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University Excellence

President Robert C. Wood, in addressing the faculties of UMass-Boston last week, said he saw in recent Carnegie reports an "anti-intellectual, anti-education mood". Wood said that mood will not prevail, but he said we "are in new times, with new chances that call for new ways to carry out our traditional commitments."

He added that for all our new chances, "one of our opportunities is ancient and constant: to do better the established functions of the university; to excel in research, in teaching, and in service."

"To excel is to lead," he said, "and the central objective of a university within a state system of public education is to be the leading institution in the largest possible number of ways."

"We are probably clearest as to what constitutes excellence in research: originality, reliability, parsimony. Now, on this campus, the means are more and more readily available to satisfy professional curiosities."

"Teaching is also an accepted responsibility, and one this campus has accepted with enthusiasm. But we always need to ensure that we acknowledge the responsibility the University assumes when it admits a willing student. It must respond with interest, concern, and the resources necessary to the task. And, more and more, we need to develop ways of selecting our students on the basis of promise and aptitude, and not prior achievement. We are scarcely a generation away from the time when even our most distinguished universities admitted almost every applicant with little attention to their past academic performance. We may have been spoiled by the selection of students made possible in the admission pressures born of the sixties."

"The public service role remains, in my judgement, the most selective. We can and should help in the world of "practical affairs", but only where we have something to offer. But I hope, as I have said elsewhere, that the capabilities of our faculties

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can be carefully matched to issues involved in the pursuit of peace, the resolution of domestic conflict, and the improvement of the quality of urban life--rather than a commitment to national security matters and space exploration that commanded the attention of too much of the academic community in the past.

"My colleagues, if we can lead in these areas at a time when resources are harder to come by and simple growth no longer is an answer, then we can indeed refute the naysayers among us. Again, we can make plain to public leader and citizen alike the value and the necessity of a great public university. If we do that, it will be a good year."

Juan Carlos Merlo

He had been on our faculty since 1968, winning the admiration and respect of his colleagues and students with his excellence in his speciality of mathematical analysis and his enthusiasm for guiding his students.

Juan Carlos Merlo died a week ago and services were held at Mount Auburn Cemetery. He was 40.

He came to UMass-Boston from the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences in New York. Previously he was on the faculty at the University of Buenos Aires, where he had been an undergraduate and graduate student. He was also a Guggenheim Fellow at the University of Chicago and Washington University.

His loss is deeply felt by all who knew him.

Computer Users Group

A USERS Group is being formed to trouble-shoot mutual "Computer" problems. Please call the Computer Center at Ext. 2385 and give them your name, department and phone extension. It really is imperative that Computer users contact the center at this time because future changes will be made in the system.

Science Library

Tours of the Science Library will be conducted at 12:30 and again at 1:30 during weekdays Friday, March 8. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Applied Anthropology

Susanne Morgan of the College I Sociology Department is also a participant at the 33d Annual Meeting of the Society of Applied Anthropology

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which will be held at the Statler Hilton, March 14-16. Co-hosts for the meeting are the Anthropology Departments of Colleges I and II and Boston University.

Fulbright Award

Monique Garrity, Assistant Professor of Economics, College II, has been awarded a Fulbright Hays Scholarship. Prof. Garrity will spend the 1974-75 academic year in Dakar, Senegal. Mrs. Garrity is an internationally known economist in the field of African Economic Development. Besides her teaching duties at the University of Dakar she will be pursuing her research interests.

C.G. Jung

A special showing of a famous film by Van der Post on Jung's life, including filmed interviews with Jung, will be shown Wednesday, March 13 at 3 p.m. in College I, Second Level, Room 200. The alternate showing is Friday, March 15, at 1 p.m., College I, First Level, Room 033. The film is sponsored by the German Department.

Politics Forum

The Politics Forum is presenting UMass-Boston student, Thomas Vallely, who will talk about the record-making Congressional campaign he ran for Richard Vander Veen in Vice President Gerald Ford's old Michigan District.

The talk will be held at 12:30 p.m., Friday, March 9, College II Library (third floor, west end). All are welcome. Bring your lunch.

Cafeteria Hours

Beginning tomorrow (Wednesday) cafeteria hours in the Administration Building will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; in College I, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and in College II, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vending machine operations are in the College buildings and the Administration Building.

Massachusetts Safety Conference

Prof. Ernest Becker, Chemistry, has been named chairman of the Chemical Safety Committee of the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society's 53d Annual Massachusetts Safety Conference which will be held March 13th at the Statler Hilton.

Prof. Becker organized the program which will discuss "Chemical Waste Disposal and the Law."

Photography Exhibit

An exhibition of photographs by Jerry Greenfield, Director of Pre-Freshman Programs, will be held at the Creative Photography Gallery of M. I. C., March 7 through April 4. The exhibit title is "Liturgical Fragments." He has had one-man shows at the University of Oregon and the Rhode Island School of Design. Artweek has described his work as "embryonic explosions of textures and tones which transcend their own reality to take on new dimensions."

Busing

We are aware of the Hudson buses for our shuttle service and the MBTA buses from Forest Hills and Park Square on campus. But if you see a different one this Friday, it will be carrying a caravan of Watertown High School students who are coming to the campus through the Admissions Office to view the campus. The students pitched in to pay for the bus. Director Donald Costello is their host.

Congratulations

A daughter, Irene Hilda, is making Mr. and Mrs. John Lutts, Jr., smile broadly these days. The baby is their fourth and our Mathematics professor and his wife Ruth are happy to announce the good news. Irene Hilda is their fourth child.

Sociology Colloquium

Department of Sociology, College I is sponsoring a talk by Richard H. Ogles, Department of Sociology, University of Tulsa, who will speak on "The "New Imperialism," Repression, and Revolutionary Praxis and Why Americans Cannot Comprehend A Rational Foreign Policy" on Thursday, March 14, at 12:15 p. m. in the Sociology Lounge, College I, Level 05-41. Students, Faculty and Staff and Public are Invited.

Pass/Fail cards are available in the Registrar's Office. A student may elect one course per semester on this basis provided the Option Card is presented to the Registrar's Office by April 5, 1974. The grade of pass will be included in graduation credit but not in quality points or cumulative average. A Pass/Fail card may not be withdrawn after the deadline. A student must be carrying 3 courses or 12 credits during the semester in which Pass/Fail is elected.

Interdisciplinary 125-126, Science for Survival is a Pass/Fail course. Any student registering for it must take it on a Pass/Fail basis as the only Pass/Fail a student may elect that semester.

Course Withdrawal Cards are available at the student's College Office. Final date to submit Withdrawal Cards to the Registrar's Office is Tuesday, May 7, 1974.