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University Medal

Some time ago members of the University's Board of Trustees thought it was high time that the University of Massachusetts give deep thought to honoring persons who had contributed in special ways to advance its educational mission. Trustee Carolyn Rowland was named chairman of the committee to advance and implement this idea.

At the Trustees' meeting last week two distinguished faculty members of the Boston and Amherst campuses were named joint winners of the University Medal.

Professor Thomas Brown (Chairman, History I) and Professor Seymour Shapiro of the Amherst campus were selected. Both, in the esteem of their campus colleagues, had already been elected as Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Brown has been on the faculty at UMass-Boston since the first freshmen arrived in September, 1965. He has served on innumerable committees and has been--and is-- a strong force in the growth of this university.

Professor Shapiro is highly regarded by faculty, students and staff at Amherst for his concern about the intellectual as well as the human dimensions of the university.

A public ceremony will be held for the award presentation.

Transportation

Trustee Robert Gordon at the Board meeting last week reviewed for his colleagues the transportation progress related to the new campus.

The Board voted that: "the Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Boston be authorized to solicit bids, in accordance with specifications approved by the President of the University, from private carriers as well as the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to provide bus service and attendant transportation facilities for travel between the campus and the Columbia Point Station or a place in close proximity thereto.

Transportation (continued)

"the Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Boston be asked to present to the Finance Committee by October 23 his recommendations and a detailed budget relative to the costs and method of financing a transportation system."

Meditation Lectures

There will be two introductory lectures in Transcendental Meditation (Sponsored by the Student Center for Alternatives) on Wednesday October 10 at 5 P.M. and Thursday October 11 at 12:30 P.M. Both lectures will be held in Rm. 2-0200. All are welcome to attend.

South End Chamber Series

The first concert in the South End Chamber Series will be given by Professor John MacCombie will perform works by Bartok, Chopin, and original compositions. The series is sponsored by faculty and alumni of UMass-Boston to set up an endowment for the Year of Study in France.

The address of the Chamber Series is 74 Waltham St., diagonally opposite the Cyclorama on Tremont St. For reservations call: 423-4318 or 423-4013. The year's series subscription is \$20. General admission for individual concerts is \$3.50.

Wolozin Honors

Professor Harold Wolozin (Economics II) has recently returned from sabbatical leave in Israel to a very busy schedule. Professor Wolozin has just been appointed to the editorial board of The Journal of Voluntary Action Research and has been asked by the Environmental Protection Agency to provide comment on some new Federal Air Quality Regulations. Also, Professor Wolozin has recently published "Introduction to Economics: An Interdisciplinary Approach," Holbrook Press, 1973 and has on press The Economics of Pollution which he edited.

Law Enforcement Training

Campus Police Officer Paul Maloney is the first of 14 campus security personnel to complete the intensive 10-weeks course at the Massachusetts Municipal Police Officer's Academy at Framingham. Maloney ranked third in a class of 52. Later this month the other security personnel will begin professional training activities.

Centers for Rational Alternatives

A group of campus intellectuals met recently at Rockefeller University, New York to discuss the philosophy of curriculum and the aims and contents of higher education. Professor Arnold Beichman (Politics II) said: "The achievement ethic has been butchered in the last few years. Society has to have

Centers for Rational Alternatives (continued)

a ruling elite. We can't spend such a vast amount of the gross national product on education, and see all the students up in Vermont chewing granola.

"There are plenty of students at New England universities who haven't read a book. The fault is with the high schools. The high school is a house that has burned down."

Influenza Vaccination

Dr. June Pryor (Director, Health Services) advises that the U.S. Public Health Service is recommending annual influenza vaccine series or boosters for persons of all ages who have chronic medical conditions such as: heart disease of any kind; high blood pressure; chronic bronchopulmonary disorders such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, etc. and for all persons over 50 years of age. Immunizations of persons involved in providing essential community services may also be considered. Immunization clinics will be held in the University Health Services, Mezzanine Floor, Main Building, from 8:30 - 10:30 a. m. on Thursdays and from 1:00 - 3:00 p. m. on Fridays. A limited amount of vaccine is available and appointments should be made by calling ext. 324. Immunization is free to students. A nominal charge will be made to faculty and staff.

It is important that the limitations and disadvantages of this vaccine be understood:

Local reactions to the vaccine are not uncommon and absenteeism on the day following administration of the vaccine may run between 20 and 30%.

Complete immunity from influenza is observed in only about 60-65% of immunized subjects, if the type of virus which may be prevalent in the community is the same as that in the vaccine.

Mild flu-like illnesses have been observed following immunization.

The vaccine is contraindicated in persons with certain allergies.

Insurance Rates

There will be a temporary reduction in the monthly premiums paid for basic life and health insurance, due to Presidential Executive Order 11723, which implemented a 60-day price freeze. These applicable refunds will be reflected by the basic insurance premium in the paychecks received on Friday, October 12, 1973.

Employees who were insured prior to July 1, 1973

Insurance Rates (continued)

or were newly insured effective July 1, 1973, will have \$5.56 instead of \$6.28 deducted from their paychecks on October 12 if they had individual coverage during the three-month period of July through September of 1973. Employees with family coverage under these same circumstances will have \$12.21 deducted from their paychecks instead of \$13.89.

Employees newly insured on August 1, 1973 with individual coverage will have \$5.80 deducted instead of \$6.28, while those with family coverage will have \$12.77 deducted instead of \$13.89.

Newly insured employees on September 1, 1973, will have \$6.04 deducted if they have individual coverage, and \$13.33 if they have family coverage.

Please note that this reduction for the retroactive insurance rate adjustment is for one time only; commencing with the November deduction (for December) the premiums will revert back to the original rates that went into effect on July 1, 1973.

In Memoriam

A terrible death in the Virgin Islands touched UMass-Boston hearts last week. Cheryl Barr, formerly a secretary in the Physics Department, was one of the three girls found murdered at St. Croix. A graduate of Boston University, she had taught in Newton schools. The UMass-Boston community wishing to make donations for an appropriate memorial are asked to contact Priscilla Glidden (Personnel), Columbia Point, or Prof. Donald Lyons (Physics), 100 Arlington St. Cheryl made many friends here, and her death is noted with deep sympathy for her family.

Photography Series

The Photographics Perspectives sub-committee of the Student Cultural Committee is sponsoring the highly successful talks and exhibits Friday evenings at the Art Gallery, Main Building. Faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend. As many as 400 have attended recent lectures. The next lecture is October 19 with Jerry Uelsman, noted teacher and darkroom technician.

University Budget

President Robert Wood said the university budget for Fiscal '75 approved by the Trustees is a "stable budget that gives top priority to achieving more efficiency in our operations and increasing the effectiveness of our educational programs". The budget request is \$99,474,000, less than 2 per cent more than last year's request.