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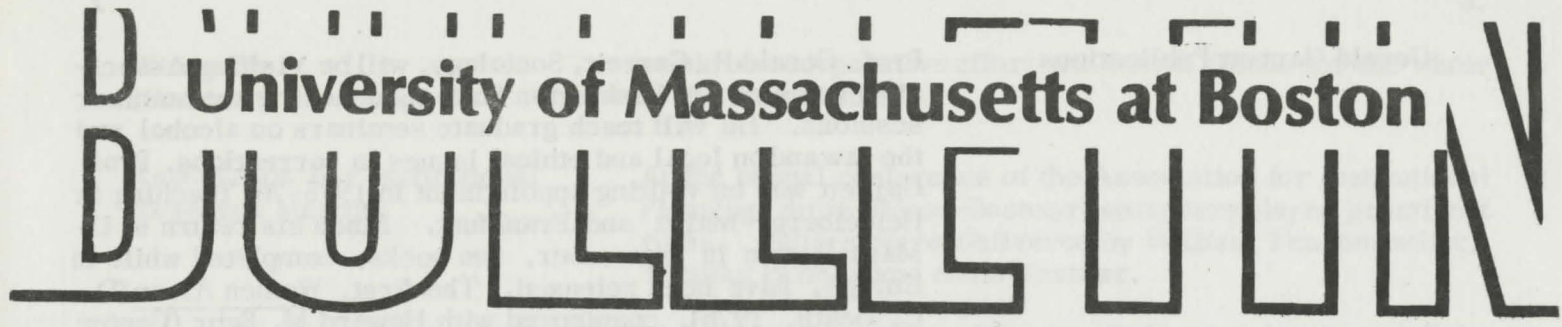
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Dorchester Archives

The meeting at the Faculty Club last week was the first visible sign of several months' work of UMass-Boston library, Community Services personnel and members of the Dorchester community to establish Dorchester archives at the Harbor Campus library.

"This is a worthwhile project, and I hope it can be established quickly," Chancellor Carlo Golino told the group. He said the combination of the John F. Kennedy Library, the possibility of the State Archives, and the acquisition of Dorchester archives at the campus would make this place "a scholar's dream."

Special Services Librarian Molly Matson presided at the meeting which brought together members of the Dorchester Historical Society, Dorchester United Neighborhood Associations, the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, library staff, faculty, and others.

Librarian Walter Grossmann, who is also a historian, pointed out that "local history is the background of all history, and that it is the heart of all historical studies."

The archives of Dorchester would be a great asset to UMass-Boston, he said.

Dorchester historian John Madden said the proposal to bring Dorchester archives to the UMass-Boston campus is a "unique opportunity to make materials available at all times of the year to the residents of Dorchester, as well as for the faculty and students."

In effect, the meeting was a catalyst for setting up the mechanism to establish a registry of various types of archival material about Dorchester for the UMass-Boston library and for other libraries in the area.

Group Insurance

The Group Insurance Commission has announced that there will be an open enrollment, from May 18th through June 30th, at which time all employees have the option of converting their health insurance policies.

There will be a considerable change in the monthly premiums for both the Harvard Community Health Plan and Aetna Insurance. These changes, which will be effective July 1, 1977 will be announced in the next week's Bulletin.

There will also be an announcement regarding informational seminars given by Personnel in conjunction with the Harvard Community Health Plan to better acquaint all employees with this organization.

Gerald Garrett Publications

Prof. Gerald R. Garrett, Sociology, will be Visiting Associate Professor in Washington State (Seattle) for the summer sessions. He will teach graduate seminars on alcohol and the law and on legal and ethical issues in corrections. Prof. Garrett was on visiting appointment in 1975-76, teaching in Heidelberg, Mainz and Frankfurt. Since his return to U-Mass-Boston in September, two books, completed while in Europe, have been released. The first, Women Alone (D. C. Heath, 1976), coauthored with Howard M. Bahr (Center for Program Effectiveness Studies, Indiana), is a research monograph on homeless and welfare women. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, the research is an effort to test theories of aging and disaffiliation, to examine various features of their life histories, and to gather data useful to welfare officials in evaluating program effectiveness for these women. The findings, conclusions and recommendations have been reviewed in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Milwaukee Journal and others. The authors have recently published a followup article in the Winter (1976) issue of Signs: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society, entitled, "The Family Backgrounds of Skid Row Women."

Released in February is a second work, Manny: A Criminal Addict's Story (Houghton Mifflin, 1977), which is a detailed case study of a career in street-crime, prison and parole. Jointly authored with Manuel Torres and Richard Rettig, the book uses an autobiography of a criminal-addict as a technique to introduce theories of crime, basic concepts in sociology, criminology and law, and to critically examine legal, moral and ethical issues in criminal justice. The book can be used as a text in course corrections, delinquency, criminology, sociology of deviance, and related courses.

Windmills

Prof. William Heronemus, the distinguished pioneer in solar energy and ocean thermal power at UMass-Amherst, has some provocative ideas for the Harbor Campus. He suggests that a multiple bank of 35-foot windmills would catch the harbor winds to heat and cool the campus buildings.

With these winds and large heating and cooling-load of the harbor campus an ideal size wind furnace demonstration project could be set up, Heronemus says.

The shore windmills would be a first step to the kind of offshore wind power machines that Heronemus has advocated for many years. With a research and teaching program built around the wind furnace demonstration project at UMass-Boston, the next step would be an actual offshore installation.

"A very excellent place to put the first offshore installation would be in Massachusetts Bay about five miles out from Hull," he proposed. The town of Hull has an independent electric company and representatives from the company first discussed wind power plans with Heronemus three years ago.

If the first increment of the urban wind furnace system is a Harbor Campus installation, the town of Hull might be the second increment, Heronemus continued, since Hull as a municipal light department that already owns the poles, the wires and the meters. The third increment, he proposes,

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would be a cooperative effort with Boston Edison for the whole of the Boston area.

Association For Institutional
Research Meeting

At the annual conference of the Association for Institutional Planning, three UMass-Boston researchers played prominent roles. Papers were delivered by William Fenstemacher, Thomas Palmer and Anita Kramer.

Ms. Kramer's paper on "Factors Related to Attrition in Public, Urban Commuting Institutions" reported on a questionnaire study made here which "show some differences between factors found important in traditional institutions' attrition rate and those factors that influence UMass-Boston students to withdraw, particularly those involving various sub-groups of the population. The University includes a higher percentage of older, self-supporting, and married students with family responsibilities. It is these characteristics that often influenced, in numerous ways, the students' perceptions, commitments, and integration into the university community, and hence, their decision to withdraw. The findings also point out that the group of withdrawals and the group of persisters do not differ significantly from each other in terms of these characteristics. It is the complex interrelationships among these variables and the university environment that influence some students to withdraw while others remain in school."

Palmer's paper on "Admissions and Enrollment Planning: Strategies for Determining the Size and Composition of the Student Body" described "the techniques used for determining admissions targets, illustrates the process used to provide information vital to an admissions recruitment program, and describes the ways such data can be used to alter recruitment efforts and to fulfill an institution's enrollment objectives."

Fenstemacher was chairman of the session on Program Planning and Budgeting in Urban Institutions which discussed successful and unsuccessful approaches in systematic planning, the conflict in resource allocation between competing demands among academic needs and services for students.

Chemists

The Chemistry Department has been active in showing their facilities to visiting groups. The New England Association of Chemistry Teachers had a meeting on campus with Prof. Ernest Becker welcoming them to the event. Talks were given by Dr. Edgar Gutoff of Polaroid on "Nucleation, Crystal Growth and Industrial Crystallizers" and M. A. Solstad, also of Polaroid, spoke on "Chemists, Is Our Profession Making Us III?"

The Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society held its annual meeting here last week, with Prof. J. P. Anselme and student Mary Killoran greeting a number of high school and college students, faculties from other institutions, and chemists in the industrial world. The speaker at the main session was Prof. Ronald A. Hite of M. I. T.

To Bill Meehan

Among pleasures and palaces, there is always the pleasure at UMass-Boston when Prof. Duncan Nelson, English, our Poet Laureate, writes verse for a special occasion. His latest is this:

To Bill Meehan

I'm here to sing a paeon
 Of praise to Bill Meehan;
 And for those who are hard o' hearin'
 I'll do it stentori'an!
 First an MITan,
 Then a long-time A & Pan,
 Our foremost P & Dan
 Is a superUMBan!
 He's had the overseein'
 of our Campus Harborean
 From Mt. Vernon to Tene'an--
 Fundament to Empyre'an!
 With first-class engineerin'
 He's drawn a Media Vian
 With wisdom Periclean
 Through conflicts Collegi'an.
 If we get our Gymnasi'um
 Before the millenni'um
 ('Tis a labor herculean
 In this era Dukaki'an!)
 'Twill be because of hi'm
 And his PDQ te'am
 'Tis not lese majestean
 To say, for lo! his scion
 Is Will Prince, that this great lion
 Is every inch a Ki'ng!

Duncan M. Nelson
 May 6, 1977

To my friends at UMass--

I have just finished the pleasant task of placing the gifts which you presented to me last Friday at the appropriate locations at home.

The brick is on the dresser in my room, the certificate is over my desk, and the map is on the wall of the living room.

Duncan Nelson's poem and the mementos are on my desk where I can reflect upon them frequently.

The seven years I worked with you were very full indeed--full of activity, excitement and, most of all, full of pleasure in friendly associations with an extraordinary group of people.

I will miss you all very much.

Bill Meehan