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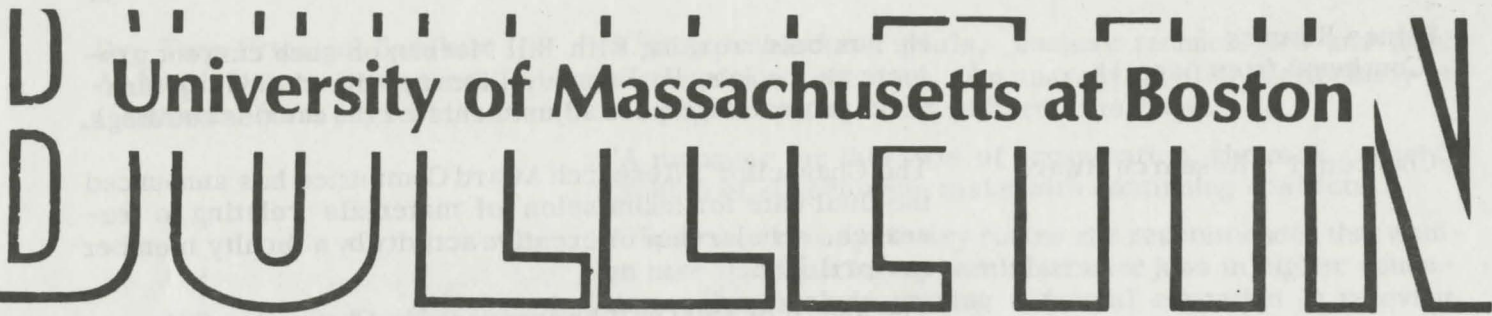
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Prof. Kramer Appointed To Public Health Task Force

Prof. Bernard M. Kramer, Psychology, has accepted an invitation from the State Commissioner of Public Health, Jonathan E. Fielding, to serve as a member of a special task force that will be charged with developing a plan for the ultimate reduction of the incidence of cancer in Massachusetts. Some experts estimate that between 66 and 88 percent of cancer deaths could be avoided through prevention--by keeping cancer from occurring in the first place, according to Dr. Fielding. The task force of prominent citizens will assist in formulating priorities for a major cancer prevention program. It will be made up of 12 individuals representing the fields of medicine, epidemiology, nutrition, education, law, research, the media, the social sciences, and industry.

Prince Returns

Willard Prince, who can tell you how many bricks, miles of wire, seating capacity in classrooms and light bulbs there are on campus, has been familiarizing himself with the problems of planning and development for current and future adjustments and growth of the Harbor Campus.

Prince returned to the University as Director of Planning and Development in January and has been working with William Meehan, who is completing his role as Director of Planning and Development.

Prince initially came to UMass-Boston in 1968, first as Assistant Director and then as Director of Planning and Development with the prime responsibilities of developing the Harbor Campus in collaboration with State agencies, Trustees, architects and contractors, faculty and university departments. These duties ran the gamut from site selection and acquisition, working with master planners--both construction and academic--including space programming, capital outlay budget estimating, and designer selection.

In 1973 he left the university to resume the private practice of architecture and for an assignment with the MBTA as a construction architect for a \$1-billion--\$2-billion expansion and renovation program.

He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the School of Architecture at MIT, and holds membership in the American Institute of Architects, the Boston Society of Architects and the Massachusetts Association of Architects.

During his professional career he has been associated with some of the nation's leading architectural firms, including projects in Sweden and this country.

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He has been working with Bill Meehan on such current projects as the John F. Kennedy Library, the campus gymnasium project, and space adjustments for the campus buildings.

Chancellor's Research Award

The Chancellor's Research Award Committee has announced the final date for submission of materials relating to research, scholarship or creative activity by a faculty member is April 20th.

The award of \$500 will be announced by Chancellor Golino at Commencement, June 2.

The material must have appeared in print or otherwise presented to the public during the calendar year of 1976. Full or part-time faculty are eligible upon nomination. Chairpersons are encouraged to submit nominations on behalf of members of their departments or programs to the Chancellor's Research Award Committee c/o Rosanne Donahue, Secretary, Graduate Studies, Administration Building.

Members of the committee are Prof. Matthew Gaffney, Mathematics, Chairman; Prof. Pauline R. Maier, History, and Prof. Robert H. Spaethling, German and Director, Graduate Studies.

METCO

The Admissions Office sponsored an all-day meeting for the METCO Program's Annual College and Career Day at the Harbor Campus. METCO students and their parents, along with teachers and administrators of schools in the METCO program, were on campus to talk with UMass-Boston personnel and admissions and guidance officers of some 25 colleges and universities.

Ruth Batson, prominent in education circles and a leader in the formation of the METCO program, was the luncheon speaker.

Coordinating the day for the Admissions Office was Betty K. Richardson.

Dr. Tonn Principal Speaker
At North Dakota Conference

At a Conference for Women in Higher Education held at the University of North Dakota, Dr. Joan Tonn, College of Professional Studies, told the group from colleges and universities throughout the state that a combination of becoming exceptionally well trained and taking risks is what women should do to attain administrative positions in higher education.

The Grand Forks, N.D. Herald reported that Dr. Tonn believes most of the people who aspire and acquire administrative positions at universities are poorly prepared for them.

The report said: "It seems it is not fashionable to like administrative positions," she said. "So we see these positions rotated from person to person like the proverbial hot potato."

"Educational preparation for these positions, she said, is not stressed because it is assumed that 'you either have what it takes, or you get it by osmosis.'

"In illustrating the problems which an administrator faces in a higher education structure, Dr. Tonn said universities have been described as an 'organized anarchy.'

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"Citing problematic goals, unclear technologies and fluid participation, she said, 'An anarchy is not particularly a bad organization, but it is hard to manage.'

"A manager for this type of organization, she said, 'must be capable of superhuman tasks with continuing conflicts.'

"There are three primary routes she recommended that women take in acquiring top administrative jobs in higher education. They include gaining a formal education in relevant professional areas, combining a formal education with the support of a mentor, and continual planning and development of education and career options.

"Preparing a solid background in a professional area, she said, 'builds a base upon which to sell yourself. It also helps you develop the invaluable resource of a network of contacts.'"

Dean Candidate

Dr. Herman Feldman, Professor of Psychology, Indiana University Northwest, one of four finalists for the Deanship of the College of Liberal Arts will be visiting the UMass-Boston campus on Friday, April 8. Meeting time has been scheduled from 3 to 4 p. m. in Bldg. 020 Faculty Lounge area, 3rd floor, for interested faculty and students. The Deans and Chairpersons are scheduled to meet with him from 2:00 to 3:00.

Movahedi Paper

Prof. Siamak Movahedi, Sociology, presented a paper entitled "Cultural Stereotypes of the Addict and Clinical Theories of Addiction," at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society held in New York City on March 17-20. This paper was the report of a cross-cultural study by Professor Movahedi on the cultural stereotypes of the drug addict in the United States and in Iran, and the impact of such stereotypes on the content and orientation of the so-called "scientific" theories on the causes of addiction and the personality constellation of the addict. A longer version of this report is in press in the journal of Urban Life.

Faulkner's Private Life

"Satisfying moments of peace" will come quicker if you re-read Absalom, Absalom rather than perusing Selected Letters of William Faulkner edited by Joseph Blotner if you are trying to get a look into the private life of the Mississippi maestro. Prof. Shaun O'Connell, English, notes in his Boston Globe review of the selected letters that "Faulkner didn't much give a damn about letters as a literary form" and that readers by and large will be disappointed with this collection, especially because Faulkner did all he could to "keep his private life just that." But, it is an addition to the collection of Faulkner material for scholars.

Student Wins Regional Award

At the annual meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association held in Providence, Ms. Cynthia Eaton, a student of Prof. David Landy and a senior majoring in biology and chemistry, was awarded First Prize in the Student Paper Competition of the Northeastern Anthropological Association. Ms. Eaton's paper won over a field of entries from all over the region that included mainly graduate students. The winning paper, "Diabetes, Culture Change, and Acculturation: a Biocultural Analysis," was also presented in brief form at the meetings of the panel, "Anthropology of Food and Food

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Habits," and stimulated much discussion and comment. The study grew out of a paper written by Ms. Eaton for Prof. David Landy's course in Medical Anthropology and is being prepared for submission for publication in a professional journal. Ms. Eaton's work is one of a number of examples of professional-level scholarship being done by undergraduates in conjunction with anthropology faculty members.

Many anthropology students and faculty attended the NEAA meetings. Professors Barbara Luedtke and Barbara Ayres served as commentators on symposia. Prof. R. Timothy Sieber read a paper entitled "Functions of Informality in the Classroom."

NAFEO Conference

Dr. James E. Blackwell (Sociology) was a featured presenter in a plenary session during the Annual Conference of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, March 13-16 in Washington, D. C. Dr. Blackwell's paper, "Participation of Blacks in Graduate and Professional Schools" was the title of his plenary session. The paper addressed such issues as (1) historical factors and legal issues associated with the access of black students to graduate and professional schools, (2) the distribution of blacks in the occupational structure, (3) labor supply projections and the training of black graduate and professional school students, (4) the distribution of black students in fields of study in graduate and professional school as related to degrees earned by fields, and (5) current issues regarding access to graduate and professional schools.

Business For Boston

Mayor Kevin H. White opened up the two-day conference on campus last week which was called "Business For Boston" and attracted some 2000 business people. The purpose of the Conference was to bring together purchasers of goods and services at scores of corporations, medical institutions, Federal, State and County agencies and operators of small businesses.

The Mayor and his Office of Economic Development said millions of dollars in contracts for goods and services are now awarded to businesses outside of the city--services which, he said, could easily be obtained in the City of Boston.

Exhibits at the Building 020 Lounge represented such companies and institutions as: Federal Reserve, Honeywell, Jordan Marsh, Wm. Filene's, John Hancock, Boston School Department, Polaroid, NASA, Sheraton Supply Co., First National Bank, Harvard University, Prudential, Boston Globe, Economic Development & Industrial Corporation, Small Business Administration, Boston Gas, New England Tel. & Tel., Liberty Mutual, Massachusetts General Hospital, City Purchasing Department, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Stone & Webster, American Airlines, Westinghouse Electric, General Services Administration, State Purchasing Division, New England Mutual, Massport, Commercial Union Assurance, Boston Edison, Eastern Airlines, Boston University, Bethlehem Steel, MBTA, Beth Israel, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Energy Research & Development Administration, Houghton Mifflin, Northeastern University, Aunyx Corporation, Boston Herald American, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Shawmut Bank of Boston, and Stop & Shop.