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Faculty Union

Faculty and designated professional staff at UMass-Amherst and UMass-Boston voted to be members of the Massachusetts Society of Professors/Faculty-Staff Union/Massachusetts Teachers Association/National Education Association by an 865 to 680 vote for no agent. There were 74 challenged votes and two ballots were cast but were not marked. In all, 1621 voters cast ballots out of the 1947 who were eligible to vote.

President Robert C. Wood said: "Although I am sympathetic to the primarily economic concerns which have apparently persuaded the faculty to support the unionization, I am sorry that the faculty has turned away from the traditional structure of University governance. I still do not believe the collective bargaining mode is right for an institution devoted to teaching, research and public service, nor do I believe it will deliver the economic benefits its proponents claim.

"Through the course of hearings which led to this election, the University maintained that a number of positions ought not to be included in a bargaining unit, and we are concerned that the Labor Relations Commission rejected our views with respect to Department heads, part-time faculty, professional librarians, and faculty on terminal contract. We will be meeting with our counsel next week to consider our course of action."

Chancellor Carlo L. Golino said: "I am saddened by the results of the vote on unionization. I believe the answer to the legitimate fiscal demands of the faculty will not be met by unionization, and I am convinced that a governance system is far superior to an industrial model of confrontation between management and unions. I shall, of course, do my best to continue to serve the University under the changed circumstances."

Distinguished Lecture Series

The Office of Graduate Studies is sponsoring its third lecture in its new Distinguished Lecture Series. Prof. Emerson Marks, English, will speak on "Taming The Chaos" on Tuesday, March 1, at 3 p.m. in the former Faculty Club, third floor, Building 020. The lecture is open to all faculty, staff, and students. Put a red circle on your calendar for this date and time.

The other speakers in this outstanding series were Prof. Zahn, Sociology, and Dr. Krister Stendahl of Harvard Divinity School.

New Carl Cohen Book

Carl Cohen, Assoc. Prof. of Mathematics who reaches retirement age this term, has a book accepted for publication by Lambert Schneider in Heidelberg, Germany. The title of the book is: The Impact of the Protestant Reformation on the Jews."

The publisher has published works by Martin Buber and Albert Schweitzer.

To Honor Louis Ruchames

To honor the late Louis Ruchames, Professor of History, who died last June, the History Department has established the Louis Ruchames Memorial Fund. Proceeds from the fund will be used to award a book prize annually to an outstanding student in American or Jewish history, the two fields which were Professor Ruchames' main scholarly interests. All faculty, students, and other members of the UMass-Boston community are invited to join in paying tribute to a respected colleague and teacher. Contributions in any amount will be welcomed. Checks may be made payable to The Louis Ruchames Memorial Fund; all donations should be sent to the History Department, UMass-Boston.

Minority Pre-Med and Pre-Dental Students

Faculty are asked to advise minority pre-medical and pre-dental students that (today) Tuesday, between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m., Ms. Loretta Dixon, Coordinator of the Boston University Health Education Resources Summer Program will be available to meet with students in the Central Advising Office, (Administration Building, Room 210).

The program is designed to assist "Boston-area college sophomores who are graduates of Boston-area high schools" and who hope to attend medical or dental school. The program will run from May 25 through July 1, 1977 and will consist of 1) a science or mathematics course; 2) a communications course; 3) tutorial reinforcement; and 4) placement in medically-related part-time job with a work study stipend.

Pre-Med--Pre-Dental Program

Faculty are asked to advise freshmen and other new students interested in medicine and/or dentistry that there will be a meeting on Thursday for first-year students who are considering or planning on a career in medicine or dentistry. The purpose of these meetings will be to share information and to give students an opportunity to ask questions about the planning of their pre-medical (dental) programs. Each session will cover the same topics, so it is hoped that one of the three sessions will be convenient for any student who is interested in attending.

The meeting will be held in the Science Building, 2nd floor, Room 2/063 between 12:45 and 1:45 p.m.

Boaz Sharon Concert

On Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Building 010 Auditorium Boaz Sharon, Israeli pianist, will play a diversified program ranging from Beethoven (Sonata in D major, Op. 10, No. 3) to Stockhausen (Klavierstück No. 9). The program also includes Invitation to a Dance by Carl Maria von Weber, the Schumann Arabesque, Op. 18 and Ravel's La Valse (originally written for orchestra and subsequently transcribed for

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the piano by the composer).

He studied at the Tel Aviv Conservatory, the Conservatoire Royale de Mons in Belgium, the University of Texas in Austin and with Béla Nagy at Boston University. He is presently on the music faculty at Duke University in North Carolina.

Mr. Sharon began performing in public at the age of 16. In addition to numerous recitals both in the U. S. and abroad, he has had many performances with orchestra and on radio. His entries in twelve piano competitions have earned him no less than ten first prizes.

Boaz Sharon played a very beautiful program here two years ago. The UMass-Boston Music Department is happy to welcome him back for a second recital.

All are invited to attend this outstanding program.

Computer Center Hours

The Computing Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The center is located on the third floor of the Science Building, room 047.

INFO AND IMAGES

IMAGES and INFO, the student handbook, will be revised this Spring. Revisions and contributions are requested by the INFO Center. DEADLINE for submitting copy is March 1st. Please address all correspondence to: Sherry Thomas, Editor, IMAGES and INFO, INFO Center Office, 2/2/412, ext. 3100.

Miyakawa Hospitalized

Prof. Scott Miyakawa, Chairman, Sociology, will be hospitalized at Massachusetts General Hospital for another week or so for post-surgical care following an accident last week. He was struck by a car on Commonwealth Avenue and sustained severe leg injuries. He is expected to be in a cast and using crutches for a six-week period following release from the hospital. But, he is looking forward to returning to his teaching and scholarly duties as soon as possible.

Dean's Search

Prof. Arthur Martin, Physics, Chairman of the Dean's Search Committee for the College of Liberal Arts, is inviting faculty, staff and students to meet with three candidates for the Dean's post this week.

Between 3 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 17 and Friday, February 18, opportunities to interview candidates will be at the former Faculty Club, Third Floor, Building 020.

When additional candidates are to be interviewed on campus, an announcement will be made for time and place for similar interviews by the campus community.

Paul Zuffante

We pass along this note to the Bulletin editor from the niece of Paul Zuffante, Chemistry, who died recently of a heart attack.

"On behalf of the Zuffante and Baldini family, I wish to express our deepest thanks to all members of the University of Massachusetts staff, faculty and students.

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"The family was deeply moved by the response to Paul's untimely death.

"He always talked about UMass as if it was his second family and how much he enjoyed working among you.

"We all can see why because of your kindness. We again wish to convey our thanks to all of you.

"Sincerely, Paula Baldini Sarno."

Opera Company Program

The Opera Company of Boston-Training Program for Young Singers will have an Open House on Tuesday, February 15, 1977, at the Building 020 Auditorium, starting at 7:30 p.m.

For the past five weeks, the Opera Company of Boston has been engaged in an interesting new project which has been called the Training Program for Young Singers. After a series of auditions, thirty singers from the Boston area were accepted into the program. They received training in the areas of acting, pantomime, movement, musical coaching, and staging. More than two-thirds of the students received practical performance experience in the Opera New England production of The Second Hurricane. A series of seminars were also held to discuss the role of the artist, opera management, scene design and lighting, and artist management.

The Open House on Tuesday evening will be divided into three parts. You may sit in on selected classes which will be in progress from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. At 8:30 there will be a one hour presentation in the Auditorium which will illustrate the procedures of the training program. A brief reception will follow.

A Boston Globe Editorial

Mens sana in corpore sano

As careful as we have become with our pennies, we can understand Gov. Dukakis's opposition to plans for a \$9.6 million athletic facility at the UMass Harbor Campus, Columbia Point. But reasonable economies aside, Juvenal's dictum, "A sound mind in a sound body," should be observed, and the UMass trustees were right on educational grounds to reject the governor's appeal to scale down the project.

The governor argued to the trustees, through Sec. of Education Paul Parks, that the state should not feel obligated to execute all capital outlay projects just because they were approved before the state's fiscal crisis closed in on the Treasury, as was the case for the gymnasium complex.

Parks said that the governor is reviewing all capital outlay plans with an eye towards economy and that the state could save an estimated \$2 to \$4 million if construction of the hockey rink and swimming pool components of the plan were dropped or postponed.

The quality of teaching at UMass-Boston may not depend on a multi-use athletic facility on campus, although the availability of one might easily be a factor in attracting some professors. But the integration of physical fitness with the pursuit of knowledge is a basic educational principle that should not be abandoned, particularly at a university with boundless potential for first-class ranking.