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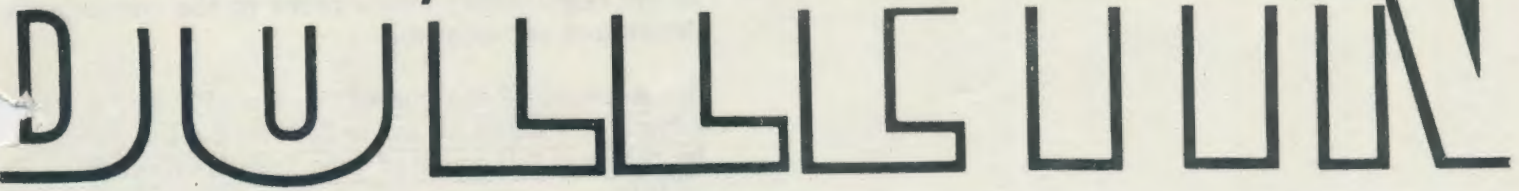
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Brookings Institute

Professor David Podoff (Economics) has been appointed as an Economic Policy Fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington for the period of June 25, 1973 to August 31, 1974. He will be associated with the Social Security Agency as part of the Fellowship program and during the Fellowship, Professor Podoff will work on the improved development and evaluation of the program.

Archaeology Perspectives

Alan P. Cash, a UMass-Boston sophomore, has been selected as one of 12 college students around the nation to participate this summer on the pre-history of the American Southwest with the Field Museum's program on "New Perspectives in Archaeology" at its field station near Vernon, Arizona. Each participant will be asked to devise and execute an independent research project as part of the summer work. This involves the generation of an hypothesis, collection and testing of data, and preparing a paper on the topic. The program is supported by the National Science Foundation.

Inmate Education

Dr. Gerald Garrett (Sociology) was a participant last week at a workshop at Laboure Junior College, Dorchester, with inmates from local prisons, corrections officials, educators, and human services workers. They held the sessions to determine ways to establish an inmate education system and to determine the type of social, technical and academic programs needed in prisons.

Vacation Pay Advances

David Edmonds, Director of Personnel, has advised that salary advances for vacations are subject to these conditions:

1. Employee's request, approved by the head of the office or department authorized to approve vacation absences, must reach the Personnel Office three weeks prior to start of vacation.
2. Request must be for salary, less deductions, for full vacation weeks (Sunday through Saturday only.) Advances cannot be made for a portion of a week.
3. The amount paid in advance, after deduction, will be in multiples of five dollars (\$5), the balance being paid by the next regular payroll check.

Vacation Pay Advances (continued)

4. The vacation salary advance will be included in the regular pay check prior to the employee's departure on vacation.

5. Because of the end of the fiscal year, vacation advances cannot be made for the period covered by the last full week of June and the first full week of July.

Locking Office Doors

Charles Spaulding, Director of Physical Plant, has some words of caution:

"For the protection of personal and state property, it is necessary that all unoccupied offices be locked.

"It takes less than one minute for a thief to enter an office and leave with a purse, typewriter, adding machine, or other valuable material. It may be inconvenient to carry an office key when leaving your office, but it may prevent the theft of valuable state property and help deter a basically honest person from becoming a criminal, for if your office door is locked, a criminal act may not occur.

"The University Campus Police Officers have been instructed to close all office doors, when the office or space is unoccupied.

"If additional keys are necessary, your department head should contact Mr. Vinnie Meyer c/o Physical Plant.

Environment Problems

If there are five tons of sodium for disposal, and you are at the Environmental Protection Agency, how do you solve the problem? If you're at EPA you contact the American Chemical Society's Northeastern Safety Section. And if you're at the ACS, you call in Prof. Ernest Becker (Chemistry) at UMass-Boston. And if you're Prof. Becker, you give the problem of disposing five tons of sodium some deep and serious thought. Laced into these "ifs" is the town of Hingham that wants to know, fast, what the accumulation of sodium stored someplace within its borders, is apt to do. Also, if you're the owner of these sodium deposits, you want to get rid of them as quickly and safely as is possible.

Well, Prof. Becker and his colleagues have given EPA their answer. Now, we await the determination made by that agency.

Wakefield Returns

At least to the UMass-Boston radio program produced by College II on WBUR-FM, Daniel Wakefield has returned. The former visiting lecturer in English here and Shaun O'Connell (English) shared a microphone to discuss Wakefield's new novel "Starting Over" over the weekend.