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Conference on Women and Work

A conference on women and work is the first collaborative program planned by the Women's Studies Concentration of Colleges I and II and women from College III (College of Public and Community Service). All women in the university--staff, students and faculty--are invited to hear the presentations and participate in the workshops on Thursday, April 4 from 4:30 until 10 p. m. in the 12th Floor Conference Room at 100 Arlington Street.

Some goals of the conference are, according to the planners, to help us understand the history of women in the work force; to learn strategies by which women are changing their working conditions; to begin to share resources on careers and the feel of the "work-world." Conference planners are Ann Froines, Women's Studies, and Barbara Buchanan, Nancy Hoffman, and Midge Silvio from College III.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

4:30 tea and coffee

5:00 Presentations

- 1) **History of Women Workers in America**
Ann Froines, Coordinator of Women's Studies.
- 2) **Office Workers in Boston; Strategies for Change**
Staff member of Nine to Five, Organization of Women Office Workers.
- 3) **Women's Education and the Workplace**
Suzanne Paul, faculty, Cornell's Trade Union Women's Studies Program (New York City).

Speakers will participate in workshops.

6:00 Supper

6:30 Two women's histories: Ginny Megin, English, College I; Betty Johnson, College III and Director of Training, Division of Drug Rehabilitation, Department of Mental Health.

- 7:00 Workshops: 1) **Affirmative Action and Legal Strategies for Change**
- 2) **Political Strategies and Unions**
- 3) **Conflicts between work responsibilities and family responsibilities**
- 4) **Specific Careers in Human Services.**

Busy Sociologists

Janet Kohen (Sociology I) chaired the session on "Contradictions in the American System" and served as workshop leader on Sex Roles and Family during the East Coast Socialist Sociology Conference at Rutgers University, in February. Professor Kohen was also a participant in the Radcliffe Institute Conference on "Demystifying the Research Grant" on March 2nd.

Stan Nikkel (Sociology I), who specializes in the Sociology of Housing, has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of an Advisory Group composed of various housing specialists to review and advise the Suburban Housing Project of the Association for Better Living. One of the major functions of the Association for Better Living, sponsored primarily by Ford Foundation, is to assist minority families in obtaining suburban housing.

Gerald Garrett (Sociology I), has accepted an invitation to become a member of the National Task Force on Higher Education and Criminal Justice. This organization promotes the involvement of higher education in correctional reforms and assists its members in their research and applied programs in such areas as community corrections. The other New England member of the Task Force is former Massachusetts Corrections Commissioner, John O. Boone.

Computer Consultants

Statistical Consulting Services are now available at the UMass-Boston Computer Facilities on Tuesday mornings, till noon. Call extension 2385 to schedule the consultants, Tom Marks and Greg Jackson.

Tillie Olsen

Tillie Olsen, author of "Tell Me a Riddle" and visiting member of the faculty in the English Department, College I, will read from her just-published novel, *Yonnonidio: From the Thirties*, on Tuesday, April 9, 12:30 in Science 1-006.

Telephones

All personnel should be aware that it is possible to transfer an incoming telephone call from outside the University. Depress the receiver button once slowly, and you will hear a ring in the background. When the operator answers, give her the extension to which you want the call transferred.

MIT Cooperation

The computer bibliographic searching capabilities of the MIT Libraries are now available to all interested users. Under the auspices of NASIC (Northeast Academic Science Information Center) access to data bases in the following fields are provided: chemistry and chemical engineering, education, linguistics,

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information sciences, business, management, economics, marketing, medicine, and biology and related sciences. On-line and off-line print-outs of citations may be requested.

For further information on NASIC and using the MIT facilities contact Isabel Kaplan at the UMass-Boston Science Library, Ext. 2441.

The Colleges

Chancellor Golino met with the Vice Chancellors, Deans, and Chairmen of Departments offering a proposal for some realignments in Colleges I and II, which is felt will be a long step forward in helping to promote special identities for the Colleges.

The Proposal, now being discussed through the Deans and Chairmen with faculty members, would call for four Central Departments: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.

College I Departments would be: Anthropology, Economics, English, History, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Music (Ethnomusicology), Philosophy (Religious Studies), Asian Languages and Literature, Afro-American Studies, Latin American Languages and Literature, and Women's Studies. College II Departments would be: Anthropology, Economics, English, History, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Art, Classics, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, and Theatre Arts.

In addition, four items on personnel, resources, governance and curriculum development were noted for the Central Department: Personnel - Each personnel action case must go through the Deans of the College to which the individual is assigned. Resources - All accounts are reviewed by Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs only. However in the case of accounts 03 (as it applies to instruction) and 01 the 4 departments will submit requests simultaneously to Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs and Deans. At the time of assignment of a slot to any of the 4 departments, the slot will also be assigned to a college. Governance - All faculty members of 4 departments are expected to participate in governance and committee responsibilities in the college to which they are assigned. Deans will review the record of each faculty assigned to their college and will recommend accordingly. Curriculum development - A joint academic-affairs sub-committee consisting of members from both colleges' academic affairs committee will review all curricular proposals from 4 departments.

All requests from Colleges for curricular services to be supplied by any of 4 departments will be proposed through College Governance and reviewed by appropriate Deans and the Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs.

The overriding feature of the proposal by the Chancellor is for educational and program development which would enhance the students' academic lives at UMass-Boston.