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Kennedy Library

Stephen Smith, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Corporation, left the Harbor Campus last week with many impressions of a possible future site for the library complex in honor of the late President.

As he looked over Dorchester Bay from the eastern end of the campus, he summarized his impression in a word -- "Spectacular."

And this was after he had toured one of the more practical aspects of this campus for its association with the library. He had come to the waterside after emerging from the garages, and it had been pointed out to him that the garage facility, especially for weekend and summer tourists, was something that Harvard Square could hardly match.

Chancellor Carlo Golino, in reaffirming the invitation by the University's Trustees, noted that the library complex, in harmony with the scholarly pursuits of faculty and students on campus, would be a beautiful blending of university endeavors and the memorial of the late President.

Both Chancellor Golino and President Wood also referred to the late President's love of the sea with the harbor setting.

And it was taken into consideration by the University hosts that there were, indeed, many Kennedy and Fitzgerald affiliations with Dorchester and the harbor.

Mrs. Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy is a native of Dorchester, having grown up in the Wells Avenue neighborhood.

The present senior Senator from Massachusetts Edward M. Kennedy and his sister Eunice were both born in Dorchester at St. Margaret's hospital.

As a boy Jack Kennedy was separated from his tonsils at St. Margaret's.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., the hero Naval flyer who died tragically on a secret World War II mission, during his Naval training days flew out of the Squantum Naval Air Station, across the waters from College I.

Two of the University Trustees Mrs. Catherine F. Clark and Mrs. Erline Shearer accompanied Mr. Smith, Chancellor Golino and President Wood on the tour. Both expressed from their informal canvass of community leaders, that they are enthusiastic about the prospect of the Kennedy library being at UMass-Boston.

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Daniel Fenn, Jr., Director of the Kennedy archives, now being stored at the General Services Administration facility in Waltham, was also present. He has made other campus visits for assessment of the Dorchester campus as a library site.

While William Rawn III, Assistant Chancellor, was leading the tour, Stephen Smith also was impressed with the petition signed by nearly 400 faculty members, urging that the library would be a welcome addition to the campus. Professor George Goodwin of College II and his committee of Professor James Broderick, College I; Professor Badi Foster, College III; and Professor Franklyn Patterson, College IV had an easy task of securing the names in a brief blitz for signature signing.

Smith said the Harbor campus is one of the most impressive possibilities for the Kennedy complex, but added that no decision on its future site will be made for some months.

Hot Line for Hot Classrooms

Charles Spaulding, Director of the Physical Plant Department wishes to remind faculty, students, and staff personnel that problems relating to uncomfortable air conditions in classrooms, offices, or other areas throughout the Campus complex should be brought to the attention of his department by calling Ext. 2252. Placing a call to this extension will insure that your request for temperature improvements will be acted upon in a prompt and efficient manner. Every effort will be made to get back to the caller with a description of the corrective action taken.

University Community

The University of Massachusetts Foundation, a private nonprofit corporation established to support university programs in the public interest, through Chancellor Carlo F. Golino and Michael Ventresca of the foundation, has presented a check for \$2500 to the Columbia-Savin Hill Neighborhood Housing Services President Mrs. Catherine F. Clark for support of the imaginative neighborhood program.

The Columbia-Savin Hill Neighborhood Housing Services is a community organization striving to serve community people which has as its principal goal the preservation of existing housing through private initiative and funding.

The Program in the Columbia-Savin Hill area is the first of its kind in Boston and has four essential elements: 1. A well-organized neighborhood organization with a strong desire for preservation of character and housing. 2. Commitment from local banks to make rehabilitation loans and pay for NHS administrative costs. 3. A commitment from the City to conduct a systematic sanitary and housing code enforcement and to upgrade city services. 4. Rehabilitation money through high risk revolving loan funds for homeowners who do not qualify for regular bank loans.

Owner-occupancy in this area is approximately 85%. A substantial number of the residents in Columbia-Savin Hill are over 62 years of age and long-time residents of the area with strong ties to the community and churches.

Officers and Directors of the Columbia-Savin Hill Neighborhood Housing Services, in addition to Kit Clark include: Mrs. Dolores A. Miller and Thomas Kelly, Community Director at the UMass Dorchester Field Office

Foreign Students Meeting

The get-acquainted party for Foreign students, faculty, faculty wives, staff and U.S. students...held in January was such a success that another has been scheduled for Thursday, March 6, at 3 p.m. in the College I first floor lounge. Faculty wives are particularly invited to attend as a first step in establishing a host family program. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

Projecting American Art

The Washington Post has uncovered the news that a project by Professor Bates Lowry (Art) is "much needed and important" and "in fact, it is one of the most sensible and promising bi-centennial projects we have heard of so far."

The Post editorial also said, "Dr. Lowry and a group of other notable scholars have therefore founded a new organization -- the Dunlap Society -- to change all this (a lack of appreciation for America's architectural heritage) by developing new teaching aids, launching research into the history and development of various forms of American art and promoting its study throughout our education system, particularly in high schools."

Dr. Lowry's Dunlap Society project is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Although the initial grant is to provide insights into architecture at the Nation's capital, it will be a model for projects throughout the 50 states.

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry Office is sponsoring a lecture-discussion on "The Ethical and Legal Aspects of the Catholic Position on Abortion" on Thurs., Mar. 6, at 12:30 p.m., in the College I Faculty Dining Room, 3rd floor. Rev. Albert D. Ianni, Chairman of the Philosophy Department of the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, will be the speaker. All are invited.

Summer Session in Paris

There will be an informational and organizational meeting for students interested in the program for a Year of Study in France 1975-1976 and also for those interested in a Summer Session in Paris 1975 on Mon., Mar. 10, in Room 063, 1st floor, College I at 12:30.

Computer Information

All jobs requiring heavy demands on resources (i.e., tapes, disc, core) need to be submitted with special job request cards available at the I/O area. It is important that the resource needed be noted in the comment area of this request card when submitting the program. Output from these jobs may be picked up the following day.

Chemistry Seminar

The Department of Chemistry seminar on "Some Aspects of Group IV Anion Chemistry" by H. G. Kuivila, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, SUNY at Albany will be held Mar. 5th at 5:15 p.m. in the Science Bldg., room 1-006.

Pre-Freshman Programs

The offices of the Pre-Freshman Programs formerly located in the Admin. Bldg., 1st floor is now permanently located in the Admin. Bldg, 3rd floor, room 308 directly across from the Accounting Office. John Sullivan, Midge Silvio and Beverly Sacks are located at this office. The telephone extension is 2306.

Anthropology Activities

Michael F. Gibbons, Jr. spoke on "The Functional Autonomy of the Larynx" at the Department of Animal Biology, University of Pennsylvania, and on "Significance of the First Three Formant Frequencies in the Evolution of Hominid Speech" to the Anatomy Section, University of Pennsylvania.

"Chert Sources of Michigan" was the title of the paper presented to the Michigan Archaeological Society by Barbara Luedtke. She also spoke on "Archaeology in Boston Harbor" to the Newton High School History Club.

"The Economic Bases of Political Leadership Among Pastoral Nomads: the Case of the Boyr Ahmad Tribe of Southwest Iran" was a paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, Mexico City by Golamreza Fazel.

Stuart Berde gave a paper on "Melanesians as Methodists: Missionization and Economic Prosperity on a Papua New Guinea Island" at the American Anthropological Association meeting in Mexico City.

"Concepts of the Healer's Role" was the title of a paper presented in Symposium on Theoretical Foundations of Medical Anthropology" presented by Professor David Landy at the American Anthropological Association, Mexico City.

Charles Nelson is the chairman of the Program Committee for the Archaeological Institute of America's current lecture series, and is Co-Chairman of the Program Committee for the Africanist Archaeologists of North American for their spring meetings to be held in Boston. He also reviewed Montague Cave in Prehistory by Charles Keller. The University of California's contribution to Anthropology in Azania, IX, 1974.

News From Nantucket

"Because Nantucket is so isolated the plant and animal life is very nearly natural. It offers an almost undisturbed environment for research."

That's Professor Wesley Tiffney's attitude about the off-island UMass-Boston Biological Field Station at Quaise, Nantucket, and where students are learning and the Commonwealth is benefitting from their research.

In a New Bedford Standard-Times Magazine story, Dr. Tiffney's research and students came under inspection. One of the prime interests under investigation is air pollution in the area, and although Nantucket is much less polluted than anywhere else on the East Coast, Tiffney and his group are studying its relation to the life of the island.

Writer Barbara Vobejda noted in her story that "Nantucket is fortunate to have a resource, the field station, particularly a director such as Tiffney who feels a responsibility to the community."

One of the more interesting projects by the biology students is the effect of Japanese moss on the scallop industry; another is the effect of salt spray on plant growth.

In addition to the biology studies is the curriculum on the history and culture of Nantucket. Barry Phillips (English II) is directing that part of the program with lecturers from Nantucket and others participating as faculty.

Five-College Charter Flight

Flight will be offered next summer:-Boston-London Jun. 18.
London-Boston Aug. 20. \$285 round-trip. Pan American 707.
Bette Davis, Advising Office, room 211, 2nd floor, Admin. Bldg.
has applications. (Ext. 2275) Early sign up is urged.