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Nantucket Program

Under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, UMass-Boston now has 12 students studying the history and culture of Nantucket, the natural environment of the Island, and a research and methods course which will include an archaeological examination of the Island's pre-history, an anthropological study of Nantucket Indians, a sociological analysis of 19th century ethnic minorities, a musical study of whaling ballads, and architecture of early New England houses.

Professor Barry Phillips, English II, director of the unique program, said the research course will focus on aspects of Nantucket's important past, and to take advantage of the wealth of primary materials preserved on the Island.

The students elected to participate in the program were chosen for their intellectual initiatives and their academic interests.

Video Project

The Media Center on January 1st video taped the opening session of the Massachusetts Legislature. The project is operating under a grant from Speaker David Bartley's office. The black and white filming of the swearing in of some 62 new legislators was designed to test low-light equipment which would eliminate the need for additional lighting in the House chamber. The session's activities are now being edited and reviewed for further filming of legislative sessions. Gunther Weil, Director of the Media Center, says this educational program has great possibilities. The video-taped sessions may serve as resources for classes in the legislative process.

Reviews

Shaun O'Connell who teaches a course on Henry James in College II was a Boston Globe reviewer on Henry James Letters, Vol. I: 1843 - 1875, edited by Leon Edel. O'Connell calls it a "rich editorial presentation, its dazzling content, this book is, for me, one of the most impressive literary presentations since HJ's last novel..."

O'Connell also reviewed recently in the Globe Eugene Ionesco's The Hermit. The book "has about as much contemporary relevancy as a Bogart film, but it also has, in a bleak way, the nostalgic charm of 'Casablanca'".

Professor Lee Grove, English II, reviewed the philosophical fable Touch The Water, Touch The Wind by Amos Oz in an-

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other Globe review. He calls the Oz prose "magical, mathematical, shimmering, precise, exquisitely conceived, and auditory."

KRONOS

Computer Services will offer a seminar on KRONOS, the new computer operating system repeatedly on Tuesday and Thursday, January 21 and 23 at 12:30 p.m. in the Science Building, Rm. 003-050. Please call Ext. 2385 if you plan to attend.

This is your opportunity to get answers to problems arising from 3600 conversion which MUST be done by January 31, 1975.

Computer Phones

Effective this week Communications to time-sharing facilities are as follows: DAYTIME... To reach TELEX (new Time-Sharing System)... Dial 5. To reach UMASS Dial 287-8088 or 287-8089.

NOTE: If UMASS numbers are busy, you will automatically be switched to TELEX.

EVENING... TELEX Dial 287-8090 or 287-8091 UMass Dial 287-8088 or 287-8089.

Philosophy For Children

Dr. Clyde Evans, Assistant Professor in the Philosophy Department of College I gave a presentation: "Progress Report on Recent Experimental Programs in Philosophy for Children" at Eastern Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association held in Washington D. C., December 27-29, 1974.

Professor Clyde Evans has been invited to give an expanded version of some presentation at Pacific Meetings of A. P. A. in San Diego in March, and at Western Meetings of A. P. A. in Chicago in April.

Legislative Internships

Professor Harold Wolman, Politics II, is Director of this year's Massachusetts Legislative Internship Program, and now is advising colleges and universities that applications from graduate students are being accepted for the 1975-1976 year. The program, started by Professor George Goodwin, is beginning its ninth year and provides practical training in the process of legislation and public policy formation. Interns are full-time assistants to the Massachusetts General Court, performing a variety of research and administrative assignments for committees, officers, or members.

Cost Savings

During the semester vacation, some drastic cost savings programs were put into effect on the campus, especially cutting off unessential heat in the College I and II buildings, Administration and Finance Vice Chancellor William R. Hamilton, Jr., has initial estimates that the savings in the heating bills were approximately \$20,000. The University community should support every method of saving electricity during the coming months. As you are affected at home with your electric bill that has a fuel surcharge added, imagine how it affects this campus. In fact, our fuel surcharge on the electric bill comes to more than the basic electricity charges.

Freeze on Appointments

President Robert C. Wood has advised campus chancellors of the necessity of suspension of all hiring, including faculty, professional and classified staff, and orders reduction to an absolute minimum spending in all other areas. Only in cases of extreme emergency can vacancies be filled through approval of the Chancellor and certified to the President.

Dr. Wood's instructions to the three university campuses said: "The annual review and evaluation process for faculty and professional staff should continue as usual. However, no increases in salary rate for faculty and other professional staff will be permitted during the balance of the current fiscal year except where a major inequity and/or critical need can be fully demonstrated. Such exceptions require approval of the President.

"All current faculty, professional and classified staff vacancies at the University are frozen except where determination is made that the need to fill the position is both immediate and critical. In the case of faculty and professional positions, this certification will be made by the Chancellor and will be reviewed by me. In any case where especially urgent or exceptional circumstance exist, the Chancellor should ask for my review prior to his action. In no case will the position be released prior to the beginning of the second semester. In the case of classified positions, the Chancellor shall certify that the need for the positions he has released was immediate and critical. The same provisions will apply where future vacancies occur, except that in the case of faculty and professional positions the salary level be set at at least 10 percent below the salary paid to the incumbent."

In non-personnel areas, Dr. Wood said: "State funds currently held in contingency or reserve accounts will not be released unless it is certified that these funds are critical to the operation of the campus.

"Each campus is directed to review its needs for maintenance, equipment, supplies and travel for the remainder of the fiscal year, and only the most essential activities should be undertaken.

"Each campus should evaluate the report of the University energy consultant with the view of further reducing fuel and utility consumption. An extensive review should also be made of the need for fuel reserves for FY 1976."

"I realize," Dr. Wood said, "that this action may impose a temporary hardship on the campus programs. However, I believe that it is essential that the University respond to a difficult fiscal situation."

Industrial Revolution

An Essay "The Role of Science in the Industrial Revolution" by Neil McKendrick in Changing Perspectives in the History of Science: Essays in Honor of Joseph Needham (London, 1973) cites scholarly work by Professor Eric Robinson (History I).

McKendrick said: "But perhaps the best known statements in favour of a more central role in the Industrial Revolution for scientists and scientific knowledge occur in the work of Messrs. Musson and Robinson whose 'findings necessitate', they have argued, 'considerable modification of the traditional view of the Industrial Revolution as being almost entirely a product of uneducated empiricism'. Their massive scholarship has perhaps received less praise than its due; and their conclusions have been

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less than universally applauded, partly because of an essential difference between their criteria for what was truly scientific, and the more stringent criteria adopted by, say, Professor Hall."

He also said, "The links between the worlds of science and the worlds of industry are now well established and richly evidenced -- Sir Eric Ashby's much trumpeted view that 'there was practically no exchange of ideas between the scientists and the designers of the industrial processes' would find few supporters today, thanks to the work of Musson and Robinson."

Bus Schedules

The shuttle bus schedule for Monday thru Friday, until April 25th, is: Lv. Columbia Station 6:25, 6:40, 6:52, 7:04. Then every six minutes until 7 p. m.; every 12 minutes until 8:24 p. m.; and every 15 minutes until 10:15 p. m. Lv. the UMass-Boston G-2 busway 6:33, 6:46, 6:58, 7:10; then every six minutes until 7 p. m.; every 12 minutes until 8:24 p. m.; every 15 minutes until 10:09, and the last trip at 10:35 p. m.

Weekend service on Saturdays begins at 8:40 a. m. and continues every 20 minutes until 6:20 p. m. Sunday service begins at 11:40 a. m. and continues every 20 minutes until 6:10 p. m.

If you have any questions about the schedule, please call the Transportation Office X 2488.

Saturday service will be operative on holidays January 15, February 17, and Monday, April 21.

All trips to or from Columbia Station after 9 p. m. and all day Sunday use the main entrance at Columbia Station.

Honoraria Payments

The Accounting Office advises all departments that all Honoraria payments which are for \$100 or more, or which exceed one day, must be supported by a written agreement. Standard Forms for written agreements can be obtained from Accounting or Purchasing.

When the Honoraria invoice is submitted for payment the department must not detach a copy of the invoice. All copies are required for processing.

The Standard Invoice in all cases must be signed by the payee (Vendor).

Signature of the payee must be in pen: a pencil signature is not acceptable.

Accounting cannot process an invoice that has corrections written on it.