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## People Movers

Poetry moves people, so do ideas, and wheels. And A. S. Plotkin, Boston Globe transportation writer, in a recent article says the "hottest item among transit planners these days is the people mover -- a small, rubber tired vehicle, automated and powered by electricity.

Plotkin's story (2/27) centers on a study now being made by the Vollmer Associates for the MBTA and UMass-Boston for a people mover system at the Dorchester campus. Under study is the feasibility of a guideway which would extend from the campus across Morrissey Boulevard, make a turn to parallel the Southeast Expressway and terminate at the Columbia MBTA station.

A system similar to this one is in operation at Morgantown, West Virginia, linking the campuses of West Virginia University and the city. Others are at the Tampa Airport, and a new one is due for the Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

And if you saw David Brinkley's NBC report (2/29), when he claimed city planning should be turned over to the Disney World people for the achievements they have made at Orlando in people moving, maybe that Mickey Mouse song will have new meaning.

## Travel Advance Funds

This page is not meant to be a travelogue, but Byron Drinkwater (Controller) advises: "All Travel Advance Funds are required to be turned in to the Treasurer's Office by April 1, 1972. No travel advance funds will be distributed after April 1. All persons planning to travel in April, May and June should take note and make their plans accordingly."



A Personnel Note

March 17 will be a Holiday for all Non-Professional employees. As classes will be in session, the Non-Professional employees who may be required to work on March 17th may be granted one day off during the following two weeks.

Payroll checks scheduled for March 17 will be received and distributed on Thursday, March 16.

Any employee who is absent without leave or on leave of absence without pay on any part of his scheduled work day immediately preceding or immediately following March 17, will not be paid for the Holiday.

AAUP

The UMass-Boston Chapter of the AAUP will hold a sherry reception and meeting on Wednesday, March 8, at 4 p.m., at the Faculty Club. Professor Carolmarie Smith of Framingham State College will speak on collective bargaining. Professor Smith is District 10 Delegate of the National Council of AAUP and Legislative Chairman, Massachusetts State Conference, AAUP. All faculty members are cordially invited to attend by Professor Adorna Walia (Spanish Dept.) AAUP Chapter Chairman.

College II

March 17, 8-11 p.m., Harbor Cruise from Rowe's Wharf for students, faculty and staff of College II. Ticket sale at the Dean's Office, Statler. Price: \$2 for faculty and professional staff; \$1 for students and non-professional staff.

Art Gallery

The Boston Globe's art critic Edgar Driscoll, Jr., gave a Four Star review to the recent exhibit at the Art Gallery by Teal McKibbin. "The showing.... a warmly human one in which she mirrors the world around her without fad or fanfare. No environmentalist is she," said Driscoll. "The approach is direct, straightforward drawings of an old-fashioned sort, hard come nowadays. Yet the outlook is strictly contemporary. Old-fashioned she is not."

The "Old" China

Lillian Willens (French) did not like the questions she heard on television by Walter Cronkite and the rest of the video reporters. She felt the newsmen were making the wrong queries of the Chinese people. Lillian simmered like hot pekoe, called a Boston newspaper, and they took her up on her complaints. She was interviewed, and gave some observations about the China of today and the China she knew when she lived there until 1951. Multilingual Willens is quite outspoken on her China observations, and gets more emphatic when she swears in mandarin.



**Biology Grant**

Professor Herbert Lipke (Biology) has been notified by the National Science Foundation of the award of a \$48,000 grant for the support of his project, "Chitin-Protein Links in Anthropod Cuticle." The grant became effective March 1 and is being supported through August 31, 1974.

**College I Meeting**

College I faculty and students will meet today (Tuesday, March 7) at 4 p.m. in Room 222, Main Building. The agenda will include election of presiding officers, approval of the revised constitution, discuss proposals on interim decision making, review proposals on College committee structure and the committee members, and receive the interim report on introductory programs in the curriculum.

**Student Volunteers**

The Dorchester Argus-Citizen (3/2) applauds the volunteer work of UMass-Boston students who work with the staff at Dorchester House in tutoring slow learners. Parents and social workers are quoted on their appreciation of the work headed by students Brian McDonald and Rona Besterman.

**The Commoner Cause**

The College II lecture series held its inaugural event, (3/2) with internationally known Barry Commoner, a leading light in the fight against the environmental crisis. The exploitation of the environment and the dilemma of providing societal benefits -- though they are short ranged -- are problems to be faced by every American.

Dr. Commoner said one of the laws of ecology is there is no free lunch. Someone has to pay. He summarized the problem this way: social issues confront us -- pollution of all kinds and waste. When these issues are studied by the scientists their research produces a body of knowledge. This knowledge must be brought to the attention of the entire country. In a Democracy the proper decisions to be made will be for the benefit of the majority, and as he said, someone has to pay.



Concern for Prisoners

UMass-Boston student Cindy Wood is appealing to faculty members who may wish to help the Libra Women's Committee to find homes for women being paroled from prison. For further information, contact her at 482-1716 or the Libra Committee at 1145 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

ACTION Film Series

The ACTION program is planning a film series with the first one scheduled for Friday, March 10, when "High School" and "Basic Training" will be shown at the Arlington Street Church Hall. "High School" will be screened from 10 to 11:15, to be followed by an hour's discussion. "Basic Training" will be viewed from 1:30 to 3. The discussion will be on personal freedom in an institutionalized society. Admission is free, but the audience will be limited to 200.

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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.

School Aid Widened  
By G. E. Foundation

Dr. Donald J. Watson, secretary of the General Electric Foundation, has announced that the foundation's educational incentive awards to colleges and universities, started in 1971, will be continued this year funded by a grant of \$300,000.

"The primary objective of the program," according to Dr. Watson, "is to stimulate proposals for imaginative changes in curriculum design, teaching methodology, community involvement, administration, and methods of improving efficiency, among others, as applied to undergraduate and graduate education."

The awards, in amounts up to \$75,000 to a single institution, will be made directly to degree-granting four-year schools in the United States.

Transportation Research

President Nixon's budget 1973 budget requests \$5 million for scientific and technological research and interdisciplinary studies...to assure that resources of the higher education community are effectively brought to bear on transportation problems and to encourage greater involvement of universities and colleges with the Department (of Transportation), State, and local governments, and the transportation industry. In addition to mission oriented research, university based seminars and conferences will bring university, industry, and government representatives together for joint study of transportation needs."



Funds for Correctional  
Institution Research

The Connecticut Department of Correction, through its Advisory Committee on Research, has arranged with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals to make available up to \$15,000 to conduct research regarding the social, psychological, and attitudinal implications of pharmacological testing in correctional institutions.

This grant grows out of a concern which the Connecticut Department of Correction and its Research Advisory Committee has expressed with reference to the advisability of pharmacological testing within its institutions.

For further information call extension 620.

NIH: Annual Invention  
Statement

Prior to 1968, an Annual Invention Statement (PHS 3945) was required with all applications to the Public Health Service for continued or renewed support of grants funding research and development activities. In 1968, the DHEW announced that the annual statement would be discontinued and replaced by an invention certification incorporated in all continuation and renewal applications.

Final Allocation of Equipment  
Matching Funds

The Office of Grant Development is making plans for the final allocation of equipment matching funds for Federal Grants. Anyone who anticipates requesting matching funds for this fiscal year must make these intentions known by a memorandum as soon as possible.