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Mrs. Joan Robinson

The entire University community extends its heartfelt sorrow and condolences to Prof. Eric Robinson (History I) on the death recently of his wife Joan. For more than two years the gallant lady had suffered from cancer, but participated in a unique film production to chronicle her struggle in order that the film would be helpful to others.

Mrs. Joan Cahalin-Hawkes Robinson was a gifted writer as well as the Director of the Family Day Care Program of the Woman's Education and Industrial Union of Boston.

The documentary film, some of which was filmed on the UMass-Boston campus, focuses on the psychological, social, and personal impact of cancer. In addition to its screening on Public Broadcasting, the film will be used to assist in training of medical personnel.

Her thoughtfulness in participating in such a film is indicative of the life she lived.

Blackwell Participates In SEF-Ford Foundation Conference

Prof. James E. Blackwell (Sociology, College I) played a major role in the recent National Conference on "Equality of Access to Post-Secondary Education." The conference was jointly sponsored by the Southern Education Foundation and Ford Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia over a three day period in July.

Dr. Blackwell presented a paper on "Access of Black Students to Graduate and Professional Schools" during a plenary session and conducted a workshop on "Retention of Minority Students in Colleges and Universities: Programs and Methods."

Health Insurance

Those employees enrolled in Aetna's standard health insurance plan and Catastrophic Illness Coverage (CIC) soon will notice a reduction in the monthly amount deducted for their basic insurance premium, according to an announcement from the Group Insurance Commission in Boston.

Eligible employees with individual coverage will have \$.60 less deducted from their basic insurance premium each month while eligible employees with family coverage will have \$1.60 less deducted each month. This lower rate represents a reduction in the CIC portion of the basic insurance premium only, and will be in effect from October 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. The lower premium will be reflected initially

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in the paychecks employees receive on Friday, September 5, 1975. (Basic insurance premiums are deducted one month ahead.) Thus, the new individual coverage rate (with CIC) that will be deducted on Friday, September 5, will be \$10.11 per month (old rate, \$10.71). The new family coverage rate with CIC will be \$23.08 per month (old rate, \$24.68).

John Carpenter

Chief of Campus Security John Carpenter, who established, trained and guided the Campus security system since 1972, is leaving UMass-Boston to become the Chief of Security at San Diego State University, a campus in Southern California of some 35,000 students.

In his tour of duty here, Chief Carpenter gave us an outstanding performance on how campus security personnel cooperated with student and academic departments as well as having close liaison with law enforcement agencies.

Carpenter graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's school for police and security personnel, winning one of the highest ranks in his class.

Northwestern Dental School

Northwestern University's Dental School in Chicago received 4000 applications for 105 seats in its upcoming first-year class. One of the 2.6 per cent successful applicants was Paul A. Pladziewicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pladziewicz of Somerville. Paul was graduated from UMass-Boston at our May ceremonies with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Dr. Charles Vincent, Associate Dean, said, "We believe we have chosen an unusually competent group of students." The numbers might indicate that.

O'Connell Reviews

"Caleb, Who is Hotter Than A Two Dollar Pistol," a novel by Steven Ashley is "hot stuff" to Shaun O'Connell (English I) in his Boston Globe August 6 review.

"The Surface of Earth" by Reynolds Price also gathers O'Connell's encomiums in a July Globe review.

The interesting aspect of the second review is O'Connell's opposite view of Richard Gilman's assessment in the New York Times of the Price book. Gilman: "Trendy." O'Connell: "A gift of art." A last word for O'Connell who said Price "demonstrates a control of the novel form so compelling that all questions of fashionableness should recede before it."

Helping Playwrights

The New England Playwrights Guild is a new endeavor, designed to assist in the production of materials by new playwrights. Its debut at Newport's Belcourt Castle theater was encouraging, and Robert L. Evans (Theatre Arts) is one of the powers behind the footlights.

Of this new theatrical venture, he said "We're here to nurture and further along new playwrights, not set them up to be wiped out (by reviews)."

Among the summer offerings were an adaptation of Henry James's The Aspern Papers and Walter Hasenclever's A
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Real Gentleman.

Evans has five intern students from UMass-Boston and Harvard as part of the production crew.

New Trustees

Governor Michael Dukakis has named two new members to the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts.

Prof. Ruth Morgenthau, of the Brandeis University Political Science Department, and Daniel Dennis, an accountant from Billerica, are joining the Board of Trustees, succeeding outgoing Mrs. Eliot S. Knowles of South Dartmouth and John W. Haigis, Jr. of Greenfield.

Mrs. Knowles and Mr. Haigis were members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board and had intimate knowledge and a lively interest in the planning, construction, and utilization of UMass-Boston. They gave considerably of their time and talents to the essence of excellence the University is striving to achieve. They contributed greatly to the academic as well as to the physical growth of the University.

Nantucket Outreach

Fourteen 7th and 8th grade students of the Cyrus Peirce School at Nantucket have completed an interesting ecology program on the island this summer under the direction of Dorothy R. Spero, a graduate of UMass-Boston, 1974.

With the assistance of the UMass-Boston Field Station, the students were able to stimulate their creativity and to do individual, guided field research. Their projects included analysis of soil chlorides, feeding habits of fish, geese, birds, fiddler crabs, and acid-base changes in the blueberry and cranberry pigment anthocyanin in nature.

The Field Station staff gave lectures and conducted field trips for the students. Participants included Dr. Wesley Tiffney, Clinton Andrews, Thomas Kelleher, Sara Shid, Joel Davis, and Juliet Perkins.

Alternatives to Incarceration

The first national conference on Alternatives to Incarceration will be held in Boston, September 19-21, at the Sheraton Boston. The conference, sponsored by the National Task Force on Higher Education and Criminal Justice of the National Council of Churches, will be a national forum on the use of alternatives to incarceration. Sen. Birch Bayh, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency, will be the keynote speaker.

The conference coordinator is Prof. Barbara Ross, Psychology J. Cooperating with the National Council of Churches in offering the program are U. S. Office of Education, American Bar Association, Mass. Dept. of Correction, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Mass. Council on Crime and Corrections, National Resource Center for Women Offenders, UMass-Boston, Harvard Law School, Emerson College, Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice and others.

10th Anniversary

On September 10, 1965, the first students enrolled at UMass-Boston met with the pioneer faculty to begin the adventure in education that is the hallmark of this institution.

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For the original faculty and staff, there are many memories of the hectic days that preceded and included the first day of class at 100 Arlington Street.

To share these memories, this moment in our history, the Bulletin would like to have these thoughts published in upcoming editions. So, we are asking for that look down memory lane from members of faculty and staff. Please send your thoughts to the Office of Public Relations, Administration Building.

Hudson Shuttle Bus Schedules -- September 2 through December 14

Free Shuttle Service, Mondays through Fridays, except Oct. 13, Nov. 11, and Nov. 29 holidays:

Leave Columbia Station Busway to G-2, beginning at 6:25 a.m. every 12 minutes or less until 8:30 PM; every 15 minutes until 10:15PM NOTE: All buses to or from Columbia Station after 9PM operate to the Main Entrance of Columbia Station.

Leave: G-2 Level to Columbia Station beginning 6:33AM and every 12 minutes or less until 8:24PM, then every 15 minutes until 10:09, 10:35PM. NOTE: All buses to or from Columbia Station after 9PM operate to the Main Entrance of Columbia Station.

Free University Van Holiday Schedules on Oct. 13, Nov. 11, Nov. 29

Leave: Main Entrance at Columbia Station beginning at 7:30AM and running every 20 minutes until 7:30PM

Leave: G-2 Level beginning at 7:20AM and running every 20 minutes until 7:20PM to the main entrance of Columbia Station.

MBTA Forest Hills Service, Sept. 2, to Sept. 5

Leave: Forest Hills Lower Level, Wren St., Bus Stop: AM 7:50, 8:50; PM 1:35, 2:35, 3:35, 4:35.

Leave: UMB at the MBTA stop at Service Building: AM 8:20; PM 1:05, 2:05, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05.

MBTA Forest Hills Service, Sept. 8 to Dec. 26

Leave: Forest Hills Lower Level, Wren St. Bus Stop: AM 6:36, 7:00, 7:24, 7:48, 8:12, 8:36, 9:00; PM 3:42, 4:07, 4:32, 4:57

Leave: UMB at MBTA bus stop at Service Building: AM 7:12, 7:36, 8:00, 8:24; PM 12:40, 3:00, 3:25, 3:50, 4:15, 4:40, 5:05, 5:30.

Park Square Service

Through service from Peabody via Lynnfield and Saugus. Operated by Hudson Bus Lines, free service between UMB and Park Sq. regular Hudson fares apply between Park Sq. and Peabody. Route from UMB to Park Sq. (100 Arlington St.) is via Andrew Sq., Southampton St., Mass. Ave., and Columbus Ave. Peabody trips use US Route 1 and Route 128 to North Shore Shopping Ctr., Peabody. Free Com-muter parking at No. Shore Shopping Ctr. (Service Mon - Fri except holidays, effect. Sept 2-Dec 5 '75)

Leave: Peabody (NSSC) AM 7:05, 7:30, 8:00;

Leave: Park Square AM 7:20, 8:05, 8:30, 9:00, 11:00; PM 1:15, 2:30, 4:35

Due UMB (G-2) 7:45, 8:25, 8:55, 9:25, 11:20; PM 1:35, 2:50, 4:55

Leave: UMB (G-2) AM 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 PM 12:50, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00

Due Park Sq. 9:50, 11:05, 12:20 " 1:10, 3:50, 4:35, --, 7:25

Leave Greyhound Terminal: A 4:15PM, B 4:45PM, C 5:20 PM

Due Peabody (NSSC) 5:00, 5:45, 6:00

A Through bus Mon and Wed, change buses in Park Sq. for Peabody on Tues, Thurs & Fri.

B Change buses in Park Sq. for Peabody every day.

C Bus goes directly to Greyhound via Berkeley St. from Columbus Ave. Passengers may leave bus in terminal.

For further information call Housing & Transportation Office 287-1900, Ext. 2282