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Massachusetts Teacher of the Year

Dr. Marie Hayes, head of the English Department at South Boston High School, has been named Massachusetts Teacher of the Year by the State Department of Education. Dr. Hayes is a member of the Advisory Board of the UMass-Boston Upward Bound Program and has contributed her insights and enthusiasm for the work directed here by Jerry Greenfield. UMass-Boston salutes her selection and extends our best wishes that she is named as the national Teacher of the Year. The headmaster at South Boston High School, Dr. William Reid describes her best: "She goes out of her way to find those with potential, then prods and encourages them to develop themselves."

Planetarium Show

Professor Arthur Martin (Physics) has tickets available for faculty and staff who may wish to attend the astronomy presentation Wednesday (December 6) at 8 p.m. at Hayden Planetarium. Through the UMass-Boston institutional membership at the Hayden Planetarium, the facilities for the presentation are being made available to us. The college-level showing will attract more than 300 students, but Dr. Martin has a limited number of tickets for faculty. His office extension is 366.

Payroll Deductions

A recent memo sent by the Personnel Department to all faculty and staff members has advised employees whose paychecks are regularly deposited in the bank to check that deductions from their checks are correct, according to the weekly stubs.

For the benefit of all UMass-Boston employees, the schedule of payroll deductions is as follows:

1. At the end of the first full week following the first day of any calendar month, deductions are made for either Individual or Family Basic Insurance;

2. Deductions are made at the end of the second week of the month for those individuals who have purchased optional insurance;

3. The deductions from the third weekly paycheck of the month will account for Faculty and Union dues; and

4. The fourth check of any month will state Disability deductions for employees who have elected to purchase this type of coverage.
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All paychecks have weekly deductions for Federal and State withholding taxes, depending on the number of exemptions declared.

It should also be noted that since State employees are not covered under Social Security, there are no deductions made for FICA (Federal Insurance Compensation Act). Instead, the majority of employees have a deduction made from each weekly check equivalent to 5% of their gross wages, representing their required contribution to the State Retirement Fund.

Alumni Reunion

More than 500 alumni and alumnae of UMass-Boston returned to 100 Arlington Street for a reunion on November 24th, and the affair is rated with Five Stars. Members of all the graduating classes were on hand to meet with faculty and staff members who attended. President and Mrs. Robert C. Wood also met with the returning graduates. President Lana Brennen and Vice President David White not only planned an excellent event, but everything about it had the warmth and friendship of a family affair. Congratulations to all who played a role in the first of many alumni activities.

Citizen Participation in Community Action

Dean John H. Strange (College of Public and Community Service) is the author of "Citizen Participation in Community Action and Model Cities Programs" in the new special issue of Public Administration Review, published by the American Society for Public Administration. The article by Dr. Strange the review of conditions necessary for successful citizen participation and the techniques available for achieving success. He also reviews the future of such programs. The bibliography lists some 238 sources and 13 films.

Eastern Opera Consortium

Professor Louis Roberts (Theatre Arts II) was a speaker on Saturday at the Eastern Opera Consortium held at Boston University. His topic was "New Theatre Design." Professor Roberts discussed plans for Columbia Point. The Consortium attracted theatre directors, producers, teachers, technical experts and others under the leadership of Elliot Norton, Drama Critic of the Herald Traveler-Record American.

United Fund

Last returns seem to be in for this year's United Fund with a grand total of $5253.20 in cash and pledges. This is the best performance by UMass-Boston people since the school began.
All payments from State 03 funds must have the following information in order to be processed by the Comptroller’s Office at Amherst.

1. Consulting Services must have two executed copies of the written agreement or contract. This agreement and/or contract must state the type of services and the period covered and the daily rate or other type of reimbursement. Any additional charges, such as travel, must be in detail and out-of-pocket expenses must be accompanied by receipted invoices.

2. Legal Services: The invoice must be approved by the Attorney General, unless authorized by statute.

3. Honorarium can be processed on oral agreement, but a written agreement should be obtained if the payment exceeds $100.00 and in every payment which exceeds one day period. The invoice should indicate the purpose of the Honorarium and the date of appearance.

Your cooperation in this will eliminate rejection by the State Comptroller, thus preventing delay in payment.

AAUP

The UMass-Boston Chapter of the American Association of University Professors will hold a brief business meeting on Wednesday, December 13 at 4:15 p.m., at the Faculty Club.

A sherry reception will follow. All faculty members are cordially invited to attend.

College II Senate

"The Executive Committee of the College II Senate regrets that a flyer was distributed over the signature "from the College II Senate majority" implying that the vote to support the strike in sympathy with the students of Southern University was also in support of allegations against this University. This was not the case. No mention of these allegations was made either during the discussion of the issues or in the motion voted by those present."

Holiday Fire Prevention

With the Christmas season approaching, it is time for traditional office decorations, but it is a season that can bring many serious and unsuspecting fire hazards. Take a moment now to read the fire safety suggestions listed below, and prevent a Holiday Fire Tragedy.

1. Artificial Trees: make certain trees are guaranteed non-flammable; if metallic type, use only indirect spot lighting and do not hang lighting sets on tree—possible electric shock hazard.
2. Lighting: lighting sets can wear out or become damaged, so check them closely for worn insulation, broken plugs, loose bulb sockets. Remember to turn all lighting sets before leaving the office.

3. Decorations: use noncombustible materials (glass, asbestos, etc.) Untreated cotton, flock, and tissue paper ignite so easily.

4. Exits: it is extremely important to keep all exit passages and doors unblocked and clearly marked.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowships

Faculty are requested to advise students that the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has announced the availability of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowships for 1973-74. Black men and women who are veterans of U.S. military service and plan to begin graduate school in the fall of 1973 are eligible to apply. All fields of graduate and professional study will be considered. Information and applications are available with Miss Winslow in the Advising Office (Sawyer 2-044).

Last Lecture Show

The College II Seminar Series, "The Last Lecture Show," will present Duncan Nelson of the College II English Department with co-host Larry Fitch ('73 English) on Wednesday, December 6th at 3 p.m. in Room 518W of the Statler. Their seminar will explore "What's in a Name? Would College II By Any Other Name Smell Quer So Sweet?" --- a discussion of the naming of College II, its importance, its implications, its impositions. All members of the College community are invited.

Chancellor Search Committee

The Chancellor's Search Committee is planning a series of interviews with prospective candidates. The first interview will be on December 11 and 12 with Dr. Carlo L. Golino, Vice Chancellor of the University of California-Riverside. At 4 p.m., December 11 at the Faculty Club, the candidate will give a presentation of his views on "Trends and Problems in the Contemporary University." Interested faculty and students are encouraged to attend.