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Student Survey

When some 2500 new freshmen and transfer students arrive on campus at the end of August the Office of Educational Planning will be conducting a survey with them on far ranging subjects that will be beneficial to the University.

The 19-page survey, covering 48 questions, asks about their expectations at UMass-Boston, why they came to this university, work experience, financial data, their views on various aspects of teaching and learning, and many more.

The responses, of course, by individual students will be kept confidential and under no circumstances will individual responses be made available to anyone outside of the Office of Educational Planning.

Prison Paper

The paper, "Interpersonal Dynamics in a Simulated Prison: A Methodological Analysis," by Siamak Movahedi (Sociology, College I) and Ali Banuazizi (Psychology Department of Boston College) has been accepted by the American Psychologist and will soon come out in print.

Bottles Needed

Don't throw away those bottles (baby food, medicine vials (phials), in a word any small bottle without a neck); small boxes (tin, wooden or cardboard); and any other small container that could be used to house specimens.

Send them to the Anthropology Department, College II, Att: Professor Charles Nelson.

Personnel Information

INFORMATION REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION--
The vast majority of individuals who are employed by the University of Massachusetts are eligible for unemployment compensation should their employment terminate for any reason (i. e., layoff, resignation, termination, lack of funds, etc.) Since legislation effecting this eligibility became effective January 1, 1972, the Personnel Office has attempted to provide the Division of Employment Security with correct and detailed information concerning unemployment compensation claims without delay, and as required by law.

It is necessary for the department to complete a Termination of Employment Report form for each employee who terminates for any reason.

Whenever any former employee or current employee in a layoff status files an unemployment claim with any office of the Division of Employment Security, that office forwards to the University a Request for Separation and Wage Information, form 562. This form must be com-

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pleted and returned to the appropriate office of the Division of Employment Security within seven days of their mailing date to avoid costly penalties and fines.

Unfortunately, as a result of information provided by the former or laid off employee, these forms are frequently sent to individual departments, projects or offices within the University rather than to the Personnel Office as is appropriate. Should any department receive any of these forms, or any other request forms from the Division of Employment Security, it is of the utmost importance that they be forwarded immediately to the Personnel Office for completion and transmittal to the Division of Employment Security. Because of the very strict time limitation for the completion of these forms, if at all possible such forms, when received by a department, should be hand-carried to the Personnel Office rather than sent by campus mail.

Any questions concerning unemployment compensation or related forms and procedures should be referred to the Personnel Office (2271, 2272, 2273).

Nantucket Field Station

In its sixth year as a biological facility the UMass-Boston Nantucket Field Station has taken on some community-oriented responsibilities.

The Nantucket Conservation Foundation maintains students Sara Shed and Joel Davis on its Coatue property. This reservation is located on the six-mile-long sand spit that forms Nantucket Harbor. Their primary duty is to control vehicle traffic and the sand erosion that results from it. However, an important reason for their being on Coatue is to carry out research to provide information for intelligent management of the area

Working with the Rangers and James Lentowski, Executive Secretary of the Foundation, the Field Station has devised several research projects for the 1974 field season. Among them are a study of salt spray distribution and its effect on the sand-binding vegetation of the spit, a project designed to assess the impact of four-wheel-drive vehicles, a vegetation survey and a census of breeding birds. The Station has responsibility for designing these efforts and for data analysis.

The UMass-Boston Field Station also serves as a base station for the Coatue people as they have no electricity, telephone or running fresh water and their normal means of communication with "mainland" Nantucket is by boat.

Director of the Field Station is Wesley N. Tiffney. The Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror recently published an account of the UMass-Boston project and the Nantucket Conservation Foundation.

Commencement Speaker

Dr. LeVester Tubbs, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, was the Commencement speaker at Allen University, Columbia, S.C., on August 10th for the school's summer convocation. Allen University, the alma mater of Dr. Tubbs, was founded in 1870.