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October 12

In response to inquiries, October 12, which has gone down in history to commemorate the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, falls on a Tuesday this year. But, of course, we know that some of our State holidays are celebrated on Mondays, as is the case for the Columbus Day holiday.

So, October 12th is a Tuesday. It is a day for classes; and it will be considered as a Tuesday-schedule.

Sherman Arnold

College and university life is invigorated by special people at various campuses around the country. They are faculty, librarians, secretaries, janitors, Deans and other essential individuals. Harvard had, among others, Copey in the English Department and Mister Farrell in its Athletic Department; Northeastern had Carl Ell and Rudy Morris; Boston College had Malachy McGrath, a campus policeman, and John Norton in English; Suffolk had the beloved John Fenton; UMass-Amherst had the inestimable Bob McCartney--and so it goes.

Our young campus has some, and one of them is leaving us this week. His working title may have been one thing but most know Sherman Arnold as one of our great Ambassadors of Good Will--for faculty and staff, visitor and Trustee.

The going-away party for Sherman Arnold will be held on Friday, October 8--beginning at 4:30 at the Faculty Lounge, 11th floor, Library. Come and shed a tear. Charlie Ohrenberger is, as they say, in charge of arrangements. For further information and tickets, see Helen Kirby, Physical Plant, or call Ext. 2105.

Beichman at UNESCO Meeting

Prof. Arnold Beichman, Politics, is one of 17 American delegates this week in Paris for the UNESCO international symposium on "Politicization in International Organizations and Specialized Agencies."

He is in the U.S. group which includes such scholars as Daniel Bell, Harvard; Seymour Martin Lipset, Stanford; Nobel laureates Christin Anfinson and Julius Axelrod, National Institute of Mental Health, and Robert Gomer, University of Chicago.

The conference chairman is the internationally noted sociologist Prof. Raymond Aron, Sorbonne.



## Sociologists Active at National Meeting

Seventeen members of the Sociology Department, including a student, had active roles in the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in New York in September and the concurrent meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). Of this total, fully 15 participated in the program of the American Sociological Association, two in the SSSP program, and several in both programs. This record would seem to be a larger total participation than that of any other Sociology department in the country.

The following had active roles in the sociological association meeting: John Baumann gave a paper on "Bail Reform and Systematic Class Oppression;" James Blackwell was a discussant at the Section on Urban Sociology; John Dickinson gave a paper on "The Sociology of Individual Knowledge: Some Comments on 'Sociologism' and 'Imputation,'" and was organizer and presenter of the Round Table, "Is Revolution Possible Without False Consciousness?" Glenn Jacobs was organizer and chairperson of the Section on Humanistic Sociologies; Gregory Johnson presented a paper on "The Underemployment of Advanced Degree Holders: Some Findings and Observations," Lawrence Kamara was coauthor of a paper with Ellen Richards on "Neighboring in Mattapan: A Study of a Transitional Community."

Janet Kohen was organizer and chairperson of the Section on Children and Youth; Siamak Movahedi was a committee member on Round Table Discussions; Stan R. Nikkel was organizer and chairperson on the Section on Minorities and Housing; Ellen F. Richards gave a joint paper with Lawrence Kamara on "Neighboring in Mattapan: A Study of a Transitional Community;" Elizabeth Clement Rogers, a student, class of 1977, was a member of the panel of the Section on Minorities and Housing; Nancy St. John was organizer and chairperson of the Section on Social Implications of Metropolitan School Desegregation; Sharon Stichter gave a paper on "Imperialism and the Rise of a 'Labor Aristocracy' in Kenya, 1945- 1970," and also was a discussant of the Section on Sociology of Development: Africa; and Robert Weiss was a discussant for the Section on Marital Separation and Divorce.

In addition, T.S. Miyakawa is a member of the American Sociological Association Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology.

The members of the Sociology Department who were participants in the program of the concurrent meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems included: John Baumann who presented a paper on "Justice in Revolutionary Cuba: The Dialectics of Mass Mobilization;" James Brady gave a paper on "Popular Justice in China: Thought, Organization, and Dialectic Development," and was organizer of the Section on Radical Alternatives in Justice and Social Control; Richard Speigelman gave a paper on "The Emergence of Community Alternatives in the United States," and Prof. James Blackwell was a panelist at the meetings of the Association of Black Sociologists preceding these meetings.



## Gaffney to England

Prof. Matthew Gaffney, Mathematics, is in England where he will be on sabbatical. He will be attending a series of seminars at Warwick University with a group of scholars studying aspects of Geometric Laplacian Operator. He was a delegate for the Massachusetts Mathematics Society at the recent installation of Jean Mayer as President of Tufts University.

## Library Gift

The University Library has been the recipient of a gift membership in the Jewish Publication Society donated by Muriel and Philip Berman of Allentown, Pennsylvania. This generous gift has enabled the Library to strengthen its collection in the fields of Jewish history and literature. The books are available in the Library.

## Tubbs Elected

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs LeVester Tubbs has been appointed to serve on the Committee on Federal Legislation for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges Council for Student Affairs.

## Bruss and Freud

Freudianism, a long-suppressed monograph by the Soviet semiotician V.N. Voloshinov, has been published by Academic Press in an edition by I.R. Titunik of the University of Michigan and Neal Bruss of the English Department and College of Professional Studies. The volume includes Voloshinov's "Discourse in Life, Discourse in Art," the plan for a "sociological poetics." Voloshinov was a founder of the modern structuralist methodology of the humanities and social sciences.

## Danforth Fellowships

Inquiries about the Danforth Graduate Fellowships, to be awarded by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri in March 1977, are invited, according to Mary Winslow, Central Advising Office.

The Fellowships are open to all qualified persons who have serious interest in careers of teaching in colleges and universities, and who plan to study for a Ph.D. in any field of study common to the undergraduate liberal arts curriculum in the United States.

Approximately 60-65 Fellowships will be awarded to seniors and recent graduates who are considered "Early Entry" applicants in the Program. Another 35-40 awards will be made to postbaccalaureate persons who are called "Late Entry" applicants and who apply directly to the Foundation. Preference is given in the "Early Entry" component to persons under 30 years of age and in the "Late Entry" component to persons under 30-40 years of age.

Applicants for the Early Entry awards may not have undertaken any graduate or professional study beyond the baccalaureate and must be nominated by Liaison Officers of their undergraduate institutions by November 15, 1976. The Danforth Foundation does not accept direct applications for the Early Entry Fellowships.

Faculty are requested to inform students about the Fellowships.



## Melissa Roberts

Prof. Maria Luisa Roberts, Spanish, has been named as Director of the Summer School and Coordinator of the Extended Day Program, it was announced by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Steamer.

Her responsibilities will include coordination and implementation of Extended Day and Summer School plans; the planning and implementation of a Continuing Education Program, which is now currently in a research and feasibility stage; and coordination of services during evening hours and presence on campus during those hours to assure a smoothly functioning operation.

## Wolfe Art Exhibit

Moves/Paintings and Drawings from a Recent Series by Jack Wolfe will be on view on the fourth and fifth floors of the University Library through October 23rd.

Wolfe studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and the Boston Museum School during the 1940s, and currently lives and works in Stoughton. His paintings have been exhibited by a number of major galleries and museums, including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, the Whitney Museum in New York, and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. His most recent exhibit, Portraits by Jack Wolfe, just closed at the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury.

Since 1967 a painting by Jack Wolfe has been on permanent loan to the Library, and is presently exhibited on the third floor (Reserve Book Area).

## Counseling Meeting

Dr. Gardner D. Yenawine, Director of the Office of Vocational Counseling and Placement, is Program Chairman for the 1976 Fall Convention of Eastern College Personnel Officers (ECPO), to be held October 10-13th at Wentworth-by-the-Sea in Portsmouth, N. H. ECPO is the oldest of seven U. S. regional associations that bring together in professional association career planning and placement personnel in four-year colleges and universities with national recruiters and employer representatives from business, industry and government. The conference will celebrate ECPO's 50th Anniversary and Dr. Yenawine has, since midwinter of 1975, been responsible for directing the energies of the committee responsible for all conference program development.

The conference has been designed to shed light on the history of work in America over the past 50 years and to stimulate serious thought and attention to the future of work in America with its implications for education.

## Extended Day

Faculty are requested to advise freshmen in the College of Liberal Arts that, starting in January 1977, UMass-Boston will be offering a wide range of introductory level courses during evening hours (4 - 8 p. m.) on a Monday-Wednesday, Tuesday-Thursday schedule. This provides an opportunity for freshmen to continue as full-time students by attending during the evening hours only.

All university services will be open during the evening hours. In subsequent years, advanced courses will also be offered so that it will be possible for someone who is presently a freshman to continue his/her studies during the evening exclusively.