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Nine Lies About America By Arnold Beichman

The reviewer for Newsweek (May 15) of the new book by Arnold Beichman (Politics) says "Scholar-journalist Beichman tries in his important, hard-hitting book to untangle the knotted logic behind some favorite smears (the 'lies' of his title) laid on America and Americans: we are 'insane,' 'genocidal,' 'Facist,' 'materialistic,' collectively 'guilty,' pinioned under a fraudulent political system, in need of violent revolutions."

Reviewer Oberbeck adds that "Beichman takes on 'the terrible simplifiers' point by point, often with both heat and light, but always with a weather eye on fairness and the facts." He describes our Politics Department colleague as "no cavalier polemicist who argues in self evident truths; he proves what he contends...."

The 314-page book is an expansion of Beichman's New York Times Magazine article last summer.

The Necessary Majority: Middle America and the Urban Crisis by Robert Wood

University president Robert Wood's new book, published by Columbia University Press, was cited by the Boston Globe's urban expert Anthony Yudis in the May 7 edition. Wood's thesis is that incentives or policies controlling land use is the strategy that should be used in solving complex urban problems.

Dr. Wood calls for subsidies for industries which would be willing to locate in new communities, and there should be regulatory measures to control spiraling urban land prices which precludes a wide range of housing choices in older parts of a metropolitan area.

In programs started in the '60s for urban vitalization, Dr. Wood says they have become "increasingly wistful." Factors for this lethargy have many reasons, not the least of which is the war in Vietnam, which have sent the cities on a "long cole slide towards collective vulnerability and despair."

Tuition

At the May 10 Board of Trustees meeting it was voted that tuition for in-state undergraduate students in the Fall would be \$250 for 1972-73, and \$300 for 1973-74. The Trustees came to this decision after meetings with the Board of Higher Education, the Community Colleges and the other state institutions of higher learning. It should be noted that several bills in the State Legislature would have increased tuition for UMass-Boston students to a range of \$700 to \$1100 a year.

Trustees Meeting

The Trustees on May 10 voted:

(1) That the suspension of recruitment at the Amherst and Worcester campuses of the University be lifted; and (2) That the Boston campus be authorized to implement for a one-year period a job placement and counseling program which provides that all recruitment and job placement interviews be conducted off campus. This action is subject to Board review if it adversely affects the interests of the Amherst or Worcester campuses. The program will be fully evaluated in terms of effectiveness and campus acceptance at the end of the one-year period.

That the Board of Trustees accepts the action of the Faculty Senate at Amherst terminating academic credit for courses taught by the Division of Military and Air Science.

It is the policy of the University of Massachusetts to undertake only those research projects in which the purpose, scope, methods and results can be fully and freely disclosed.

Astronomy Exhibit

From May 23 through May 25 some 45 projects by students in Professor Arthur Martin's Astronomy classes will be on display at the Art Gallery. Some of the models include Stone Henge, a work of Druid priests in England that was an early instrument in the Astronomer's art; charts of constellations, models of earth-moon rotations, light pipe meters, and to demonstrate the further interest students have in astronomy, examples of poetry and paintings will be on view.

Lottery News

Although this Bulletin is not published to spread the news of the new State Lottery, a local note may be worthy. The million dollar winner, Joseph Bonica of Newton, has a son Joe, Jr., as one of the UMass-Boston student community. The new millionaire asked his son if he was now interested in going to Harvard. Reply: "Not especially."

World Premiere

The world premiere of The Yellow Sound, a theatrical event based on a script written by Vasily Kandinsky in 1909, was held May 11 in New York's Guggenheim Museum auditorium. The original script for The Yellow Sound is being adapted and will be performed by ZONE, Theatre of the Visual, directed by Harris and Ros Barron, who is a visiting artist at UMass-Boston teaching a course in Visual Fundamentals.

The premiere coincided with the opening of the exhibition KANDINSKY AT THE GUGGENHEIM and a benefit for the museum's Program in the Arts for Inner-City Children. Regular performances began May 12 for a limited run.

ZONE is adapting the script into an hour-long performance, using live action, multiple film and slide images, electronic sound and light, new media sets and costumes. Performers are cast as giants, creatures, dancers and singers.

Grades

While examinations begin tomorrow (Wednesday), it's worthwhile noting that grades are due in the Registrar's office by noon, May 26.

The Henry David Thoreau Award

Dean Walter Rosen (College II) has been named the winner of the first Henry David Thoreau Different Drummer Award. Formal presentation was made aboard the "Bay State", the cruise ship for the College II party May 10 for students, faculty, and staff. The award, originally suggested by News Editor Sherry Thomas of Mass Media was made official with seal, ribbons and citation, commending Biologist Rosen for his ability to finally get the Bay State off the docks.

More than 150 members of College II and their guests enjoyed the harbor cruise. Director of Educational Planning Richard Freeland pointed out harbor sights, including the new campus at Columbia Point.

Action Oriented Student

Tweedy Watkins says, "We go where they're at."

And with that ACTION volunteer Watkins, a junior who is also an RN, described what she is doing in the Uphams Corner neighborhood of Dorchester.

Among what seems a 101 projects, her main one these days is promoting and directing a Health Fair at 500 Columbia Road, Dorchester, on May 20. She has enrolled volunteer health specialists--doctors and nurses--from health agencies to give sickle cell anemia tests, tests for diabetes, nutrition tips, TINE tests, and a variety of other health aids.

Besides the health fair, she has worked in the community on other projects and it's "more than an educational experience."

She is a real exponent of the mix between classroom and community activities. For her it all "comes alive."

Disaffiliation Among Urban Women

This is the title of a recently published study by Columbia University's Bureau of Applied Social Research. The authors are Gerald R. Garrett (Sociology-UMass-Boston) and Howard M. Bahr, formerly of Columbia and now at Washington State.

The study found that aged, isolated women outnumber their male counterparts yet society pays them almost no attention. Many of the female outcasts are jobless and friendless; some are homeless. A few are true skid row women, whose homelessness stems from failure in the socially prized roles of wife and mother. Skid row men, on the other hand, are linked to occupational failure.

The 456-page study is based on interviews with 383 disaffiliated persons in New York City.

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.

Conferees Tentatively
Agree on Compromise
Student Aid Program

House-Senate conferees tentatively agreed on a compromise student aid plan May 4 as they finished their 17th day of work on the omnibus higher education bill. The compromise provides for new Basic Educational Opportunity Grants which would take effect only after appropriations for existing student aid programs reach a certain level. That level is approximately 75% of appropriations for present Educational Opportunity Grants for this fiscal year and 100% of this year's appropriations for the Work-Study program and NDEA loans.

The basic grants would entitle a student (providing sufficient funds are appropriated) to \$1,400 a year minus his expected family contribution, which would be determined according to standards set by the Commissioner of Education. But the grant could not exceed half of the student's need for the funds. This figure could rise to 60% in event that enough money was appropriated for the new program.

Under the compromise agreement, existing EOG, Work-Study and NDEA loan programs would be continued with some comparatively minor changes. The student aid agreement is tentative, as are all other compromises reached by the conferees until they complete their task of reconciling all differences between the two versions of the big bill as passed previously by the House and Senate.

The basic student aid grants were contained in the original Senate version of the bill, but not in the House version. The conferees also have agreed on a new program of matching grants to the states to develop or expand state scholarship programs.

Additional Student Aid Funds

The Senate on May 1 passed a supplemental appropriation bill containing an additional \$294.6 million in student aid funds for the 1972-73 academic year. The bill then was sent to a conference committee with the House, which had not included the extra student aid money in its version of the measure. As passed by the Senate, the bill provided \$130.2 million for EOG grants, \$75.4 million for Work-Study, and \$89 million for NDEA loans. It also provided \$5.8 million for USOE projects for veterans.

VA Medical Training

The Senate on April 27 passed a bill authorizing \$125 million a year to expand the Veterans' Administration's health manpower training programs and those of affiliated medical schools. Among other things, the bill would permit the VA to make grants to assist in the establishment of up to 10 new medical or other health schools or area health education centers. A somewhat different version of the bill was passed by the House last year.

Center to Aid Researchers

A new Clearinghouse and Laboratory for Census Data (CLCD) has been established to provide the nation's researchers and other users with greater access to information collected in the 1970 census. CLCD was formed by the Center for Research Libraries under a grant of \$786,300 from the National Science Foundation. The center worked closely with the National Data Use and Access Laboratories (DUALabs) which operates the clearinghouse and laboratory under contract with the center.

CLCD works only with materials that have been released by the Bureau of the Census for public use; all such materials meet the strict requirements for confidentiality imposed by the bureau. Using the census data base, CLCD will provide summarized information about geographic areas on computer tapes, samples of census returns which can be tabulated to meet the needs of specific users, and a variety of geographical aids, such as maps, for data interpretation.

Endowment to Aid Showing
Of Art Films on Campuses

The National Endowment for the Humanities said this week it is awarding \$50,481 to the National Gallery of Art to enable small colleges and art museums to show a six-part film series on modern art. The 45-minute color films, narrated by Kenneth Clark, originally were produced for ATV-London. Ronald S. Berman, chairman of the endowment, said the film series, "Pioneers of Modern Painting," will be made available to colleges and universities with enrollment under 2,000 and to small art museums for free community showings.

OEO Bill Ordered Reported
In Senate

The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, concluded executive sessions on S. 3010, the OEO Act Extension and has ordered the bill reported. The bill would provide a total of \$2.9 billion over the next three years for the poverty program as follows: \$950 million for FY 72; \$1 billion for FY 73; and \$1 billion for FY 74. Authorizations include annual funding of \$328.0 million for local initiative and \$500 million for Headstart. The Committee expects to file the report on May 7 or 8 with Senate floor action following shortly thereafter.