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Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to your classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and offices.

The 10th academic year of the University of Massachusetts at Boston begins today, and the campus becomes more and more alive with the 6200 students at the Harbor Campus and, in a short time, 400 more at the 100 Arlington St. building for the College of Public and Community Service students.

Welcome to the new faculty members as you join your academic colleagues.

The first faculty meeting of the year is scheduled for September 12th -- (more details later).

Orientation and testing sessions are now over, and the staff of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the people from Educational Testing made the opening days for the new freshmen and transfer students a smooth transition. And, in the background, one cannot forget the efforts of the Physical Plant, Media Center, and other campus operations.

Chancellor Golino told the new students that "I realize we are here for serious business, but I also think that much would be lacking if we did not enjoy ourselves in the process."

Radio Series

A radio series "UMass Insights" broadcast over 15 stations in the Commonwealth is produced at the Amherst campus. One of our faculty at UMass-Boston, Gordon Zahn, will have a program in the first 13-week cycle of programming.

The Office of Public Relations is interested in hearing from faculty and staff talent from our campus to be represented in the second 13-week cycle. The format for the 30-minute program is interview or panel discussion.

The programs can be taped on this campus.

Harris Review

Dr. Rodney Harris (French, College II) has had some interesting and flattering comments on his two 1973 publications:

Palabres: contes et poèmes de l'Afrique noire et des Antilles (Chicago: Scott-Foresman) and L'Humanisme dans le théâtre d'Aimé Césaire (Sherbrooke, Québec: Editions Naaman). Of Palabres, used as an intermediate and advanced textbook, a critic wrote in The French Review: "The authors must be thanked for the excellent presentation" and about L'Humanisme dans le théâtre d'Aimé Césaire (reviewed already in Jeune Afrique, Research in African Literatures, Luxembourg Wort) was recently reviewed in Books Abroad as "Harris analyzes

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Aimé Césaire with the respect a scholar pays to a great poet's work." An article on African theatre (Francophone and Anglophone) will appear soon in La Revue de littérature comparée. Another article on a rather little known play by Lamartine on the Haitian liberator Tousaint Louverture has been accepted for publication in Nineteenth Century French Studies. Harris, who will address a seminar on the works of Aimé Césaire at the Modern Language Association meeting, is president of the French African section of the Northeastern Modern Language Association.

Computer User Orientation

On August 29th and 30th the Computer Services Department conducted an orientation class for its staff. Topics covered were:

I. Introduction
   Users guide, facilities, features, services, job responsibilities for student consultants.

II. UMass Time Sharing
   Overview, terminal operation, terminal room use, user numbers, user procedures, availability of documentation and manuals.

III. KRONOS Remote Job Entry
   Overview, Technical Guide, job submission procedures, languages, packages and routines.

Cash Receipt Forms

Please use the revised Cash Receipts Forms which are available at the Bursar's Office. It must be emphasized that the use of the new account numbers and clarity of figures are of utmost importance since these forms are now used as input documentation into the accounting system. Account names should appear on the Cash Receipt Forms in the exact manner as they appear on the computer printout accounting reports. If there are any questions regarding the preparation of Cash Receipt Forms, please contact the Accounting Office.

Food Prices

Due to the drastic fluctuation of wholesale food costs, certain price changes have been authorized for the Colleges I and II cafeterias in accordance with the terms of our Servomation contract. These price changes are effective Tuesday, September 3.

Social History of Women

The Women's Studies Concentration welcomes visiting instructor Susan Reverby who this semester will be teaching History 361, Social History of Women. She is a co-editor with Linda Gordon, History I, of a documentary history of working class women's labor which will be published by Random House in 1975. She is also the author of "The Labor and Suffrage Movements: A View of Working Class Women in the 20th Century," in Liberation Now, Dell 1970.

Anthropology

Barbara Luedtke, who has joined the faculty of the Anthropology Department (College II) has been named director of the Department's Boston Harbor Project, which has received a grant from the Metropolitan Commission. She succeeds Charles Nelson as project director, who worked strenuously and imaginatively in getting the project initiated.

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Also joining the Department are two visiting faculty members: Donald F. Brown and Sally Engle Merry.

Dr. Brown, who is retiring from the Boston University Anthropology Department, will teach two sections of the introductory course. His major interests are in archeology and physical anthropology and the history of anthropological theory.

Ms. Merry is a doctoral candidate at Brandeis and has her Master's from Yale. She will teach urban anthropology. Her interests include political anthropology and ethnic groups.

College I Sociology Department members were participants in the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and the Association of Black Sociologists which met in Montreal in August.

Dr. Gerald Garrett co-authored (with Howard Bahr of Brigham Young University), "Measuring Drinking Status: An Analysis of Self-Rating and Quantity Frequency Classification," which was presented during the meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

Dr. Calvin Larson presented a paper, "Public Housing for the Elderly and Alienation" during the SSSP meetings, and Dr. Susanne Morgan also presented a paper at the SSSP meetings on "Motivation of Social Control Agents."

Professors James E. Blackwell and Richard Robbins participated in the business meetings of the Intergroup Relations Committee, and the meetings of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee of the SSSP, respectively.

Dr. Blackwell presented a paper, "Toward a Sociology of the Black Community: Some Theoretical Considerations" and conducted a round-table discussion on "Dimensions of Crime in the Black Community" during the meetings of the American Sociological Association.

He also chaired the business meetings and working sessions of the ASA's Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities. He presided at one session of the meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists.

Also attending one or more of the above meetings were Assistant Professors Herman James and Stan Nikkel.

Salvatore Schlavo-Campo, Economics, has been named as a member of the National Selection Committee of the Danforth Associate Program. He is one of eight national members of this committee, four of whom are from academic. The Committee's major role is appointing new Danforth Associates. Professor Schlavo-Campo recently attended the national conference of the Danforth Foundation Associates in Colorado.

Rev. James F. Rafferty has been appointed Catholic Chaplain at the University of Massachusetts at Boston by the Office of the Archdiocesan Campus Ministry.

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He succeeds Rev. Eugene L. Alves who was the chaplain for Catholic students at UMass-Boston for nine years. Fr. Alves is now administrator of Our Lady of Good Voyage Church, Gloucester.

Fr. Rafferty, 37, was Campus Minister at Framingham State College from 1968 until he accepted his new assignment.

Ordained in 1963, he was Associate Pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, Waban, and Chaplain at Newton-Wellesley Hospital from 1963 to 1968. He also served as part-time chaplain at Lasell Junior College from 1965 to 1968.

He has his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees from St. John's Seminary and Doctor of Ministry from Andover Newton Theological School. He has also served as an Intern in psychotherapy at Trinity Mental Health Center, Framingham.

At Framingham State College he was a visiting lecturer in team teaching with other chaplains in the Philosophy Department. The course was "The Contemporary Expression of the Judeo-Christian Heritage."

Among his publications in professional journals are "The Spiritual Care of the Seriously Ill", "A Draft Law Primer", and "The Role of Clinical Pastoral Education in Catholic Seminary Studies."

Fr. Rafferty holds membership in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, and the Catholic Campus Ministry Association.

During his UMass-Boston assignment, he will be in residence in Dorchester at St. Ambrose Rectory.

The Office of Grant Development in its annual report notes that UMass-Boston received 42 contracts and grants, totaling $2,204,380. Public agencies approved $1,549,203 and private agencies made awards of $655,085.

Sponsoring campus units for the contracts and awards were:
College I. 1 award; College I I, 3; Chemistry, 3; Physics, 1; Chancellor, 2; Academic Affairs, 5; Student Affairs, 4; Survey Research, 12; Boston Urban Observatory, 4; Institute for Learning and Teaching, 4; Grant Development, 3.

The report, issued by Steven Shufro, added: "Grants and Contracts are important devices for financing innovative projects and research during this period of restricted budget. The university community has increasingly recognized the usefulness of these vehicles as evidenced by the significant growth over the past few years in grant and contract activity. The measure of value for grant and contract activity is not only volume, but relevance to institutional goals and access to external financing by those individuals and groups having greatest need. The office of Grant Development intends to make relevance of, and access to grants and contracts primary concerns this coming year."