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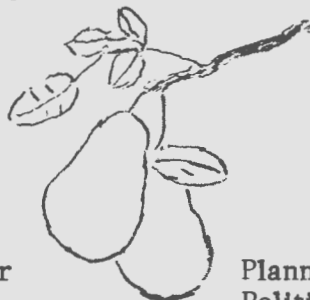
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*May
all the days of Christmas
be merry for you!*

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Annual Meeting, Feb. 18-24
American Association for the
Advancement of Science

One of the largest and most prestigious annual meetings for academicians will be held this year in Boston. The annual gathering of faculty, staff and students of the nation's colleges and universities as well as scientists in business, industry, and government will be held at the Sheraton-Boston. The theme of this year's meeting is "Science and Our Expectations: Bicentennial and Beyond." More than 180 symposia will be running for the week. Perspectives on Science, the Uses of Sciences, and the Frontiers of Science will be explored. The program will consider historical perspectives on the growth of science from the scientific milieu of the 18th century; cultural perspectives from Latin America, Afro-Americans, England, Japan, and Native Americans; ethical perspectives on scientific freedom and responsibility and values in science and engineering as well as the perspectives from pedagogy and from the aspiration of those who seek opportunities in science.

Two of the symposia are being arranged by UMass-Boston faculty. On discussions of food in the Uses of Science portion of the program, Prof. George Salzman (Physics) is in charge of arrangements for the symposium on "Energy and Food Production: Contemporary Technology and Alternatives" at the February 23 session. Prof. Garrison Wilkes (Biology II) is making arrangements for the symposium on "Plant Germplasm Resources--American Independence, Past and Future: for a February 24th program.

President Robert C. Wood is a member of the Boston Advisory Committee for the annual meeting.

University of Massachusetts
Press

The Spring and Summer catalog of books offered by the University of Massachusetts Press has been released. Among the 40 books listed is Tolerance: Toward a New Civility by Prof. Glenn Tinder (Politics I). Tinder's book is an effort to construct a new basis for the ideal of tolerance and to save civility from defeat. He believes that "liberal principles are not only highly questionable in theory but are being cast aside everywhere."

The University of Massachusetts Press is governed by a committee made up of faculty and administration, including Prof. William A. Percy, Jr., (History II), who has been teaching on the Amherst campus during the past semester and returns to the Harbor Campus for the Spring term.

Mary Newman

Mary Newman, Lecturer in Public Affairs at the College of Studies, in her present post, a nonpolitical one for the first time for her in 25 years, explained in a recent Quincy Patriot-Ledger story that she is teaching students how to apply the theories they are learning in other phases of their liberal arts education.

"The program is not geared toward politics, she said, but to all phases of the work world.

"Students interested in politics will benefit from the course, however.

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Mary Newman
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"I am deeply convinced that what the state needs is good management,' she said, 'We elect officials for what they stand for, not for what they can do.'

"This is the hardest work I've done in years because I have never taught before,' but she adds it is also very interesting and exciting, especially since she and the other members of the faculty are still molding the new course."

Mrs. Newman, who was Secretary for Manpower Affairs in the Sargent Administration, has not completely forsworn politics. She is a candidate for the State Republican Committee.

As London Sees Us

Michael Binyon, Washington correspondent for the London Times, in the December 5th Educational Supplement, reported on the selection of UMass-Boston as the site for the Kennedy Presidential Library. Under the headline of "Harvard fails in Kennedy Memorial bid" Mr. Binyon said the "decision to build the \$11.5 million complex at the University of Massachusetts will give a major fillip to its reputation, prestige and programmes."

Happy News

Miss Mary Anne Elizabeth Stewart and Prof. Andrew Boelcskey (German I) were united in marriage at a ceremony in Needham, November 29th. Mrs. Boelcskey is a graduate of UMass-Boston and studied at Albert-Ludwig Universtat in Freiburg, West Germany. Prof. Peter Ott was one of the ushers at the ceremony. The couple will live in Needham. Our warmest best wishes to them.

Bentley Lecturer

Prof. Lawrence Blum (Philosophy I) was a guest lecturer at the Bentley College "Philosophy and Public Affairs" lecture series. He spoke on the economics of child rearing, sex roles, and privacy and property rights in communes. He discussed how contemporary communal living is an attempt by people to realize a maximum growth, equality and community.

Boccaccio Commemorative

Prof. Vito Giustiniani (Italian Department, College I) gave a lecture on Giovanni Boccaccio, the great mediaeval storyteller, at the Dante Society of Boston on November 22. He commemorated the 600th Anniversary of Boccaccio's death and pointed out Boccaccio's importance for modern fiction.

Thor Olson Named
Vice Chancellor

Thor Olson, Director of Administration and Finance, has been named by Chancellor Golino as Acting Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, effective January 15th. He succeeds William R. Hamilton, Jr., who is returning full-time to teaching as a Commonwealth Professor in the Department of Politics, College II.

Olson is nearly one of the "plank owners" of the University of Massachusetts at Boston as he has been with us since 1967. When he retired from a distinguished career in the Coast Guard on June 30, 1967, he began his service for the University the next day on July 1.

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In those days, as many of the faculty pioneers can tell you, the university consisted of one building----- 100 Arlington Street. In the year that Olson came aboard, the Sawyer Building and the Armory were being rented to house the growing new school. Olson recalls there were 1500 students when he came.

Olson came as assistant business manager. That means he was the personnel officer, purchasing agent, accountant, budget director, and head of auxiliary services (mail, duplicating, telephone, cafeteria etc.).

Olson assisted in the planning of the administration and service buildings at the Harbor Campus and directed the gigantic move from Arlington Street to Dorchester.

Skeleton Day

Friday, December 26th, will be a skelton day. Payroll checks will be available sometime on Wednesday, December 24th. Departments will be notified when checks are available. Friday, January 2nd, will be a regular work day. All attendance sheets should be turned in by 9:00 at the latest on Wednesday, December 24th. Please follow same procedure on Wednesday, December 31st.

Spaethling to Japan

Prof. Robert Spaethling (German), who recently published an essay on "Folklore and Enlightenment in the Libretto of Mozart's Magic Flute," has been invited to lecture in Japan on German literature. He will be leaving for Tokyo on January 1st.

Langone Honored

Helen Langone, Secretary in the Black Studies Department, was recently honored on WHDH as The Secretary of the Day. She was nominated by Bruce Hare, Department Chairman. Helen won theater tickets, a dinner at Polcari's, and a floral display for her distinction.

Another Course to College

The Christian Science Monitor (12/1) had an interesting assessment on the UMass-Boston and Boston School Department's joint program--Another Course to College. The idea of this program was initiated by Chancellor Golino and then Superintendent William Leary of the Boston schools, and is being implemented by Dr. James Case and the staff of the Institute for Learning and Teaching. Richard Cattani's article cites the 90 students who are now high school juniors being aided toward college careers. They are taking courses in English, American History, mathematics, and biology. Courses are taught by UMass-Boston personnel and Boston school teachers. "They've no idea how much they can do," one counsellor said as the students see their own motivation as a prime factor in their personal success.

Flash

Maureen MacDonald (Media Services) was going to California. Now she will remain with the University and will continue her duties in the film rental and scheduling operation.