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Thinking and Learning

A major symposium on "The Cultural Context of Thinking and Learning" will be held here on March 20, at 12:30, at College I, Room 88, First Level. Dr. Beatrice Whiting of the Harvard Graduate School of Education will speak on "Analysis of Learning Environments", while Dr. Michael Cole of the Rockefeller University will talk on "The Experimental Anthropology of Learning". A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

Professor Whiting is one of the most distinguished and best known Anthropologists working in the area of cross cultural studies of child development and is the author of numerous articles on the subject as well as editor of the book Six Cultures, a classic in its field. Dr. Cole is equally distinguished, being joint author of a book on Cultural Contents of Thinking, and of an article on "The Experimental Anthropology of Thinking", appearing in a recent issue of Science.

Directing the Conference are Dr. Steven H. Schwartz, Chairman, Psychology and Dr. Barbara Ayres, Chairman, Anthropology.

International Peace Conference

Prof. Thomas Kanza (Politics, College II) took a flying trip to Tokyo the weekend of February 22-25, 1974. The main purpose of the trip was to discuss an up-coming Peace Research International Conference which is scheduled to be held early next fall in Japan.

During his visit in Tokyo, he had discussions with a group of Japanese professors under the auspices of Professor Hiroharu Seki, International Politics, Todai University Tokyo, who is also the Secretary General of the Japan Peace Research Group formed in June of 1966.

Black Brazil

Jane M. McDivitt, Lecturer in Portuguese (Spanish Department), gave a paper at the Luzo-Brazilian Conference at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut on March 2nd, 1974. Her paper was entitled "Black Brazil" and it dealt with the history of Black people in Brazil and the rise of the

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Afro-Brazilian movements in the 20th century.

Moral Issues

First in a series of three talks on Moral Issues: first topic, Euthanasia (Mercy Killing) will be given at UMass-Boston.

Prof. Baruch Brody, Philosophy Department, M.I.T. will speak on the above subject on Thursday, March 14, 12:30, at the Faculty Function Room, 3rd floor, College I. Students and faculty are invited. Bring your lunch.

Annual Alpha Kappa Delta Research Symposium

The College I Sociology Department was represented by four faculty members and four students who made major presentations during the March 1-3 Annual Meetings of the Alpha Kappa Delta Research Symposium held at Virginia Commonwealth University. The Faculty participants were:

Gerald Garrett who presented a paper on "Family Histories on Skid-Row, Women and Men: Sex Differentials in Antecedents of Homelessness and Excessive Drinking";

Janet Kohen who presented a paper on "Deciding Who's Deviant";

Susanne Morgan presented a paper entitled, "The Negotiations of Decisions", and chaired a session on Medical Sociology; and

Stan Nikkel made a presentation entitled, "An Urban Housing Instructional Game".

In addition, four College I Sociology Majors participated in the Conference. Ms. Mary Ann Nee and Roberta Rizzo, both participants in the Sociology and Urban Social Service (SUSS) Program, made a presentation on the uses of game simulations in classroom instruction.

Ken Swan read a paper entitled, "The Male Homosexual in the Boston Community";

and Paul DiNatale read his paper entitled, "Alpha Kappa Delta is the National Honorary in Sociology".

Computer Seminar

The Computer Center's attention has been drawn to an apparent gap in understanding by users of the UMass system, a clouded mystique over the system vs. the actual language being used and how these interact.

The Computer Center would like to offer at this

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time, for faculty and staff users, a short seminar to illuminate the above.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
12 March 1974	12:30 PM	080-03-050
or		
13 March 1974	12:30 PM	080-03-050

Both sessions will be essentially identical. The two dates are for your convenience. Please let us know, by calling ext. 2385, which day you wish to attend, to facilitate room usage.

New Computer System

The University Computing Center will be installing a new computer system, the CDC CYBER-74 during August of 1974 and it will become available to users at the beginning of the Fall semester. At that time, UMass-Boston will have remote batch services available. Time sharing course work will remain on the CDC 3600 for the Fall semester.

Users anticipating even the slightest conversion difficulty should contact Fred Anderson at the Computing Services, ext. 2385.

Beichman Reviews

The Christian Science Monitor carried two reviews by Arnold Beichman (Politics II) in the February 20 and February 27 issues, covering British and international politics. In his review of "Aneurin Bevin: A Biography, 1945-1960" by Michael Foot, Beichman says fortune has not been kind to the Labour Party, something that Mr. Wilson may also be faced with as he begins his duties anew as Prime Minister. In the 15-years of Bevin's biographical life, Beichman notes that his term as a Cabinet member and leading Labourite were among the most "unproductive political acts" in the party's history.

"Philosophy and Revolution: From Hegel to Satre and from Marx to Mao" by Raya Dunayevskaya, reviewer Beichman poses the question, "Is there something in Marxism, in Leninism, in Stalinism, in Maoism, in Titoism, Castroism, Nkrumahism which makes calamity inevitable? Or is it that the ideology is fine but the ideologists go astray?"

Evacuation Day

March 18th is observed as Evacuation Day in Suffolk County, and will be recognized by University employees as a Skeleton Force Day. Because classes will be in session, all departments are expected to provide essential services.

The German Cinema

Profs. Marion Faber and Hans Viertel of the German Department in College are conducting a series of German Films on Thursdays, College I, Second Floor, Room 198 at 12:30. The following films are scheduled:

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| Mar. 14 | Murnau: The Last Man (1924) |
| Mar. 21 | Joseph von Sternberg: The Blue Angel (1930) |
| April 4 | Ernst Ottwalt and Bert Brecht: KUHLE WAMPE (1932) G. W. Pabst: KAMERADSCHAFT (1931) |
| April 11 | Pabst: The Threepenny Opera (1931) |
| April 18 | Leni Riefenstahl: Triumph of the Will (1934)
Alain Resnais: Night & Fog |
| April 25 | Ernst Lubitsch: To Be or Not To Be |
| May 2 | Schlöndorff: Young Torless (1966)
Max Ophüls: La Ronde (1951) |
| May 9 | Kluge: Artists in the Circus Ring |

Sociology Colloquium

Dr. Geri Steiner, Criminal Justice Planner with the Massachusetts Commission on Criminal Justice, will speak on "China: Science Walks on Two Legs" (Slides from recent China visit, including prison, health facilities and mental hospitals) on Wednesday, March 20, at 12:30 in the Sociology Lounge, College I, Level 05-41. The program is sponsored by the College I Sociology Department. Students, Faculty and Staff are invited.

Some Energy Conservation Measures

Do not adjust room thermostats, air conditioners, or heaters. Call the Physical Plant ext. (2251) for any heating or cooling adjustments....

Turn off room lights when leaving area--this is particularly important in classrooms and lecture halls....

In areas with multiple switching, turn on only those lights that are required for a particular task..

Reduce the use of coffee pots (coffee makers are highly inefficient users of energy)....

Do not use portable electric heaters in offices....

Do not use drinking fountain water for watering plants, rinsing out coffee pots, etc. (It requires energy to cool drinking water)....