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Boston Harbor Study

When Governor Sargent toured the new campus last week with President Robert Wood and Chancellor Carlo Golino, one of the important aspects of the tour was information given to the Governor by Professors Lawrence Kaplan (Biology) and Charles Nelson (Anthropology) on their studies with Professor Michael Rex (Zoology).

In effect they advised Mr. Sargent that: Boston Harbor's twenty-nine islands contain fifty archaeology sites totaling a calculated 2,792,955 square feet in area. These sites cover a several thousand year time span and represent the chief remaining prehistoric record of the Indian life of coastal New England. The historic period too is well represented in the archaeological resources of the Islands.

Threats to these archaeological resources posed by plans for recreational and other use make urgent a detailed assessment of these resources. Without such an assessment based on field and laboratory studies sites that are of critical importance to science and of great potential public interest for visitors may be lost.

In recognition of the scientific and educational importance of Boston Harbor prehistory, UMass-Boston has designed a joint study of the Islands. Since the prehistoric deposits consist largely of mollusc shells and carbonized plant remains the cross disciplinary approach was deemed essential. A seminar in Archaeological Biology has been initiated and several students are being trained in laboratory methods.

In the course of this study will be shown the relationship between prehistoric Indian culture and changing sea level, pre-agricultural food resources, human population size, seasonal activities, relationships to Indians of the coast and the interior as far as the Mississippi Valley.

The immediate use of these studies will be to contribute to an environmental impact statement that will have to be prepared by the Commonwealth if plans for public use of the Islands are implemented.

Preliminary work has been initiated with the aid of

Boston Harbor Study (continued)

Governor's Tour

Honor for Mrs. Marshall

University resources. To support the major fieldwork and preparation of the environmental impact statement a funding proposal has been submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources.

In addition to his briefing on the Harbor study, Governor Sargent described the new campus as "magnificent" and noted that the entire university community has the opportunity to relate to the neighborhood and to urban challenges in the new location.

He had strong interest in the architectural features of the buildings, showing he hasn't lost touch with his undergraduate days as a student of architecture at M.I.T.

On the tour, guided by William Meehan (Planning and Development), Secretary of Transportation Altshuler said the signalization work being done on Morrissey Boulevard is due for completion in early December.

A unique honor is coming the way of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dorothy Marshall. Bryn Mawr-College is establishing the Dorothy Nepper Marshall Chair in Hispanic studies in her name. The Central Committee for Bryn Mawr at the Tenth Decade says, in part, about their former dean: "Through her classes in Spanish Language and literature as well as in Latin American politics and economics, Dorothy Neppter Marshall was an inspired teacher of Bryn Mawr students from 1941 to 1970.

"As Dean of the College, Mrs. Marshall was instrumental in directing the development of the curriculum at Bryn Mawr during a period of tremendous turmoil in American higher education, when it was necessary to respond to the problems posed by expanding fields and changing expectations. The firmness and lucidity of her wisdom made the college community look to Dorothy Marshall for leadership and articulate expression of their educational concerns.

"Mrs. Marshall's colleagues on the Board of Directors have chosen an endowed chair in her name as the most appropriate way to honor her. It is a project that recognizes her great contribution to Bryn Mawr and to the student generations who knew her as both teacher and Dean."

The Dorothy Nepper Marshall Professorship is planned to rotate among the departments contributing to the Hispanic and Hispanic-American studies

Honor for Mrs. Marshall (continued)

Biology Seminars

Training

Women's Studies Colloquium

Economic Development

program at Bryn Mawr. It will permit the College to strengthen a new program and provide opportunities to bring able scholars to contribute their special talents to a developing area study.

The Biology Department is sponsoring a series of weekly seminars on Thursdays at 12:30 in Room 1319, Main Building. The university community is cordially invited to attend.

On November 1, Dr. Edward Maly, Tufts University, will speak on "Inter-and Intra-specific Competition Between Co-occuring High-altitude Copepod Species." On November 8, Dr. Amy Schoener, Biological Laboratory of Harvard University, will speak on "Experimenting with Pocket Size Carribean Islands." The November 15 speaker is Dr. Stephen Sogin of Brandeis University whose subject is "RNA Synthesis During Sporulati or in Yeast."

Acting Asst. Chief of Public Safety at UMass-Boston, James J. Lovett, has completed three weeks of training at the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at Babson College. He has been with UMass-Boston since February.

Thirteen campus police officers are now on a comprehensive 12-week training program at the Boston Police Academy.

Linda Gordon (History I) on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Club (Library) will speak on her research on the history of the birth control movement. Her talk is sponsored by the Women's Studies Concentration. At the Oct. 17th meeting Janet Cohen (Sociology I) spoke on her research about single-parent families.

Professor Monique Garrity (Economics II) was invited by Andrew Brimmer, a Governor of the Federal Reserve System, to present a paper entitled "The Implications of the Evolvement of the EEC for African trade and Development" at the Westfield Conference on Economic Development. The Conference was held at Atlanta University, Georgia, on October 25, 26, and 27.

Professor Garrity has also been invited by the African Institute for Economic Development to attend a conference in Dakar, December 3 through the 12th. The topic of the conference will be, "The Emergence of Agrarian Capitalism in Africa South of Sahara."

Economic Development (continued)

Economics of Pollution

In the Press

United Way

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Paris in January

Professor Garrity is developing both a national and international reputation in the field of African economic development, a course she teaches here.

Professor Harold Wolozin (Economics II) will speak on the Economics of Pollution Control Thursday, November 1, at the Metropolitan Ecology Workshop of Greater Boston, at Hill House, Beacon Hill. UMass-Boston faculty and students are invited to attend. Professor Wolozin is the author of several books on the economics of pollution.

Eleanor Roberts in the Sunday Herald Advertiser (10/14) wrote a full-page feature on the community relations aspects of UMass-Boston and Columbia Point housing development. A thorough, analytical, and, a perfectly professional example of responsible journalism.

In the Boston Globe (10/25) Edward Baez, a student in the College of Public and Community Service is described as 'Boston's only permanent housing inspector of Hispanic decent who doesn't want to keep his job forever." The story by Anne Kircheimer tells of the work of Baez with the Concilio de la Communidad.

In the Christian Science Monitor (10/17) is a book review by Politics Prof. Arnold Beichman. "John Strachey" by Hugh Thomas is a story about the pilgrimage of Britain's Labour minister who moved, according to Beichman, "from Conservatism to social democracy, to Mosleyism, to Keynesianism, communism, patriotism and finally back to social democracy."

Let's go all the way for the United Way. Returns are coming in; our responses should, hopefully, be speeded up. Please send returns--pledges or donations-- to John Larner, Administration Bldg., Room 372.

It has been mentioned several times, and it's worth repeating, items of interest about faculty writings, research, honors, appearances on panels, are earnestly sought. Especially, we want to receive news about our faculty and staff that has appeared in national or professional journals. Send items to Public Relations, Administration Building, Room 372.

UMass-Boston people are eligible for a 5-College flight Boston-Paris, Jan. 5 - Jan. 26. The plane is an Air France Boeing 707; price per person is \$175 round-trip, international tax included. Contact Office of International Programs, 239 Whitmore at Amherst; (413)545-2710. A \$50 deposit must be paid by Nov. 16; the full amount is due Nov. 30.