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Faculty Meets on Merger Proposal

At last week's special Faculty Meeting, in the dignity of debate and the promoting of positions, the proposed merger of Colleges I and II was again reviewed by pro and anti contingents.

Prof. Lawrence Kaplan, Biology, charged that the present system causes a duplication of efforts in committee work, resulting in an overlay of coordination which diverts faculty from fruitful academic work.

Prof. Robert Swartz, Philosophy and Law and Justice, summarized five points against the merger published in a publication distributed at the meeting prepared by members of the Ad Hoc Faculty Committee Against the Merger.

He questioned the savings of \$190,000 in the "Fenstermacher Report"; said the extended day had already been planned by College I; that graduate studies could go forward without a merger; that interdisciplinary programs are in place now without a merger; and that the cross-registration problems can be handled by administration of the problem in the Registrar's Office.

Supporting the merger of the two colleges, Prof. Robert Spaethling, German, said, "We have inherited the problems but not the assets of separate colleges... and that we should be putting our energy where it belongs--in the classroom and for our students."

Prof. Dorothy Marshall, Spanish I, said the merger proposal is an "unchartered course... and that we need a detailed plan before we jump over a precipice."

Prof. Salvatore Schiavo-Campo, Economics and Faculty Co-Chairman of the University Assembly, called for "due process" in the entire procedure and noted that the Faculty referendum on the merger would be held through Tuesday, March 16th, until 4 p.m.

Consistently permeating the debate were references to time spent by faculty members in committee work. Prof. Carter Jefferson, History I, said committee work in itself is an educational experience, although Prof. William Percy, History II, noted his colleague had said on another occasion, "Everytime I go to a committee meeting around here I miss a meeting."

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Prof. Paul Gagnon, History II, said all faculty should look at arguments from both sides of the issue, but added that "we should have a more precise plan."

He deplored the assumption that the liberal arts programs at UMass-Boston would not grow in the coming years.

Prof. Duncan Nelson, English II, was described as the campus Poet Laureate for his latest verse on merger musings, and perhaps was the symbol of the civility, cordiality, and cerebral content of the convocation.

Habitat Conference

For two days the Harbor Campus was the site for a truly New England Town Meeting--not just a typical town but with some 100 people from every type of New England community.

This was the Habitat Conference on Human Settlements organized by Prof. George Goodwin, Politics II, and co-sponsored by the U. S. State Department.

The meeting was one of six throughout the nation in which input by regions would be given to the State Department for a May meeting of the United Nations in Vancouver.

Prior to the meeting, the Department of State had issued proposed positions on the multiple questions related to the quality of life. If the New England group which met here is any indication, the State Department was being told: "Listen to us."

They said the State Department should tell the world, through the U.N. meeting, that New England, despite its diversity of urban, rural and suburban communities, has had a history and a sensitivity to human problems that could be shared with developing countries.

Prof. Franklin Patterson, Frank Boyden University Professor, was the master rapporteur for the four sections that met through March 6 and 7. Other rapporteurs were Prof. Robert Wegner, College of Professional Studies; Prof. Edmund Beard, Politics II; Prof. Ross Whaley and Prof. Barrie Greenbie of UMass-Amherst.

Moderators of the individual sections were Prof. Daisy Tagliacozzo, Sociology I; Dan H. Fenn, Jr., Director of the Kennedy Presidential Library; John Eller, Associate Vice President of UMass; and Prof. Badi Foster, College of Professional and Community Service.

Chancellor Carlo Golino greeted the group at the opening session and said that this type of intellectual exercise at the UMass-Boston campus is the kind of activity the university wished to increase.

President Robert Wood, at the closing session, told the participants that "the Habitat Conference was a strategically important one because you have assessed what the New England approach is for human settlements."

He said there were many positive approaches taken by the conferees and noted that "if the urban goals of the 1960s could be justly criticized as indulging in the rhetoric of over-promise, the intellectual analysis and public policy of the 1970s

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has been infected with the rhetoric of failure."

Research Interests

In response to a recent memorandum to faculty by Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Donald Babcock on common fields of research interests by the faculty, some 66 faculty responded. A compilation of the research interests has been produced by the Office of Grant and Contract Administration which has been distributed to Department Chairpersons and the Deans' offices. Additional copies are available at the Office of Grant and Contract Administration. Contact Cris Taconet, Ext. 2301.

The collection of interests indicates there are many interdisciplinary research projects that should be worth studying by even more than the 66 professors whose work is listed.

The Championship Season

The students who play for the UMass-Boston Beacons basketball team are busting their buttons. They are the champions of the Greater Boston Small College Conference and now the trophy representing their achievement is gracing Chancellor Golino's office. Coach Charles Titus and members of the team made the presentation last week.

The season's record was 14-1. The only loss was to the Harvard B team, a loss that was avenged later in the season with a UMass-Boston triumph.

The girls' basketball team also had a starry season with an unblemished record.

Congratulations to all!

The Return of Maynard Toll

Dr. Maynard J. Toll, who taught in the Politics Department at UMass-Boston from 1969 to 1971, will give a lecture on Monday, March 29th in College II, 3rd Floor, Room 617, at 12:30. The university community is cordially invited to hear him speak on "The U.S. Senate: Confessions from the Inside."

He is thoroughly familiar with his topic, having served as a legislative and administrative assistant for U. S. Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine. Dr. Toll was with Muskie from 1971 until 1975. He is now with the First Boston Corporation in New York and soon will be taking an assignment for that organization in Tokyo.

The lecture is sponsored by the Politics Department.

Encyclopedia Britannica

In the new edition of Encyclopedia Britannica one of the contributors is Prof. Lawrence Kaplan, Biology, whose article is on "Life Span." The new Bicentennial edition has 122 contributors from Massachusetts.

Another Course to College

Dr. James Case, Institute for Learning and Teaching, is asking interested faculty to enlist for this program which is one that is providing direct service to the City of Boston through faculty and university participation. The program now has 94 high school juniors in classes; next year some 100 will be enrolled.

For further details, please call Dr. Case at Ext. 2381

Foreign Students Reception

All faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend a party being given in honor of foreign students on Friday, March 19, in the College I Faculty Dining Area, from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Foreign students at this non-residential campus often have an especially difficult time meeting faculty and other students. On the afternoon of this last day before the break, this is intended as an opportunity for faculty and students to "wind down" together, and to have a chance to meet foreign students in a relaxed atmosphere. Free refreshments will be served.

Purchasing Department

Again this year the Purchasing Department has occupied a booth at the Majority Buyers/Minority Suppliers Expo that was held in conjunction with the New England Industrial Show at the Commonwealth Pier Exhibition Hall last week.

The purpose of the Expo was to bring purchasing representatives from New England businesses into contact with sales representatives from minority suppliers.

By participating in this worthy activity, we hope to increase our business relationships with more minority firms in the Boston Area.

Student Recital

A student recital will be presented to the University on Thursday, March 18, at 12:30 in the College I Auditorium. The recital will consist of performances by eight music students. The students have worked under the direction of David Patterson of the UMass-Boston Music Department, and will present the following program:

Double Violin Concerto	J. S. Bach
Liz Spencer, violin	
Chris Nourse, violin	
Dale Churchill, piano	
Reflections dans L'eau	Claude Debussy
Joseph Egan, piano	
A Prelude in E minor	Villa Lobos
Three Lute Pieces from the Renaissance	Cesare Vegre
Richard Alpert, Guitar	
Movements Perpetuals	Francis Poulene
Polonaise op. 40, no. 2	Frederic Chopin
Etude op. 10, no. 12	Frederic Chopin
Jim Valentino, piano	

Refreshment will be served in the lobby following the concert. All are invited to attend.