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Robert McCartney

Funeral services were held at Amherst last Saturday for a man who bestowed much of his life, a wealth of talent, a large part of his heart, and an unflinching spirit for the University of Massachusetts.

Robert McCartney, known best on this campus in his role as Secretary to the Board of Trustees, was the winner of this year's University Medal for distinguished service. It was an admirable choice by the members of the Trustees, for Robert McCartney was the kind of man that any institution, dedicated to high ideals and in service to people, is enriched by such service.

He was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in 1941 and most of his professional life was in behalf of the University. He was kindly and ably supportive of the UMass-Boston campus.

To his wife Norma and his family, the Harbor Campus expresses its profound sympathy.

The Budget Battle

The TV reporter in the red jacket at the back of the crowded room lobbed the question to President Robert Wood. "With all the talk about budget cuts and austerity in state expenditures, do you really think you can forestall a cut in the budget of the University of Massachusetts?"

Dr. Wood, a political scientist, responded with a basic lesson in elementary civics, citing that the University's budget request, voted by the Board of Trustees, must go through the Legislative process--through the House and Senate Ways and Means Committee, and must be subject to public discussion in the Legislature.

In his prepared remarks at last week's press conference, the word "catastrophic" appeared on the seventh page of Dr. Wood's statement, and it came about this way:

"We have all heard suggestions that the Commonwealth's fiscal condition requires that the University's budget--like budgets for all other publicly supported enterprises-- be reduced by some 10 per cent of current spending levels. I have frequently been asked whether such a reduction could be sustained without affecting the quality of education, the level of student services--indeed, our capacity to maintain present levels of enrollment.

"My answer to that question is no-- a 10 per cent reduction next fiscal year from our current spending levels would be catastrophic. It would mean we could serve fewer students, and serve them less well; that we could not adequately carry out our land-grant obligation to be of service to the Commonwealth.

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Walk For Hunger

Rev. James Rafferty (Campus Ministry) is delighted at the response by some 50 UMass-Boston students, faculty and staff who participated recently in the Greater Boston March For Hunger. This was a 20-mile hike from the State House to Newton to Cambridge back to the State House. Participants had sponsors for their efforts and raised funds for food distribution centers for the needy and hungry. The UMass-Boston funds generated support at 10 local food stations and three overseas. In Greater Boston, some 3150 participated. One of our students Charles Ford jogged the 20-mile route. Fr. Rafferty coordinated the campus efforts.

Industrial Exhibition

The Purchasing Department will represent the University of Massachusetts at Boston at the New England Industrial Show, Commonwealth Pier Exhibition Hall, on Wednesday, April 30th. Personnel from this campus will occupy the University's booth (No. 647) from 1:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

The University's participation is in conjunction with a program entitled "Majority Buyers/Minority Suppliers Expo '75" which is sponsored by the Purchasing Manager Association of Boston.

Criminal Justice Conference

Dr. Barbara Ross, Associate Professor, Psychology I, has been named Conference Chairperson of the First National Conference on Alternatives to Incarceration which will be held under the auspices of the National Task Force on Higher Education and Criminal Justice at the Sheraton-Boston September 19th, 20th and 21st. Keynote speakers include Senator Birch Bayh, Tom Wicker, and Jessica Mitford. UMass Boston students are involved in the planning and development of the conference at various levels. Prof. Gerald Garrett and Louis Brin, Sociology I, are members of the Massachusetts Advisory Board for the Conference.

Admissions

In the Admissions profession, this year for UMass-Boston is what they're calling a "competitive year."

Already more than 7400 applications have been received for entry into the freshman class and for transfer to this campus from other colleges and universities.

At a comparable date a year ago, applications this year are up by 2000, or some 44 per cent.

Projections for new students at UMass-Boston in September are set at 1971, including: freshmen, special admissions, part time students, and transfers.

The enrollment projection for the university is 6600.

Biological and Psychological Linkages

Prof. Paul T. Costa, Jr., (Psychology I) was a panelist at the annual session of the American Association for Dental Research in New York earlier this month.

His paper was on "The Inter-Relationships Among Personality Factors and Parotid Saliva Secretion and Composition in Healthy Men."

This was based on some of his studies with the Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic in Boston.

Commencement

Chancellor Golino has communicated with the faculty about participation in this year's Commencement which will be held at the campus on Thursday, May 29, at 2 p. m.

Urging all faculty to participate in the academic procession, he advised members of the faculty that there are special forms to be filled out for reimbursement for rentals of caps, gowns, and hoods. Faculty will make their own arrangements as to where the regalia will be rented. It is suggested that this be done as soon as possible in light of many other graduation ceremonies being held during the same period as our own.

The Commencement, of course, is the culmination of the academic year for the 800 students who will be receiving their degrees.

The Commencement Grand Marshal is Prof. Roger Prouty and his marshals include Prof. George Goodwin, Prof. Ernest Becker, Prof. Thomas Brown, and Prof. Taffee Tanimoto.

Playwriter Owens

Lloyd Richards, Artistic Director of the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Center, has announced that Daniel W. Owens, (Theatre Arts) will have his play "The Bargainin' Thing" under scrutiny at the 1975 National Playwrights Conference at the O'Neill Center, Waterford, Ct., which will be held from July 13 through August 10.

Owens will attend the pre-conference weekend in May and will be in residence during the entire conference. The selection of his play is a distinct honor for the young dramatist.

Massachusetts Sociological Association

One of the highlights of this Saturday's all-day conference for members of the Massachusetts Sociological Association will be the panel on "Issues in Integration, Busing and Quality Education." Chairperson for the panel is Prof. James Blackwell, Chairman, Sociology I, and other panelists are Charles V. Willis, Harvard Graduate School of Urban Education; Bruce Hare, Director, Afro-American Studies, UMass-Boston; Jean McGuire, Director, METCO Program, and Nancy St. John, Sociology II.

Chairing the Program Committee is Prof. Gerald Garrett, Sociology I, and Arrangements Chairman is John Dickinson, Sociology I.

All are invited to attend the conference which begins with 9 a. m. registration; business meeting at 10, and the first plenary session at 11, when Rep. Barney Frank will speak on state government and social policy.

President of the Massachusetts Sociological Association is Prof. Richard Robbins, Sociology I.

All sessions will be in College I.

Ibero-American Lecture

Prof. Antonio Antelo of the Department of Spanish, College I, upon invitation of the Ibero-American Language and Area Center of New York University, delivered a lecture on April 10th, on "Primitive Man as seen by Spanish-American Chroniclers of the XVIth Century".

Grant to J.P. Anselme

The National Institute for Health has announced a grant renewal of \$29,000 to support research by Prof. J.P. Anselme, Chemistry, for his work on N-Azidamines.

Strategy Book

Joseph S. Slavet, Director of the Boston Urban Observatory, is the principal author of a new book recently published by D. C. Heath in its Lexington book series entitled Financing State-Local Services: A New Strategy For Greater Equity. The book is a unique approach to solutions of the growing problem of urban finance. Co-authors of the book are Katherine L. Bradbury and Philip I. Moss: PHD candidates in economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Women and Career Options

The Women and Career Options office at the Harbor Campus has closed.

This program, which has been on campus for two years under funding from the Carnegie Corp., has involved many students through the internship program, the program for returning women students, and the other workshops and seminars the office has sponsored.

Patricia Brandt, who staffed the office, wishes to express her appreciation to the university staff and faculty for the help and support they have given.

Any further questions about the project should be referred to Francine Trachtenberg, Director, Women and Career Options, 100 Arlington St., Ext. 234.

The Budget Battle (Continued from Page 1) The easy rhetoric that suggests a university serving more than 30,000 students can simply forego the luxury of administration in fiscal hard times is both misleading and dangerous. The Board of Trustees and the University administration are determined to do all we can to avoid erosion of our ability to fulfill our responsibilities to the University community.

"I am always prepared to listen carefully to any responsible suggestions for further austerities. But I would not want anyone to believe that higher education--any more than any other complex enterprise-- will be better off if we simply abandon the effort to manage it wisely and thereby waste the past investment by the citizens of the Commonwealth."

President Wood announced that administrative economies, now in effect, will result in saving some \$3.8-million this fiscal year through a freeze in personnel appointments, fuel conservation, and other savings.

In making more effective uses of the limited resources for the university, he added that other measures are being taken and under consideration:

. Reduction by 15 per cent in the level of staffing the President's Office.

. Study the feasibility for a temporary, emergency program in which some staff would voluntarily take 10-month instead of 12-month appointments, with an appropriate reduction in salary and benefits.

. Examine limiting class registrations to discourage continuation of very small classes which, he said, "has grave implications for academic programs and must be approached cautiously."