Prison Art Exhibit

One of the most ambitious and unique programs of the Cultural Events Committee of Student Activities will be the Prison Art Exhibit in the Gallery, Main Building, which will be held through May 5. The program is the result of several months of work, planning and admirable cooperation between students, prisoners, corrections officials, and the Technical Development Corporation, a non-profit agency which instructs prisoners at Walpole, Norfolk, Concord, Lancaster, and Framingham correctional institutions.

The students headed by Betsy Connors working with Mrs. Anne Evans and TDC director John Haggerty have involved themselves in a very beneficial endeavor.

College of Public and Community Service

Dr. John H. Strange has accepted the appointment by Dr. Robert C. Wood, University of Massachusetts president, as Dean of the College of Public and Community Service. He was introduced to the community via a press conference at the President's office last week.

Currently Chairman of the Political Science Department at Livingston College, Rutgers University, Dr. Strange was nominated by the Dean's Search Committee, comprising faculty, students, and community members. The committee was established by Chancellor Francis L. Brodwick.

Dr. Strange, 33, is a graduate of Duke University and has his masters and doctorate in Political Science from Princeton. His doctoral dissertation was "The Negro in Philadelphia Politics." He has been on the faculty at Duke and Princeton. At Duke he won the Outstanding Teaching Award in 1968.

His publications cover such subject as racial segregation in the metropolis, impact of community action programs in school systems, race, conflict, and urban politics, and the theory, practice and strategies for change.
The most up-to-date copies of class lists will be distributed to faculty. They reflect changes made through the Registrar's Office during the student schedule update period. All students who have withdrawn from class after the first two weeks of the semester appear on the list with a "W" in the parentheses. Faculty are required to update these lists and return them to the Registrar's Office by Friday, April 14, so accurate grade lists and cards may be produced.

If a student has been attending class since the beginning of the semester, but his/her name does not appear on the list, print the name and student number clearly at the bottom of the list in order for the student to receive credit.

If a student not considered to be a member of a class appears on the class list, put an asterisk to the left of the student's name. This will indicate the students whom the Registrar must notify to withdraw from class. Any student who has not been attending class but who does not withdraw by the May 12 deadline will receive and "F" for the course. No faculty member will be able to give a grade of "W".

This update is very important in preparing grade lists. Your cooperation is most imperative in order to meet the April 14 deadline.

Faculty members are requested to bring this to the attention of their students:

Any currently enrolled student not now in Option B is eligible to apply for the program until May 31, 1972. The following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The student should prepare, with the help and approval of a faculty adviser, a statement of his educational objectives. The statement should explain the reasons for course choices and should include the student's general aims and interests as well as an outline of his proposed academic program.

2. The adviser should approve the statement by signing it, and the statement should be submitted to the Advising Office, Sawyer 444. The Advising Office will then send the proposal to the Board of Option B advisers for review and final approval.

Though applications for Option B will be accepted until May 31, proposals received by April 14 will be reviewed before pre-registration. Students with questions should see Miss Sharp, Sawyer 448 - extension 531.
The University of Massachusetts/Boston Music Department will present the Mandala Folk Dance Ensemble in a folk dance exhibition Wednesday, April 12, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. at the Auditorium, 100 Arlington Street, Boston. ADMISSION FREE.

Librarian for Public Services Molly Matson has this communique:

"We are trying to locate several missing reference books which may have been borrowed from the library without a record being made in our charge-out files.

"Would you please look on the shelves in your office (s) and send us a list of any volumes from the UMass-Boston reference collection?

"We would be very grateful because it would help us determine what is missing and what is within the university, but in use.

"Please reply at your earliest convenience."

As of the end of March, F. Donald Costello's office reports that 4455 men and women have applied for admission to the Freshman class and 1612 transfer students also have made applications. Some 86 students have applied for interchange. That adds up to 6,153 students. To date some 2812 have been accepted. In the travails of admissions work, as many of you know, many students make application to a number of colleges and universities. Actual registration falls far short of number who have been accepted.

To meet one of the needs of personnel at UMass-Boston, the fourth floor lounge of the Library building is being made available to staff personnel where they may have their lunch and coffee breaks. It goes without saying that keeping the area clean will benefit everyone.

Today and Wednesday, a five-college computer conference is being held at the Amherst campus to show what is being accomplished with computers available at the campuses. Co-Chairmen are Margaret Grady, Graduate School and Kathleen Cowles, University Computing Center; Professor Bert Mendelson, Smith College; Mrs. Betty Steele, Amherst College; Professor John Durso, Mount Holyoke; Dr. James Watkins, Hampshire College; Dr. William Cooke, UMass Worcester, and Margo Koufopoulos, UMass Boston, and committee members.

All faculty, staff and students are invited. Inquiries may be directed to Margaret Grady at Amherst or at 5-0666.
The Ford Foundation, after several years of careful budget-watching, has reached a "new position of financial stability," according to its president, McGeorge Bundy.

"It does at last seem possible to say that the prospect for a true balance between our commitments and our resources is brighter than at any time in the last six years," Mr. Bundy said in the foundation's annual report for fiscal 1971.

He made clear, however, that Ford would continue a policy of relative austerity at least for the immediate future. Noting that the "overhang" effect of sizable past commitments had combined with inflation in recent years to eat away at Ford's capital, Mr. Bundy indicated that the foundation would make new commitments somewhat cautiously-reassessing the long-range picture "year by year."

He said that Ford, the nation's largest foundation, would tentatively aim to keep its assets at no less than $3.3 billion, "measured in 1972 dollars." A "twin objective," he said, would be to keep Ford's annual budget at no less than $225 million.

For higher education, the annual report did not seem to foreshadow any major expansion of grants. The foundation remains committed to its decision of last fall to devote about $100 million - three fourths of its regular higher education budget over the next six years - to minority interests.

A House of Representatives subcommittee has recommended that Congress authorize the National Science Foundation to spend $673 million for its programs in the fiscal year beginning July 1. The Nixon Administration had asked to spend $646 million.

The panel recommended some $34 million more than the Administration requested for programs to improve college science education and graduate-student support.
Drug-Abuse Bill Signed

President Nixon has signed a bill authorizing nearly $800 million over the next three years for an attack on drug abuse in the U.S. The bill provides funds for drug-abuse education and research and establishes a temporary office under the President to coordinate existing federal drug programs.

Humanities Endowment to Stress Continuing Education

Adult education programs will account for about 40% of the $42.5 million the National Endowment for the Humanities wants to spend in fiscal 1973, according to Ronald S. Berman, chairman of the endowment. He told Congressional appropriations committees the endowment will try to help compensate for the "low value placed upon continuing education by our institutions of higher education."

NSF Aids Student Research

Aided by $1.9 million in grants from the National Science Foundation, some 1,300 undergraduates will conduct independent, interdisciplinary research into environmental problems this summer. Undergraduates will serve as project directors and participants will get an $80 per week stipend.

Also, some 1,800 graduate students have been awarded graduate traineeships of $3,000 by the foundation for the 1972-73 academic year. The foundation is phasing out the program, however, and no new students have received traineeships since 1970.

Legislative Developments of interest to Higher Education

Higher Education Conference - A House-Senate conference committee met March 27 to continue work on the omnibus higher education bill, S 659. The committee, which must reconcile differences between two versions of the bill passed earlier by the Senate and House, will resume its sessions after the House returns April 10 from its Easter recess.

Water Pollution

The House, by a vote of 380 to 14, passed a bill March 29 authorizing $24.6 billion over the next three years for efforts to curb water pollution. The bulk of the money would be used for construction of waste treatment plants, but the bill also includes $800 million for basic and advanced research, development and training. It specifically authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to establish and maintain research fellowships. The bill sets a goal of eliminating all water pollutants by 1985 and requires a study by the National Academy of Sciences of the economic, social, and environmental impact of meeting such a goal. The bill also contains a provision barring sex discrimination in any program or activity receiving Federal support under its authorizations. The measure (S 2770) now goes to a Senate-House conference to reconcile differences with the version passed earlier by the Senate.