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## Lying

Perhaps it was Mark Twain or H. L. Mencken who said there "are lies, damned lies, and statistics." But what seems to have been one of the most interesting topics for a symposium was the one held over the weekend "On Lying & Liars" in New York, sponsored by The Association of Existential Psychology & Psychiatry at the Carnegie Endowment International Center. The New Yorker should have been there, because the topics by the distinguished speakers were intriguing, starting with the opener by Professor Harold Wolozin, Economics II, who gave a paper on "Lying & Economic Dogma."

## Women's Week

Women's Week at UMass-Boston began yesterday with a full program of workshops, seminars, discussions, films, and demonstrations. At 12:30 today and continuing through Friday at 12:30 will be a series of Career Seminars. Today's session is on careers in law, politics, government, and education at the College II lounge; tomorrow's in the College I lounge is on health and environment careers; Thursday's in the College II lounge is on business careers for women; and Friday's in the College I lounge is on communications, media, the arts and community planning.

Dr. June Pryor, Director, Health Services, noted that Pap tests will be given this week at the Health Center, 2nd floor, Administration Building, for \$2.50.

Information tables on health, career, study and travel abroad, admissions and financial aid information for women thinking of returning to school, and others will be located throughout the university.

The Women's Week Committee has prepared a brochure which is available and has a calendar for times and places for all events.

## Appointments

The Graduate Council and the Vice Chancellor of Academic affairs have recommended that Chancellor Golino appoint Prof. Taffee Tanimoto as Director of Graduate Studies on this campus.

Prof. Tanimoto will work closely with and will report to Vice Chancellor Spaethling. His primary responsibility will be to assist the departments in their efforts to develop graduate programs and to coordinate these efforts in a single campus plan. He will be working closely with the Graduate Council and with other representatives of campus governance.

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The Summer School Committee and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs have recommended the appointment of Prof. Reno Schiavo-Campo as Director of the Summer School.

Prof. Schiavo-Campo will continue to work closely with the Summer School Committee and will continue to assist the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in coordinating efforts in the planning of our evening and extended day programs.

**Another Course To College**

Next September a full time program run jointly by the Boston School System and UMass-Boston will enroll Boston High School Juniors. They will be students from the business or general tracks who may not now be thinking of college, but who have been identified by their teachers as able to benefit from higher education. The Another Course To College steering committee is now interviewing teachers in the Boston School system and counsellors from the outside world, and would like to hear from UMass-Boston faculty, students, and staff who are interested in working with the program in some capacity. Please contact Ethan Bolker, Math II, Ext. 3158 or David Quattrone, Institute for Learning and Teaching, Ext. 2381.

**Wolman Book**

Housing and Housing Policy in U.S. and U.K. authored by Harold Wolman, Associate Professor of Politics in College II, was published last month by D. C. Heath's Lexington Press. The book was researched and written last year while Dr. Wolman was at the Centre for Environmental Studies in London on a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Commuter Services Workshop**

Ms. Peg Furman, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Ms. Sheri Thomas, Associate Director of Student Activities recently gave a presentation on "Centers for Communications at UMass-Boston" at a National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Commuter Services Workshop held at Worcester State College. A videotape entitled "What the Hell's Going On?" had been prepared for the conference, describing the Information Center, Human Sexuality Center and the Center for Alternatives.

**Machado Seminar**

On February 27-28 Florida State University gave a symposium in honor of the centenary of the birth of the great Spanish poet Antonio Machado. Professor Concha Zardoya of the Spanish department of College II gave a paper entitled "Antonio Machado, retratista lírico" and participated in the various discussions.

**Hot Line for Hot Classrooms**

Charles Spaulding, Director of the Physical Plant Department, reminds 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.

### Torto Appointed by Governor Dukakis

Prof. Raymond G. Torto was appointed by Governor Michael S. Dukakis to the Advisory Council to the Office of Comprehensive Health Planning (OCHP), the agency responsible for the coordination of health planning in Massachusetts. Dr. Torto is chairman and assistant professor of the Department of Political Economy, College II.

Under newly enacted federal legislation, the state council consisting of consumers and providers of health services will help formulate a state health plan which will serve as a valuable tool in the development of a coherent health policy in Massachusetts. OCHP and its Advisory Council are presently working on a format and process for development of a state plan.

### Middle East Debate

There will be a debate on Wednesday, Mar. 12th at 12:30 in the Science Auditorium, co-sponsored by the Politics Society, the Young Socialists Alliance and the Jewish Club on the Middle East Crisis. The speakers will be Norman Oliver, Sami Khatib, Uzi Landau and Ovi Malcus. All are invited.

### Bloodline

The Red Cross posters around the campus say, "All mankind is bound together by a thin red line." The line is a lifeline; it's your freely donated blood transfused into the system of the ill and the injured -- who need your blood to live.

Everyone will have the opportunity to give something that is so valuable -- it's priceless -- and so easy to give tomorrow (Wednesday) when a Red Cross unit will be at the College II gymnasium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have not already signed up, please call the Student Activities Office for more information. They are at Ext. 3181.

Giving blood is one of the most unselfish, satisfying things that anyone can do to help another human being.

### Hooked Rugs Exhibit

At the University of Massachusetts at Boston Exhibition Hall, 100 Arlington Street, the exhibition of hooked rugs in the American Folk Art Tradition is continuing through March 30th.

The exhibit of more than 70 unique examples of original folk art is being held daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The exhibition hall at Park Square features works of historical, animal, country and flower designs.

Rugs in the exhibit are through the courtesy of the Museum of American Folk Art, New York, and such centers as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Shelburne Museum, Old Sturbridge Village and others.

The exhibit is the first in a series of Bicentennial programs sponsored by UMass-Boston, and is really well worth viewing.

### The Abortion Issue

The Boston Sunday Globe, March 2, had a thoughtful two-page transcript of a discussion on the issues of abortion by Prof. Gordon C. Zahn (Sociology I) and Prof. Paul Deats, Professor

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of Social Ethics at the Boston University School of Theology. Two quotes are: Professor Zahn -- "Well, I think it probably would be best for me to identify myself as a Catholic at the beginning and make it very clear that I have a strong resentment for the conclusions that are almost immediately drawn from that: that I am just a mouthpiece for some monolithic state - ment. It's a personal, moral and intellectual conviction that I have -- and I think more sociological in my case than Catholic -- that human life begins with conception; that the human life process begins and goes through the entire life cycle as it develops and as it declines, and that if society has any justification at all for existing, it exists to protect and permit every member of that society to develop his full potential.

"At those points in his life cycle where each member is most completely dependent upon others, there I think society has its strongest obligation to enter and defend it, protect it. This would be true at the very beginning of life, and obviously at the very end of life; it's a position that I generalize more than the Church does. I oppose war, I oppose capital punishment, I oppose euthanasia, I oppose all of these things, because I do not believe anyone can ever for any reason terminate a life process that has begun." Professor Deats -- "I share with Gordon Zahn many of the views which he holds. I try to work both in an ethical and theological and sociological context, and one of the reasons I respect the position espoused by Gordon is that it is a consistent position across the board. I think it's too consistent a position.

"I join him in our opposition to war. I join him in our opposition to capital punishment. I dissent from his views in terms of euthanasia and abortion as tragic options necessary in the human situation.

"I'm fairly sure that abortion ought not be available simply as another means of population control. I'm fairly sure that discussion of abortion is not very helpful when it's cast just in terms of competing absolute rights: the right of the fetus versus the right of the mother. I know of no absolute rights, and I think it is a distortion to talk only in terms of individual choice or of defending the right of the fetus. It may be that human life has a value, and all that it means may be conserved most by giving a person at the point of death the option of determining the moment of death. Now that raises a different issue than abortion, and we'll have to explore this, because you cannot secure the consent of the fetus obviously.

"So, for me, abortion is neither an unqualified good that we ought to celebrate, nor is it an unqualified evil to be prohibited, or for which there ought to be criminal sanctions imposed by courts. It ought to be a tragic option which is available with community support and criticism."

Germanistics

The German Department of UMass-Boston invites you to a lecture and discussion on "Germanistics in East and West Germany" by Prof. Bernd Peschken, Free University-Berlin on Friday, March 14 at 12:30, College I, Room 1-041. All are invited. He is a specialist in the Sociology of Literature and will discuss the state of the art in both Germanies. His topic is timely and reaching beyond the specialized interest of Germanists.