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United Way Appeal

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Chancellor Carlo L. Golino, in a letter to the university personnel, calls attention to this year's United Way appeal. UMass-Boston people are asked to give thoughtful consideration to the needs of the people served by 203 agencies. Departments now have pledge cards and informational material about the campaign.

An easy way to give is through the payroll deduction plan. Please return your pledges or your gifts to your department chairman or director or directly to John Larner, Director of Public Relations, Administration Building, Room 372. Larner is chairman of the UMass-Boston effort to help the people aided by the United Way.

One question asked by many is "How much shall I give?" The answer, really, is up to each person's own consideration of the needs of the agencies-ranging all the way from units that work mainly with the elderly through other agencies that specialize in assisting the young. Or, the answer can be this simple: "Give as much as you can until you feel good about it."

The Student Activities Committee invites all members of the UMass-Boston community to attend their film series. Films are shown at the Auditorium, 100 Arlington St. There is no admission charge. The next films will be shown today (Tuesday) at 12:15, featuring the Best of the New York Festival of Women's Films. These are short films produced mainly by women ranging "from lyrical and ironic looks at women's lives to abstract and fantastic views."

Dr. John Saloma, a member last year of the Politics Department, College II, has been named as a special adviser to President Robert C. Wood for intern programs.

In announcing the appointment, President Wood said the current academic year will be a "planning and development year for public service internships at

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the University of Massachusetts."

Dr. Saloma's primary responsibility will be to advise on the development of a major innovational university-wide program providing students with opportunities for direct personal involvement in governmental and political processes.

President Wood said Dr. Saloma will work closely with the university's Boston and Amherst campuses, both of which already have significant public service intern programs. Among them are the federally sponsored University Year for Action program and programs of the newly opened College of Public and Community Service at UMass-Boston.

The programs to be developed by Dr. Saloma will include a Washington program geared to state and local government and community interests in national policy; a program of internships in Massachusetts government and politics; and a program of "new Federalism" internships organized around developments in federal state-community relations.

The Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan has issued a new report on work attitudes. Thomas Mangione, now Assistant Director of the Survey Research Program at UMass-Boston, was one of the directors of this research project. Its findings raise the question: Is our work ethic working?

Some of the conclusions:

- Many young workers are dissatisfied with their jobs.
- 2. Some young workers are taking drugs and are committing sabotage on the job.
- 3. Older workers also are taking drugs and committing sabotage on the job, to a lesser extent than the young men are.
- 4. But it is only among the older workers that dissatisfaction with the job is related to their performance of these undesirable and sometimes illegal acts.

The special report, publicized by King Features, makes these comments:

These findings do not explain the behavior of the young men. While they are among the most dissatisfied of all workers, their dissatisfaction is plainly not

Work Attitudes

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the reason for their conduct. Are they simply bored, and misbehaving for kicks? Do they lack pride? Are they too new in their positions to have a sense of commitment to their careers or their employers? Are they too inexperienced to appreciate fully the implications of their acts? Only further research can discover the answers.

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.

A partnership agreement between the University of Freiburg in Freiburg, Germany, and the University of Massachusetts was signed in President Wood's office.

Contact with the University of Freiburg was initiated in 1964 with the academic-year Freiburg Program of the University of Massachusetts, which admits graduate students and superior upper-division undergraduates with fluency in German. In addition, there is a six-week UMass Summer Institute at the University of Freiburg. UMass-Boston students have been participating in both programs. The newly-signed agreement extends the contacts between the two universities into a close partnership program, which provides for both student and faculty exchanges in all disciplines.

Persons interested in participating in such a program should contact the UMass-Boston representatives on the Freiburg Committee, Bettee Davis (Advising Office, Sawyer 439, ext. 531) or Peter Ott (German Dept., Statler 517, ext. 206).

"This is one of the few uncontaminated places left. Industrial and sewage contamination is virtually nil so it's the closest thing we have to a natural Nantucket Field Station (continued)

ecological system. It's important to know what an undisturbed system does before you can see what a polluted one does."

This is Prof. Wesley Tiffney (Biology) speaking to the writer for the <u>Nantucket Holiday</u> which recently featured the 114-acre field station at Nantucket, and the summer program conducted there. The studies at Nantucket will bear a great deal on the work that UMass-Boston scientists will be doing on pollution problems of Boston Harbor.

A new and valuable contribution to the understanding of bigotry and hatred is in the new book "Racism and Mental Health" published last week by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Dr. Bernard Kramer, Chairman, Psychology II, is the editor of the book with Dr. Charles Willie, Vice President for Student Affairs at Syracuse University and Dr. Bertram S. Brown, Director, National Institute of Mental Health. The book has 15 essays by experts in the fields of pyschiatry, education, sociology, health administration, and demography.

The book calls for reforms in American society and is a search for isolating bigotry and hatred and their effects on the psychological health of blacks and whites.

Dr. Kramer has his Ph. D. in Psychology from Harvard and has been chairman of Psychology II since September, 1972.

The New Bedford Standard-Times recently had a profile on Joanne Ross, ACTION Director. Writer Marian Mitchell reviewed Joanne's exciting and challenging career. And speaking on grave national issues at stake today, she said: "We're still dodging National Health Insurance. Also, the Federal cutback on subsidies for students in higher education has been merciless, affecting particularly the poor whites and minority groups."

She also berated the major cuts in OEO, saying they have been punitive.

The theme of the <u>Standard-Times</u> story, however, was that Joanne Ross is motivated by the desire to get things done and her hope is "that the country moves left of center in taking care of its needy."

## Racism and Mental Health

A Motive Called Desire