Affirmative Action

The first installment of the Affirmative Action Plan of the University of Massachusetts at Boston is now on file at the University Library for the inspection and study by all members of the campus community.

Dr. Warren Banner, Affirmative Action Director, and Chancellor Golino have submitted this plan to the Regional Office of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Boston. The initial response by HEW to the campus document is also included in the final pages of the document in the Library. Presently, the Affirmative Action Office is in the process of answering questions raised in the HEW response. These answers will also become a part of the document.

If there are any questions pertaining to materials in the present installment and in the material now being prepared, kindly refer your inquiry to the Affirmative Action staff in Room 372, Administration Building.

Freshman Program

Dr. John J. Sullivan, who has been serving for the past year with the Upward Bound Program, has been named acting director of the Pre-Freshman Program, it was announced by Dr. LeVester Tubbs, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Dr. Sullivan received his A.B. degree from St. John's University; Master of Arts in English from Purdue University, and his Doctorate from the University of Virginia.

He has also had Post Doctoral studies at Yale University in Afro-American Studies. Since 1961 he has had teaching assignments at St. John's University, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin, and at the University of New Haven. At New Haven in community activities, he was associated with the Child Care Cooperative, the Morning Sun Free School, and as a volunteer teacher in the High School in the Community program.

Safety Precautions

John Carpenter, Department of Public Safety Chief, has prepared a leaflet for faculty and staff that should be beneficial to all. It contains many worthwhile tips on protection of individuals, personal and university property, and some safe driving tips. He makes note that when safety problems arise that people should call the Public Safety Office at Ext. 2111 for assistance.

Good Samaritan

This is directed to "My Dear Good Samaritan" -- someone from the University who was thoughtful enough to return a diary to

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Mrs. Mildred Stanley of Waltham. Mrs. Stanley lost her diary on the campus and it was returned to her, and although she does not know the name of the person, she has written this note:

"Dear Good Samaritan: I hope this thank you reaches you. I am so grateful for the return of my Diary. Much good luck to you."

A speed reading course will be offered here during the Fall semester for all University employees.

The course, sponsored by the State Employee Training Center, will consist of sixteen weekly films to be shown every Tuesday at 12:30, beginning September 18.

Interested persons may contact Anne Verret, Extension 2495, for further information.

1. AUTOMATIC CHECK DEPOSIT -- The University will automatically deposit an employee's weekly paycheck in his/her checking account at the State Street Bank & Trust Co., at the request of the employee. Forms to request this are available in the Personnel office, 3rd floor of the Administration Building.

2. U.S. SAVINGS BONDS -- United States Savings Bonds may be purchased via the payroll deduction system. Forms and information are available in the Personnel office.

The University has been officially notified by the Commonwealth that Friday, July 5 is a full working day. Skeleton work forces are not authorized. Favorable consideration should be given to staff members who request a vacation day on July 5 in order to effect a long holiday weekend.

As soon as the determination is made, Personnel will notify all departments as to the procedure to be followed concerning attendance reports and check distribution for that holiday week.

A research paper assigned by Professor Raymond Torto (Economics II) to student Wendy Boelitz has made front page news in the Patriot-Ledger in Quincy. The study found that Quincy homeowners are fairly taxed but owners of low-priced homes pay property taxes at 20 per cent above the city's average.

The study was released by the Massachusetts Public Finance Project and funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity. The study pointed out that houses in Quincy worth $10,000 to $30,000 are assessed at 30 per cent of market value, but houses worth over $40,000 are assessed at 25 per cent of the value.

Commenting on the study, Mayor Walter Hannon of Quincy said the report seemed to be accurate.

Ms. Boelitz's study was submitted as an urban economics class paper for Professor Torto. Because of the high quality of the work it was published by the MPFA.
Through an arrangement with the staff of the State Employees Credit Union and the Amherst Personnel Office, it has now become possible for permanent faculty and staff of UMass-Boston to join the Credit Union on an automatic payroll deduction basis.

The benefits of becoming a member of the Credit Union are two-fold: (1) you would have a convenient and safe place to make regular deposits and create a savings account for future use (the dividend rate is currently 5 1/2%, and savings are insured dollar for dollar); and (2) you would be able to borrow money with the approval of the Credit Committee at reasonable rates (Collateral or Automobile Loans up to $3,000.00 and Co-maker Loans up to $1,500.00).

Effective Monday, July 1, application for payroll deduction membership to the Credit Union may be made through Ms. Glidden or Ms. Clifford at the University Personnel Office (not through the Credit Union Office); and your application must be accompanied by a money order or check for $10.00 in order to establish your account. We recommend this method of saving/borrowing, and will be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning the State Employees Credit Union.

How a minus on your paycheck can be a plus in your future.

Sound confusing? It isn't, really. When you join the Payroll Savings Plan where you work, an amount you designate will be set aside automatically from each paycheck. That's the "minus."

That amount will then be invested in U.S. Savings Bonds. That's where the "plus" comes in. Because you're automatically saving for your future, with one of the safest investments there are: U.S. Savings Bonds.

And, by deducting a little at a time from each paycheck, you don't feel the pinch financially. Before you know it, you'll have quite a tidy sum tucked away.

And now there's a bonus interest rate on all U.S. Savings Bonds—for E Bonds, 5 1/4% when held to maturity of 5 years, 10 months (4% the first year). That extra 1 1/4%, payable as a bonus at maturity, applies to all Bonds issued since June 1, 1970... with a comparable improvement for all older Bonds.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1974-1975

FIRST SEMESTER

AUGUST 26 - 30
MONDAY - FRIDAY
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 3
TUESDAY
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

OCTOBER 14
MONDAY
HOLIDAY

OCTOBER 25
FRIDAY
MID-SEMESTER

OCTOBER 28
MONDAY
HOLIDAY

OCTOBER 29
TUESDAY
MONDAY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 27
WEDNESDAY
THANKSGIVING RECESS AFTER LAST CLASS

DECEMBER 2
MONDAY
CLASSES RESUME

NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 4
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY
ADVANCE REGISTRATION

DECEMBER 6
FRIDAY
LAST DAY OF CLASSES

DECEMBER 9 - 12
MONDAY - THURSDAY
READING PERIOD

DECEMBER 13-20
FRIDAY - FRIDAY
EXAMINATION PERIOD

SECOND SEMESTER

JANUARY 13
MONDAY
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

FEBRUARY 17
MONDAY
HOLIDAY

FEBRUARY 28
FRIDAY
MID-SEMESTER

MARCH 22 - MARCH 30
SATURDAY - SUNDAY
VACATION

APRIL 7 - 18
MONDAY - FRIDAY
ADVANCE REGISTRATION

APRIL 21
MONDAY
HOLIDAY

APRIL 22
TUESDAY
MONDAY SCHEDULE

APRIL 25
FRIDAY
LAST DAY OF CLASSES

APRIL 28 - MAY 2
MONDAY - FRIDAY
READING PERIOD

MAY 5 - MAY 13
MONDAY - TUESDAY
EXAMINATION PERIOD

MAY 29
THURSDAY
TENTATIVE COMMENCEMENT