

A road race, racquetball tournament and foul shooting contest are planned for the summer.

For more information about the summer program, call the Athletic Center at x2449 or 2531.

KING INSTALLS FIRST CHANCELLOR

Gov King installed John B Duff as the first Chancellor for Higher Education for the Commonwealth on Fri 26 June in the House of Representatives Chamber at the State House.

Thomas P Melady, Assistant Secretary of Education/designee for the US Dept of Education, gave the keynote address. He spoke about "Higher Education in the '80s: an Overview."

REORGANIZATION

Chancellor Corrigan sent a memorandum to the University community on 29 June about recent developments in Boston area reorganization of public higher education. He wrote:

"As most of you know, the Boston Task Force of the Board of Regents prepared a plan, dated April 1981, which was strongly favorable to UMB's position. In one crucial paragraph, it proposed to 'discontinue governance of Boston State College and assign programs, personnel, and other institutional operation as appropriate to UMass and/or to other institutions within the system of public higher education.' It further stated that 'UMB will be governed by the Board of Trustees of UMass.' A hearing was held in April and the University administration, faculty, and students spoke to the merits of the report at that time.

"However, Dr John Duff had just been named Chancellor for Higher Education and it was his desire to study the situation further. He called in a former colleague, Dr Peter Mitchell, President of Stockton State College in New Jersey, who visited the campuses and talked briefly with the chief executive officers, some faculty, and some students. The result of Dr Mitchell's and Chancellor Duff's study was a new report, first issued on 18 June, passed by the Boston Task Force the following day, and adopted in amended form by the Board of Regents on 26 June. Highlights of this report are as follows:

Consolidate the resources of Boston State College and UMB into a single senior institution, the University of Massachusetts at Boston. The Boston State College Board of Trustees would be discontinued effective 1 Oct 1981.

Relocate facilities of Roxbury Community College to a new 1200-1500 student site in the Southwest Corridor. Pending construction of the new campus, the college would be relocated to a temporary facility.

Establish a Boston Community College with campuses in Roxbury and Charlestown, only after completion of Roxbury's new facility. The report points out that "any merger of the two community colleges, however desirable in the long run, would be prejudicial to Roxbury and its community unless the two colleges enter the merger as equal partners."

Relocate Mass College of Art to the Boston Naval Shipyard in Charlestown. If this is not feasible, the college must either be relocated at or near its present location or on the Harbor Campus. Whatever the college's eventual location, "serious consideration should be given to incorporating the College of Art in the newly constituted UMB as a constituent college of the university, retaining its name and distinctive curriculum..."

"Under Chancellor Duff's proposal a Boston Plan Implementation Board would be appointed by the Regents, and effective 1 Sept 1981 would be responsible for the development of the newly constituted UMB, subject to applicable law and the authority vested in the UMass Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents. The report emphasizes that the Implementation Board is 'not merely advisory to the UMass Board of Trustees, but has a special responsibility to the Regents.' The Implementation Board would consist of 4 members of the University Board of Trustees, 3 members of the Boston State College Board of Trustees, an elected student representative, and seven members of the public.

"The Implementation Board would publish a timetable for addressing all issues by the end of the fall 1981 semester, with all its work completed no later than 30 June 1984.

"There are two crucial changes from the earlier Boston Task Force Report. First, is the complete consolidation of all Boston State College programs, personnel, and students with the University, a decision which works against the earlier desire to create more clearly differentiated missions for each segment of public higher education in Boston. The 1 Oct 1981 consolidation date might also cause considerable hardship and confusion for both personnel and students. The second major change is the institution of the Implementation Board as a board with considerable power outside the authority of the University Board of Trustees.

"Robert H Quinn, Chairman of the University Board of Trustees, gave statements of deep concern about the report to both the Boston Task Force and to the Board of Regents. On 19 June, before the Boston Task Force, he stated that "I will not stand aside and watch the duly-constituted Board be replaced by a new Implementation Board created without legislative mandate." Again on 26 June, before the Board of Regents, Chairman Quinn re-

iterated this position, stating for the Trustees that "we will be happy to cooperate with an advisory, transitional board....but we cannot condone a board which is intended to intrude into the authority vested by statute and oath in the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts... To be blunt, it would be an act by the Regents guaranteed to generate extensive litigation." Nevertheless, Chancellor Duff's report was accepted by the Regents by a vote of 12 to 2.

"The near future holds two more events: on 13 July at 10am, at a place not yet determined, there will be a final public hearing on the proposal. On 14 July at 9:30am in Rm 601 of the McCormack Bldg, a final vote will be taken. There is no reason to believe that the Regents will not continue to support the proposal, although it is conceivable that some amendments might occur.

"The proposal leaves a great many questions completely unanswered. Since the consolidation occurs in the midst of the fall semester, it is clear that classes will continue to take place as originally scheduled, with no disruption. The problems in assuming payroll and other administrative functions have not even been acknowledged in the proposal and need ample attention. Boston State College students would presumably be placed in the unfortunate position of paying University tuition by the spring semester, but, again, this problem has not been addressed. If they are part of the University, then both students and personnel would have appropriate access to the University's curricular and extra-curricular activities, but this, again, has not been addressed by the Regents' proposal. The problems are legion and will require enormous patience and forbearance by the people of both institutions when the consolidation occurs.

"I want to assure you that the University's administration and its Board of Trustees are doing all in their power to ensure that, if a consolidation must happen, that it happens in a legal and organized manner. As Chairman Quinn said to the Regents, 'Reorganization must have goals apart from those of economy, expediency, or tidy packaging....We must provide a healthy chance for education to all the people of the greater Boston community. This will be done best if the process of implementation is clean and unquestioned; it can be done effectively if the mandate of our present, dedicated Board of Trustees is respected. Under these conditions, reorganization of Boston public higher education can be a model for the rest of the Commonwealth of what can be achieved -- instead of a model of what problems to avoid.'"

Calendar

7/7 - 8/3

● TUE 7/7

EXHIBIT/Watercolor Environments Collage: Bruce Bromley, Elizabeth Olbert and Kathy Paton Harbor Gallery M-F 10am-5pm through 17 July.

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 & 6pm Admissions Office Harbor Campus. For details 287-8100. Free.

RELAXATION TRAINING/"Hypnosis and Auto Suggestion" sponsored by Health Education Center 11:45am Bldg-II, Fl-1, Rm-428. For information call x3227.

● WED 7/8

RELAXATION TRAINING/"Autogenic Training" sponsored by Health Education Center 11:45am Bldg-II, Fl-1, Rm-428. For information call x3227.

● FRI 7/10

FOOD & BODY AWARENESS SERIES/"The Art of Conscious Eating" (part two) sponsored by Health Education Center 10-11:30am Bldg-II, Fl-2, Rm-420. For information call x3227.

● MON 7/13

FOOD & BODY AWARENESS SERIES/Part Three Repeat 7/10.

● TUE 7/14

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Repeat 7/7.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE/Repeat 7/7.

RELAXATION TRAINING/Repeat 7/8.

● THUR 7/16

SUMMER SCHOOL/Last Day of Classes for Main Session.

● TUE 7/21

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Repeat 7/7.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE/Repeat 7/7.

● TUE 7/28

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Repeat 7/7.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE/Repeat 7/7.

IN MEMORIAM

William Joiner, Director of Veteran's Affairs, died on 27 May after a brief illness. He first came to the University in 1971.

A scholarship fund has been established at Framingham South High School in his memory. Contributions may be made by sending a check to the William G Joiner Memorial Fund, Mrs Phyllis Starr, 59 Donna Road, Framingham, MA 01701.

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