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MSA Convention

UMass-Boston has been selected as host for the Spring meetings of the Massachusetts Sociological Association, which will be held on May 3rd (Saturday). The theme of the meetings is entitled, "Sociology, Social Action and the Challenge of State Government." A morning plenary session will feature speakers from government agencies. Special sections for the afternoon sessions are being planned in the areas of: sociology of mental health; family affairs and family law; sociology of aging and the elderly; criminal and juvenile justice; education and desegregation.

Richard Robbins, Professor of Sociology in College I, is currently serving as President of the MSA. Professor John Dickinson will handle local arrangements for the meetings. For further information on the MSA program, contact Professor Gerald R. Garrett, Department of Sociology, College I.

Greenhouses

The Biology Department Greenhouses on the fourth floor level of the Science building will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, excepting holidays, from 12:30 - 2:00. All members of the University Community are welcome to visit.

Greenhouse #1 houses the beginnings of a teaching collections of tropical plants, #2 contains research collections and #3 houses plants used in teaching laboratories.

Other facilities of interest include controlled environment plant growth chambers. Please don't bring your sick avocados or otherwise infested office plants.

You will have an instructive and worthwhile visit if you take up Professor Larry Kaplan's invitation.

Incidentally, how many of you have ever been to the Greenhouses?

100 Arlington Street

As of this writing, there is no definite information about the use of 100 Arlington Street by the Boston School Department.

Education Secretary Paul Parks has personally inspected the building and has also inspected the Sawyer Building (which now has no connection with UMass-Boston.)

The final, revised plan by the Boston School Committee on Racial Integration is due with Federal Judge Arthur Garrity on January 27th. This plan may well have some references to 100 Arlington Street as an alternative site for Boston School children. However, no formal request for space has been received by the University's Board of Trustees, who have the sole authority to manage and administer the building.

Aquinas Lecture

Rev. James Rafferty, Campus Minister, announced a lecture on St. Thomas Aquinas, a revolutionary thinker who brought him into conflict with the institutional church of his time, will be given here on Tuesday, January 28, at 1 p. m., in the Faculty Dining Room of College I.

Giving the lecture entitled "The Believer in a Time of Cultural Change" will be Rev. Raymond J. Devettere, Professor of Philosophy at Emmanuel College.

Fr. Rafferty noted that "perhaps we can learn something from his life and thought especially if we experience some tensions between being a person of faith and an academician."

A buffet lunch will be served at 12:30 and a \$2.00 food donation will be requested. Fr. Rafferty is asking RSVPs to his invitation at his office in College II, 2-622, or by phone at Ex. 2919.

College II Curriculum

The College II Curriculum Committee is holding open hearings on Dean Steamer's curriculum proposal. The meetings will be held on Monday, January 27, and Thursday, January 30, at 12:30 in Room, 2-2423. All College II students and faculty are invited. Copies of Dean Steamer's proposal are available in the College II Dean's Office.

Jung

The German Department is offering a special showing of a famous film by Van der Post on C. C. Jung's life, including filmed interviews with Jung. Showings will be January 21, 22, 23 and 24 at 12:30 in College I, 1-064.

Library Hours

Effective Monday, January 20, the main Library and the Science Library will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Saturday, and 1 to 5 p. m. on Sunday.

Returning Women Students

During the Fall 1974 semester the Women and Career Options office at UMass-Boston began a program for women coming back to school. The program will continue this semester beginning with a reception: Tuesday, January 21st at 12:30 p. m. in the Chemistry Lounge, Rm. 2-060, 2nd fl. Science Building.

This will be a chance to meet other women who are back in school after some time away and to find out about the workshops that will be running this semester. All interested women are invited and a special invitation is extended to those who are just starting at UMass-Boston.

Workshops during the free period (12:30 - 2:30) will be held on Assertive Training, Mondays, Chemistry Lounge; Career Planning, Tuesdays, Chemistry Lounge; Discussion Group "Problems of the Returning Woman Student", Wednesdays, to be announced; Study Skills/Critical Thinking, Thursdays, to be announced.

If you cannot attend the reception but would like to know more about the program, come by the Women and Career Options office. Room 72, 3rd floor, Science building, Ext. 2396.

Anthropology Series

As a part of the Anthropology Colloquium Series, Dr. Judith Irvine of the Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, will present a lecture entitled, "Speech and the Management of Social Status: an Example from the Wolof of Senegal". Dr. Irvine completed field research on Wolof social structure and linguistic behavior during 1970 and 1971 and has written several articles on the Wolof.

The event will be held in Room 4, First Floor, College I building, on Tuesday, January 28, at 12:30 p.m.

Chemistry Seminar

The Department of Chemistry will sponsor a seminar on "Not-Obviously-Concerted Thermal Rearrangements" by William von E. Doering, professor, Department of Chemistry, Harvard University on Wednesday, January 22, 1975 at 5:15 p.m. in the Science Building, Room 1-006.

Deerfield Fellows

Historic Deerfield will offer between seven and fourteen Summer Fellowships to single men and women who have completed two or more years of college and are of undergraduate status as of January 1, 1975. The Fellowships are intended to encourage young men and women to consider careers in the museum profession or in the related fields of historic preservation, American studies, American history, and American art. Fellows selected will participate in a program of independent study and field experience in museum interpretation held at Deerfield, Massachusetts from June 17 to August 16, 1975. Both full and partial Fellowships will be awarded. Full Fellowships provide tuition, room, board, and travel expenses. Students holding partial Fellowships will pay \$800. The balance of their tuition, room, board, and field trip expenses will be covered by their Fellowships. The deadline for filing applications will be February 1, 1975. See Walter McDonald in the Advising Office for more information. Please bring this to the attention of your students.

Education and the Elderly

Dr. Robert Kastenbaum (Psychology I) was the speaker at a workshop at Quinsigamond Community College on "How Can Education Meet the Needs of the Elderly?" The workshop was an initial program the Worcester school had sponsored for preparation of a program in Gerontology. Dr. Kastenbaum is the author of "New Thoughts on Old Age" and is regarded as one of the nation's leaders in this field.

Gerald Ford

Channel 2 has a new series on Sunday evenings entitled "Gerald Ford's America." The program is produced by the Public Broadcasting Service through WNET-TV, New York. Our Media Center and Gunter Weil got "credits" at the end of the first showing for assistance they gave Boston's educational channel which contributed to the production.

Financial Aid

Lana Brennen, Director of Financial Aid, reports that 1645 students are receiving \$1,578,418 in financial aid programs including work-study, scholarships, grants, and loans. Some 3208 students applied for help. More funds certainly are needed from federal and other sources to meet the needs.

Faculty Meeting

A most important faculty meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, at 12:30 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Kindly make arrangements now to attend.

Academic's Sabbatical

What does a Professor of French do when he/she is on a Sabbatical? Brian Thompson (French II) has returned from one that was quite productive. He did some research, wrote articles, interviewed leaders in his field, gave lectures, and listened to some music.

Specifically, Professor Thompson published two articles in Chanson, a French monthly. He will be on a taped television program in Paris in April, as part of a feature on Francis Lemarque. What may have been a highlight of his French trip was interviewing André Malraux. The interview will appear in the next annual number of the "Serie Malraux" under the title of "L'art et le roman, un entretien avec André Malraux."

He also delivered a paper before the Malraux Society at the American Association of Teachers of French convention in Denver on "Faces in the Dark: Fraternity and Solidarity in L'Espoir."

That's not all of it, but an idea of a productive period.

Library Progress

Dr. Walter Grossmann, Director of Libraries, in a status report of the current and future plans for the growth of the library, says, "The concept of basic collection to which we have committed ourselves is not a static but a dynamic one."

He said the estimated number of new publications needed each year -- monographs, journals, films, and microfilms -- is close to 27,000.

"Concrete planning of library purchases," he said, "will also depend on new programs that are developed at UMass-Boston. Priorities will have to be set and decisions made that correspond to the timetable arrived at for the scheduling of Masters' programs, College III and College IV offerings, and whatever new innovative programs are approved. The basic goal remains the same, but we must adapt collecting policies to the ever emerging needs of our young and growing institution."

The scope of library growth is also reflected in a new publication of the library's serial holdings. The 260-page periodical listing, starting with the AAAS Bulletin and continuing to Zygon, informs university people where the periodical is held.