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Forum For the Handicapped

The Boston Sunday Globe, December 26, ran a feature story by Elmer C. Bartels, President of the New England Spinal Cord Injury Foundation, lauding the UMass-Boston campus as "an outstanding academic facility for the handicapped student." He cited two reasons for this: the 1968 Legislation which required all state funded buildings to be constructed for use by the handicapped, and the pioneer efforts by Lillian Ross, who was outstandingly concerned for the welfare of blind students at the university.

Bartels reviewed all the services now offered by the Handicapped Student Center, under the direction of Andrea Schein, assisted by Meg Kocher and Peg McCarthy.

The article is accompanied by two of Joe Dennehy's pictures, showing a wheel chair student riding on the bridge between the Science Building and the 020 Building, and another of student Clare Schneider and her dog Dusty at the brialle library.

Bartels notes that the "opportunity for the disabled students to meet in the center, trade ideas and mutual problems, and work with nondisabled students is one of the intangible values of the center."

Theatre Arts At McCormack School

At the recent career day in Communications at the John W. McCormack School, it must be noted that the Theatre Arts Department of UMass-Boston was among the several participants by personnel of UMass-Boston. Sylvia Bengen of Theatre Arts had a stimulating day with the middle school youngsters, showing posters, flyers and brochures of UMass-Boston productions, and answering the children's questions about the schooling needed for careers in the theatre. She advised strongly that a good, solid foundation in the liberal arts, such as it is offered at UMass-Boston is a good channel to the theatre.

Faculty Visitation

In the Faculty Visitation Program for the Admissions Office, Professors Arthur Martin, Physics; John Dick, Russian; Taffee Tanimoto, Mathematics; and Lester Segal, History spoke to Faculty Members in their disciplines at Pentucket Regional High.

Ann Froines, Director of Women's Studies, lectured to 250 students at Nazareth Academy in Wakefield on Topics in Women's History.

Prof. Friedrich Ott, Chairman of German, talked to over 50 students at Milton High on Language Study. His presentation

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was given added force by two German Majors, Linda Bedugnis and Mary Baker-Hall, who spoke of career opportunities to which language study might lead.

Prof. R. J. Schork of Classics spoke to a class at Charlestown High on Myths.

Prof. Tanimoto spoke to several classes at Milton High on Mathematics.

Prof. Brian Thompson, Chairman of French, spoke on the study of that language to students at Hingham.

Meanwhile, Prof. Robert Evans, Theatre Arts, was visiting Lexington High on two occasions, speaking on acting techniques to a large group of Drama majors, and on the conventions of Elizabethan Stage to members of that school's Shakespeare Society.

The Admissions Office wishes to thank these Faculty and students for their wholly laudable contribution of time and effort.

In January, Prof. Janet Kelly, Politics; Stanley Remsberg, History, Ben Peterson and Warren Hill, Art; R. J. Schork, Classics, Taffee Tanimoto, Mathematics; Monique Garrity, Economics; Hatimal Amiji, History; Spencer DiScala, History; John Conlon, Teacher Certification Program; Izchak Miller, Philosophy; and Bettina Harrison, Biology will be speaking to students from Boston to Medway.

Kennedy Library Environmental
Impact Hearing

A public hearing was held recently on campus in order that local organizations could provide further input into the required environmental impact report to be filed by the General Services Administration, which will operate the John F. Kennedy Library.

Testimony was received from Dolores Miller, President of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, who spoke as an officer of the Association and as a Savin Hill resident; John Moran, representing the Friends of Paten's Cove; John Madden, representing the Dorchester United Neighborhood Associations, 18 groups in Dorchester; Stephen Graham, who led the campaign for citizen participation to bring the Kennedy Library to Dorchester; Michael Traft, President of the Cedar Grove Civic Association; Thomas Cheney, representing the Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association; Alphonso Irving of the Columbia Point Development Council, and Leon Rock of the Columbia Point Housing Corporation.

President Robert C. Wood, represented by senior planner Gordon Brigham, filed the University's support of the study and said, "We are pledged to do everything we can to assist the Library Corporation and the General Services Administration in initiating and completing construction as soon as possible."

All the neighborhood and civic association spokespersons strongly endorsed the coming of the presidential library, but some did point out their interest in potential traffic problems. UMass-Boston personnel attending the meeting included William Meehan, Director of Planning, who coordinated the meeting; David Gilmore, Director, Community Service; Thomas

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Kelley, Dorchester Field Office; and John Larner, Director,
Public Relations.

Also attending were representatives of the General Services
Administration and the Kennedy Library Corporation.

Upon Being Precise

Prof. Shaun O'Connell, English, is a lover of language; its
preciseness, pungency, and, if you will, poesy. His book
reviews are found almost daily in the Boston Globe and one
of his more current assessments of the written word was
Edwin Newman's new book A Civil Tongue. A kindred soul
is Newman to O'Connell, who enjoyed Newman's Strictly
Speaking more than the newest effort. But he concludes the
review with "Read Newman! Save English before it is fatally
slain."

Both books are concerned with the misuse of language and
O'Connell illustrates this beautifully with his parody that
Newman endeavored "to convince the American constituency
to prioritize, through conceptual pre-planning, its verbal
input/output capabilities" in his first book and in the new one
calls attention "to counterproductive modes of verbal inter-
face."

Hallelujah.

The Power and Limits Of A
Vision

The December 26th Boston Sunday Globe devoted one half a
page, or something like 964 agate lines, to the art and the
artistry of Prof. Arnold Beichman's review of Erik H. Erik-
son: The Power and Limits Of Vision by Paul Roazen, a Pro-
fessor of Political Science at York University, Toronto.

Book editor Margaret Manning put a headline on the review:
Erik H. Erikson, Analyzing an Analyst. And this Bulletin
report must have to be Analyzing an Analysis of an Analyst,
because reviewing Beichman's review is as much excitement
as reading the book.

Beichman found Roazen's book "maddening and fascinating,
irritating and illuminating, absurd and brilliant." The pub-
lisher surely can use these words to promote the book.

Erikson made the phrase "identity crisis: a significant con-
cept in contemporary culture, says Beichman, and as the
author of psychobiographies of Martin Luther and Mahatma
Ghandi he has accomplished the interpenetration of three
intellectual disciplines--history, political science and psy-
choanalysis. This book is more related to Erikson as the
political theorist but draws heavily on Freud, whom Roazen
calls "an old-fashioned liberal."

It may be a book where one must traipse through the thickets
of psychoanalytic thought and vocabulary, but Beichman makes
it sound like a challenging read.

Computer Room Schedule

The computer room will be open Monday through Friday, 9:00
a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with the exception of Friday, Dec. 31
(closed for the holiday) until classes resume.

Guidance Counselors Visit Campus

The Admissions Office was the host to some 150 high school junior college, and community agency personnel to advise them about the educational opportunities at UMass-Boston.

F. Donald Costello, Director of Admissions, called the day a big success since departmental representatives had the chance to tell the secondary school educators about the majors offered here.

Chancellor Golino, Liberal Arts Dean Fuad Safwat, Professional Studies Dean Richard Freeland, College of Public and Community Services Admissions Counselor Betty Richardson and others spoke to the group.

Prof. Thomas Brown, History, addressed the educators about the liberal arts program at UMass-Boston, and had the opportunity to talk about the courses offered by his colleagues in the History Department.

Kennedy Lectures

The campus John F. Kennedy Library Advisory Committee, headed by Prof. George Goodwin, Politics, has recommended that among the first relationships between UMass-Boston and the Kennedy Library should be the establishment of a Chancellor's Annual John F. Kennedy Memorial Lecture.

Chancellor Golino said he hoped the first lecture would be given in March.

The Advisory Committee is now in the process of selecting the first speaker.

Papageorgiou Publications

Prof. John C. Papageorgiou, College of Professional Studies, is the author of two recent papers in scholarly journals. "Quality of Life Indicators" appeared in the International Journal of Environmental Studies, Vol. 9, 1976, and "Competition in Nature and the Lognormal Model" was published in the International Journal of Cybernetics and Large Systems, Vol. 6, 1976.

In the Quality of Life essay, he lists 14 indicators, although he says "no system of quality of life indicators has been developed as yet; and that the list can be further studied, shortened or expanded.

The 14 indicators are: Air Quality, Water Quality, Soil Quality, Natural Conditions and Hazards, Shelter Quality, Urbanization, Communications, Nutrition, Health, Education, Economic Conditions, Security, Social, Leisure/Recreation.

He concludes: "There may be, of course, other quality of life indicators that are affected. Moreover, there may be other factors that affect the magnitude of the indicators considered. Such factors could be the socioeconomic characteristics of the population, the climatic conditions of the locations, the degree of industrialization in terms of different industries, the average income of the population and its dispersion, and so on. There remains to have all these facts investigated together with the development of a system of quality of life indicators."