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Nutrition Week

You should have been impressed with all the energy, imagination, and just plain hard work that went into Nutrition Week last week, sponsored by the Biology Department. Margaret Studier and her students planned and produced the displays, seminars, lectures and demonstrations that brought nutrition into focus in many areas.

Dr. Jean Mayer, one of the nation's most distinguished nutritionists and Professor of Nutrition at Harvard University, speaking at the main event of the week, interlaced biology, sociology, economics, history, psychology, and politics in his speech at the Auditorium.

Touching on the problems, progress and difficulties in the field of nutrition, Dr. Mayer noted the irony that the migrant workers who gather our food are among the nation's most badly off people when it comes to nutrition. They, with Indians on the reservations, some of our ethnic groups, and the people in Appalachia have such great nutritional problems that their life expectancy rates are lower than the rest of the nation.

He said the Federal Government has done more than any other agency to help promote nutrition programs, "and the cities are the last in the nation. They are doing a miserable job." He cited the lacklustre school lunch program in Boston's schools as an unnoteworthy example.

Danforth Fellowships

The nation has more than 2000 colleges and universities. Many of them submit nominations for Danforth Foundation awards of which 100 are awarded annually.

No wonder then that righteous pride is riding on the news that two UMass-Boston seniors have been designated as Danforth winners this year. They are Deborah Annan and Kevin Bowen, both senior, English majors. The awards call for stipends to underwrite tuition, fees, and living costs for the first year of graduate study. The Fellowships are renewable up to four years.

Congratulations to the students, their teachers, and the Advising Office people.

Beans From an Intermontane Peruvian Valley The Times of London, New York Times, and Science are among the publications that have taken note of Professor Lawrence Kaplan (Biology) and his research with colleagues from Cornell University and the University of Alabama in Guitarrero Cave in the Callejon de Huaylas, Ancash, Peru. The scientists found evidence that Peruvial Indians practiced a well developed system of farming 10,000 years ago. They discovered that remains found in the cave include those of fully domesticated common beans.

Going farther than merely finding the beans, they determined they were fully cultivated, pointing to a farming of quite a sophisticated level. In South America, the oldest cultivation previously known was 4,700 years.

Continually amazing is the life span of reviews spawned by Arnold Beichman's book Nine Lies About America. The UMass-Boston Politics Professor now is reviewed in our latest clippings in the February issue of the AFL-CIO American Federationist and the February 14th edition of Svenska Dagbladet, published in Stockholm. The Federationist's writer Tom Kahn does not waste any verbiage. His opening salvo: "This is a powerful, biting, yet carefully reasoned polemic against some of the more outreagous manifestations of anti-Americanism that were spawned by the New Left of the 1960s and, more importantly came to dominate fashionable sect is of the intellectual and academic world. "

Rolf Englund across the sea concluded his review this way: "The kind of literature which can be considered anti-leftist has been of a very uneven quality. Beichman's book, without a doubt, belongs to one of the best."

Professor Richard Robbins (Sociology I) in the British Sociological Journal (Fall, 1972) reviews The Sociological Eye: Selected Papers by Everett Hughes, who was the speaker at the recent Sociology Lecture Series. Professor Robbins describes Hughes as "the most creative and perceptive of the second generation of what has come to be known retrospectively as the 'Chicago School' in American sociology. Hughes' 'systematic sociology' is a steadiness of vision, says Robbins. It has "a-capacity for a continuous reworking of important themes, such as the sociology of the professions or conflict in race relations."

To offset the potential loss of financial aid to students from the Nixon budget, UMass president Robert Wood at the Trustees' meeting said the Governor and Legislature will be urged to provide \$25 million in schol ship aid for students in public and private institutions. "This is an essential investment for the Commonwealth", he said.

More on Dr. Beichman

The Sociological Eye

Trustees Meeting

Course Withdrawals, Pass/Fail

Summer 1973 Five College Flights to Europe

College II Lecture Series

Issues for Psychology

Faculty members are advised that course withdrawal cards are now available for students wishing to withdraw from one of their courses. <u>Upperclassmen</u> may obtain withdrawal cards at the Advising Office, 4th floor of the Sawyer Building. <u>Freshmen</u> may obtain withdrawal cards from their respective College Offices: College I -2nd floor Salada, College II - 5th floor Statler.

The final date for students to submit withdrawal cards to the Registrar's Office for the spring semester is May 11, 1973.

Pass/Fail cards are now available in the Registrar's Office, 131 Arlington St. A student may elect one course per semester on a pass/fail basis provided he presents a pass/fail option card to the Registrar's Office by March 30, 1973. The grade of pass will be included in the graduation credits but not in the quality points or cumulative average. A Pass/Fail once submitted cannot be withdrawn or changed to a grade. A student must be carrying 3 courses or 12 or more credits during the semester in which he elects the Pass/Fail. The Pass/ Fail deadline is March 30.

The Five College Charter Flights offered in the summer of 1973 will be: 1) round-trip Boston-Paris June 13 -August 18 for \$235; and 2) round-trip Boston-London-Frankfurt June 16-August 24 at \$215 for London passengers, \$245 for Frankfurt passengers. All UMass faculty, staff, students and dependents are eligible. Early sign-up is urged. For information and applications contact International Programs Office, 239 Whitmore, University of Mass-Amherst; telephone 545-2710. UMass-Boston personnel are eligible for these rates.

The guest lecturer for Issues for Psychology on March 15, will be Dr. Edward Reynolds, a member of the Psychology II faculty. The topic will be "Humanistic Psychology and Minority Life" and it will be held in room 1-615 at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The College II Faculty Lecture Series being held on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Faculty Club, 4th floor Library, will have these future programs:

March 21 - <u>Autobiography Of A Family</u> (with a film of the 1930's). A lecture and presentation by Bernard Kramer, Professor of Psychology.

April 4 - <u>Plant/Man Relationship</u>; Maize: Origin and Evolution Under Domestications, The Not So Green <u>Revolution</u>. A lecture by Garrison Wilkes, Associate Professor of Biology.

April 18 - Beyond The Sound of Music: Austrian Vs. German Literature. A lecture by Andrew Boelcskevy, Assistant Professor of German. College II Lecture Series (continued)

Biology Seminar

UMass-Boston Poetry Reading Series

Psychology Films

Blood Donor Day

Assemblages

Economics of Health Care

Library Trustee Candidate

May 2 - The Rise and Fall Of The American Intellectual. A lecture by Arnold Beichman, Associate Professor of Politics.

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Dr. Bettina Harrison of the Biology Department will speak at the Biology Department's seminar on Thursday, March 15 at 12:30 in Room 406, Main Building. Dr. Harrison will speak on "Do You Really Need Your Tonsils?" The seminar is open to the university community.

The UMass-Boston Poetry Reading Series on Wednesday, March 14th at 3 p.m., in the Hale Lounge, will feature Margot Lockwood and Preston H. Hood, III.

The Psychology Department will present a film entitled: Social Psychology on Thursday, March 15 at 12:30 in Room 215 of the Main Building.

Blood can be a river of life when its given in sufficient quantities by enough people who care for other people. The UMass-Boston community has the opportunity tomorrow (Wednesday) to help the life line grow as you roll up your sleeve for an easy, effortless, and that word--meaningful--contribution to someone right nor who needs your blood donation. Any questions? G Joan Cardinal, R. N., Health Services, extension 324.

The University Cultural Events Committee is sponsoring an exhibition of Assemblages by John Baker at the Art Gallery through March 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Baker will give a lecture at the Gallery today (Tuesday) at 12:30.

Joseph Galvin, a junior majoring in Economics at UMass-Boston had an extra dimension for a research paper he was required to do for his course in The Economics of Health Care. The paper was printed as a feature article in a recent edition of the Salem Evening News. Galvin surveyed 100 families in Beverly, Mass. to obtain their views on the quality and quantity of health care in that city. He found that 29 per cent of the sampled were dissatisfied with the overall quality of medical care they receive. Galvin is a student in Professor Louis Esposito's course.

William A. Moffett (History I) is offering his talents and professional capabilities to his home communiof Scituate by being a candidate for the town's boar of trustees of the library. He is stressing the importance of the long-range plans which the board will be formulating this year for the future development of the librar