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Teacher Certification Program

Faculty advisors are asked to take note that February 15th is the deadline for Juniors to make applications for the Teacher Certification Program for the 1972-73 Academic Year.

Admission to the program is granted by the Teacher Certification Program Committee after a review of all applications. Admission is based on department approval, evaluation of academic performance and recommendation of the Coordinator of TCP.

Applicants interested in minority groups and/or Bilingual education are especially encouraged to apply.

Forms and information are available from the secretary in the TCP Office, 4th floor Sawyer Building.

Serving the Commonwealth

Pen point prose from two of the English Department faculty graces the 2/7 issue of Newsweek. Donald Babcock takes exception to the 1/3 article in the newsweekly on the Future University Committee. He says "your report perpetuated several errors about the Boston campus. Especially wrong is your article's implication that our faculty consists of reactionary curmudgeons, likely to respond to such reforms as emphasis on undergraduate teaching and public service with howls...To characterize our faculty as opposed to emphasis on undergraduate education and on urban service is to do the university and the Commonwealth an injustice."

Professor Campbell resented Newsweek's identification of UMass-Boston as the "dilapidated Boston campus" and moves on to say he is "skeptical of the claims being made for universities' being able to reform society when think tanks...have made so little impact in the past decade."

He has a one-liner on the role of liberal arts. "The liberal arts cut two ways--they conserve the past but they also subvert the status quo."

Students In The News

Mary Lawlor's Sunday Herald-Traveler story (1/30) on Model Students Making the Grade includes UMass-Boston sophomore Arlene Cooley, who is working her way through school as a model for the Stevens Modeling Agency. The article describes several women students at Greater Boston colleges and universities who are professional models.

James Dunn was interviewed on television programs (2/1) about his strong views on British paratroopers actions in Northern Ireland. Dunn, a sophomore, is a spokesman for the Irish Republican Aid Committee.

AAPT's New President

Professor Kenneth Ford is the new president of the 13,000 member American Association of Physics Teachers. He was elected at the recent national meeting of the American Physical Society at San Francisco. The Association, devoted to physics education at the university and secondary school levels, is one of the nation's foremost professional societies. Professor Ford was formerly Chairman of the Physics Department at the University of California at Irvine and also was associated with the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

Education Workshop

Victor Atkins (Institute of Learning & Teaching) was a panel member of the meeting of the New England School Development Council. In the workshop on elementary education he spoke on "Is Open Education For All?"

For Your Information

The newsletter of the National Association of State Universities and Landgrant Colleges has this item:

Two state legislators from Burlington, where the University of Vermont is located, have introduced a bill in the Vermont General Assembly that would eliminate public higher education in the state over the next 10 years by gradually phasing out all general fund appropriations for the University of Vermont and the Vermont state colleges and allocating these funds to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.

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The bill is a very simple one. It simply establishes an appropriations schedule that would reduce the state appropriations to the University of Vermont and the Vermont state colleges from \$9 million and \$3.8 million, respectively, in 1971-72 to zero in 1980-81, while increasing the appropriation for the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation from \$2.4 million in 1971-72 to \$11.9 million in 1980-81.

A second section of the bill would essentially convert the board of trustees of the University of Vermont into a private, self-perpetuating board. The board now consists of 23 members -- three appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate, nine elected by the legislature, nine self-perpetuating, and two ex-officio (the governor and the president of the University). The bill would eliminate the election of trustees by the legislature: "The legislature shall not elect trustees after 1976, and those so elected that year and previously shall serve out their terms and shall be replaced by the board of trustees according to their bylaws, which bylaws shall be amended to conform to this act."

Reproduction Capabilities

Within the limits of its financial resources and physical locations, UMass-Boston is provided with adequate copying and mimeographing capabilities. Although the capabilities are not maximally ideal, they are considered sufficient at this time.

Major buildings at the new campus will have copying centers, staffed by trained personnel. However, it is not planned to provide each department at Park Square or Columbia Point with all the various types of reproduction equipment. Reasons: costs, efficiency, and quality.

Library Amnesty

All overdue or illegally borrowed books from the UMass-Boston Library may be returned free from Monday, February 14, to Monday, February 21. Boxes will be placed in the lobbies of Main, Sawyer and Salada, and of course books may also be returned to the Library. There will be absolutely no charges for fines, and no questions asked. Let us get the books back in circulation.

College II

Dean Walter Rosen cordially invites all faculty and students of College II and the University staff to attend an Informal Coffee Hour at the Faculty Club Tuesday, February 8th at 4 p.m.

The American Association
of University Women

UMass-Boston now holds Corporate Membership in The American Association of University Women. The Association demonstrates its commitment to higher education and to cooperation with its member colleges and universities by: supporting a \$6 million fellowships endowment fund; influencing higher education legislation; promoting standards for the education and role of women in higher education, and serving its members through an intensive study-action program.

Dean Dorothy Marshall's office and the library will have the Association's literature such as convention reports, research reports, and periodic newsletters. The Association also publishes a Journal magazine twice a year and a newspaper five times a year.

Grant and Program Information

Information of any material presented in the Bulletin may be obtained from Mr. Jacob Getson, Director of the Office of Grant Development and Community Service, Room 1221 C, Extension 620.

National Cancer Attack
Amendments of 1971

Mr. Rogers (D-Fla.) Chairman of the House Health Subcommittee has introduced the National Cancer Attack Amendments of 1971. This is his current alternative to the Kennedy Bill passed by the Senate for the "Comprehensive Cancer Program". Among the items of the House Bill are the following:

--The Directors of the National Cancer Institute, the National Heart and Lung Institute, and the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke would become Associate Directors of NIH. They would be appointed by the President.

--The Directors of each of the institutes of the NIH would be authorized to award grants of less than \$20,000 without approval by their National Advisory Councils. However, all grant applications would continue to be reviewed by appropriate study sections. (This should speed up the awarding of "small grants".)

--The Bill would authorize \$400 million in FY 72, \$560 million in FY 73 and \$600 million in FY 74. Mr. Rogers is now holding hearings for the Senate Bill and his own. It may well be that the legislation will need to be carried over to the second session beginning in January.

NIH--Contracts

The National Institutes of Health awards both grants-in-aid for unsolicited proposals and contracts for "solicited work". In theory, the contract mechanism (collaborative programs) is used to obtain research needed by the Federal agency. This is a mechanism for obtaining targeted research. A number of investigators who submit unsolicited proposals for basic research are sometimes annoyed by the contract mechanism. They may be even more "annoyed" now that the preliminary figures are out for the collaborative program of the NIH. In FY 1970 the Institutes awarded 2,121 contracts amounting to \$106.2 million. In FY 1971 the Institutes awarded 2,582 contracts at a total level of \$152.5 million. On the other hand, some observers maintain that this is the "way to go". It is their feeling that the mission agencies should support directed research. When the National Cancer Authority is formed, this will be even more relevant... since it is highly likely that the majority of funds for this agency will utilize the contract mechanism.

NSF Research Grant Proposal Budget

Several Faculty members have requested a clarification concerning the submission of a proposal budget for National Science Foundation applications. Appendix III of the NSF Brochure, "Grants for Scientific Research", pages 32 through 35, presents an outline of the budget format requested by the NSF. Under the salaries and wages category a tabulation has been requested for "NSF funded man months" and "grantee man months". Faculty members have inquired whether these columns must still be completed. The answer is yes. The NSF requires this information to keep their computer system happy. If the columns are not completed by the applicant, the NSF calculates what the figures should be according to the salaries requested. However, the Foundation prefers the investigator to make this estimate rather than allow it to be made by the NSF.

DHEW: Alteration and Renovation of Facilities

A recent addition to the DHEW Grants Administration Manual indicates that funds may be used from DHEW grants for alteration and renovation activities associated with the research funded by the award. According to the new Manual Chapter, alteration and renovation is defined as "work required to change the interior arrangements or other physical characteristics of an existing facility or installed equipment so that they may be more effectively utilized for its current designated purpose or adapted to a changed use as a result of a programmatic requirement". The policy goes on to state: "Alteration and renovation costs charged to grants to which this policy applies shall be limited to the costs of modifying

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existing space and utilities within a completed and finished structure. The cost of adapting any of the following building features and the needs of the grant supported activity are allowable:

- (1) Physical characteristics--interior dimensions, surfaces, furnishings, and finishes.
- (2) Environment--temperature, humidity, ventilation, acoustics.
- (3) Utility services--plumbing, electricity, gas, vacuum.

The following costs are now allowable:

- (1) New construction.
- (2) Relocation of exterior walls, roofs or floors.
- (3) Routine maintenance and repair of the institution's physical plant or its equipment.

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