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UMass-Boston Task Force Meetings on "Gray Study" Response Three sub-committees on Housing, Policies, and Transportation have started their meetings to draft opinions for a response to the Justin Gray study on the impact on housing by the move of UMass-Boston to Dorchester. The Policy sub-committee met yesterday and its next meeting is scheduled for March 1 in the Chancellor's Conference Room (12th floor, Main) at 3:15. The next Housing sub-committee meeting will be on February 28th at 7 p.m. in Room 518 Statler. The Transportation sub-committee meets today (Tuesday) at 5 p.m. in Statler 518 and also has a March 1 meeting, same time and place.

The meetings are open to all University people who are interested in these proceedings.

National Nutrition Week

Margaret Studier (Biology) is coordinating plans for the UMass-Boston observance of National Nutrition Week. Among the highlights will be a lecture by Jean Mayer, nationally noted food and nutrition authority, on March 8 at 12:30 in the Auditorium. A series of workshops, displays, and other informational programs are being planned.

Italian Political System

When Professor Stanley Hoffmann (Harvard University) spoke recently in Turin, Italy on Italian foreign policy, one of the resources he used in presenting his paper was a work by Primo Vannicelli (College II Associate Dean) on Interactions Between the European Community, the Atlantic Alliance and the Italian Political System.

Sociology Lecture Series

Everett Hughes, who stands tall in the ranks of premiere sociologists, will be the March 1st speaker in the Sociology Lecture Series sponsored by Sociology I. Professor Hughes will speak in the Gold Room at 12:30. At 75 he is still making contributions to social science, and in his field is remembered as a distinguished professor at the University of Chicago, McGill, Brandeis and Boston College. One of his latest books is "Making the Grade-The Academic Side of College Life."

Photographic Perspectives

The photography lecture series sponsored by the Art Department and the Student Activities Committee has had enthusiastic response in its first two lectures. The remainder of the series held at 8 p.m. on the following dates at the Auditorium (Main) features the following photography experts:

March 9: Peter Bunnell, Professor of the History of Photography and Modern Art at Princeton University.

March 23: Constantine Manos, published frequently in Life, Look, Venture, Esquire, and other leading publications.

April 6: Dave Heath, whose work is on exhibit at the Art Institute, Chicago, George Eastman House, and the Museum of Modern Art.

April 20: A. D. Coleman, photography critic for the New York Times and the Village Voice.

Other artists will speak on May 4 and May 18.

There is no admission charge.

Professor Paul DeVore (Anthropology I) was invited recently to speak to a fifth grade class at the Wellington School in Belmont about Navajo witchcraft and sorcery. The 20-minute planned lecture ran for nearly two hour because the fifth graders wanted more of DeVore.

Nine Lies About America by Arnold Beichman (Politics II) must have the longest track record for reviews after publication. The Boston Pilot came up with a review lately by Thomas McDonnell, an erudite young thinker. "I would have to say," said McDonnell, "that Arnold Beichman's case against the disorders of the American image will be upheld in the general court of public opinion."

Meanwhile, Beichman's typewriter has not been cold. In the February 16 National Reporter he reviewed W.W. Rostow's "The Diffusion of Power: An Essay in Recent History" and in the Boston Sunday Globe (2/11) he reviewed "Franz Fanon: A Critical Study" by Irene L. Grendzier.

Sociology Richard Robbins in the Sunday Herald Advertiser (2/11) wrote a thoughtful analysis of Thomas Sowell's "Black Education: Myths and Tragedies." Although he submits he has reservations about some of Sowell's conclusions, Robbins notes: "Black Education" is right in its central argument. Colleges and universities are indeed appropriate agencies of social change, including racial change. It is good to increase minority group enrollment, to teach the richness and complexit of African civilization to reach out fraternally to the black community beyond the campus."

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They've Been Reading

Inference on Higher Education

Rosamond Rosenmeier (English II), Alma Armstrong (College of Public and Community Service), and Richard Ekman (Provost's Office) were among UMass-Boston participants at a February 23-24 Conference on Higher Education for Urban Women held at Boston University. They discussed a proposed Boston-area council on Higher Education for Urban Women.

The Economics of Women

Instructor Paddy Quick (Economics II) has been on the lecture circuit and her paper given at Oberlin College will be published in its magazine on "The Economics of Women's Liberation." She has also spoken at Wellesley College on "The Economic Position of Women in American Society," and on March 13 will speak at the University of Connecticut on "The Economic Aspects of Women's Problems in American Society." Her research is based on women's contributions to production both in and outside the home, involving an analysis of the development of sex roles and their influence on the organization of production.

Biology Seminar

Dr. Thomas Weyman, Professor of Biology at Harvard University, will speak at the Biology Department's seminar on Thursday, March 1 at 12:30 in Room 406, Main Building. Dr. Weyman will speak on "You Won't Die of Autoimmunity if You Have Four Parents." The seminar is open to the University community.

UMass-Boston Poetry Reading Series

The UMass-Boston Poetry Reading Series on Wednesday, February 28th at 3 p.m., in Sawyer 217 will feature Elizabeth Fenton editor of Woman Poems and Igor Webb of the UMass English Department.

Psychology Films

The Psychology Department will present two films entitled: (Gesural Communication) Microcultural Incidents in Zoos, (Birdwhistle) in color, and Behavioral Modificiation in the Classroom on Thursday, March 1 at 12:30 in Room 215 of the Main Building.

College II Lectures

The College II Student Affairs Committee will sponsor the film The Ancient Games, the ABC sports film narrated by Erich Segal and starring Bill Toomey and Rafer Johnson on Wednesday, February 28 at 4:10 p.m. in Room 515, Main Building.

Dr. Robert Perlman will lecture on "What Do Consumers Expect in Neighborhood Social Services?" on Thursday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 615 of the Main Building. This lecture is sponsored by Bernard Kramer's Issues for Psychology course. All are invited. College I Student Activities Committee

The College I Executive Commission has called for eight (8) students and four (4) faculty members to be elected by the student body to serve on the Student Activities Committee of College I along with the presently elected four students and two faculty members. Of the eight students, two are to be elected from each class (in the senior class this means nominess must be first semester seniors) to serve until elections next academic year.

Nominations are now open for these positions. Nomination forms are available at the Governance Office Room 557 Statler Hilton Hotel building c/o Ms. Serena Nigberg or at the Dean's Office, Salada. Deadline for all nominations is February 28, 1973, at 4:00 p.m. Elections will take place on March 6 and 7.

The UMass-Boston programs on WBUR-FM are sailing along with Professor Donald Babcock hosting the Saturday night program from 8 to 9 p.m. with faculty and students reading and criticising their poetry. Sundays at 9 p.m. is student Kate Potter with Music of the British Isles, and the Monday night reviews of the theater by Louis Roberts are aired at 8:30 p.m.

These programs will continue through March. The April schedule calls for program produced by College II including the taped debate between Arnold Beichman (Politics) and William Percy (History) with Michael Feldberg (History) and Timothy McCarthy (History) on "The New Left: Alive and Well, or Sick and Dying?" Incidentally, the audience was large and responsive for this opening event in the College II series. Another April offering being planned is a series on transportation problems in Metropolitan Boston. The coordinator is Peter Sheinfeld, a student knowledgable on the woes of wheels in this area.

Two faculty members who recently gave papers at national conferences on historical perspectives were Jane Martin (Philosophy I) who spoke at the American Philosophical Association's meeting on "Olafson, Action and History" and Michael Feldberg (History I) who delivered his paper "The Crowd in Philadelphia History, A Comparative Perspective" at the American Historical Association's annual convention.

Professor Martin does not believe there are delimiting aspects in writing history, and analyzes precisely some aspects that do not receive just weight in historical perspective. Professor Feldberg's paper studies uprisings in Jacksonian Philadelphia and aruges that "the use of violence was inseparable from the process of social bargaining" in the conflict for strength and power.

WBUR-FM

Historical Perspectives