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NEW HEALTH INSURANCE RATES EFFECTIVE FOR THE PREMIUM DUE JULY 1, 1977

The Group Insurance Commission has announced that the health insurance rates for both the Aetna Life Insurance Company and the Harvard Community Health Plan have undergone unexpected changes. As a result of these changes there will be a conversion period from May 18th until June 30th at which time all employees will have the option of converting their health insurance policies.

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Payroll deductions reflecting these changes will appear in employee's paychecks on Friday, June 10, 1977.

The chart that follows shows the most common types of coverage and the appropriate premiums which will be deducted. It should be noted that the premium for the health insurance includes the premium for the \$2000.00 of basic life insurance.

TYPE OF COVERAGE

\$2000.00 of basic life insurance only	.44
Aetna- individual with CIC(Catastrophic Illness Coverage)	15.03
Aetna- individual without CIC	12.07
Aetna- family with CIC	35.30
Aetna- family without CIC	27.91
Harvard Community Health Plan- individual	.44
Harvard Community Health Plan- family	.72
Aetna OME- individual with CIC	6.73
Aetna OME- individual without CIC	5.95
Aetna OME- family with CIC(one spouse over 65, other spouse under age 65)	21.32
Aetna OME- family without CIC(one spouse over 65, other spouse under age 65)	17.58
Aetna OME- family with CIC(both husband and wife over age 65)	13.02
Aetna OME- family without CIC(both husband and wife over age 65)	11.46

On Thursday, May 26th, a representative from the Harvard Community Health Plan will be conducting informational seminars to better acquaint all employees with HCHP. These seminars will be held in the Faculty Club on the 11th floor of the Library at 11:00A.M. and 1:00P.M. It is strongly advised that any employee wishing to convert from Aetna to Harvard attend these seminars.

English Department Achievements

Prof. Chet Frederick's short story, "That Other Place," was on the Roll of Honor in the Best Short Stories of 1976. Five of the fifteen stories Frederick has published in the past few years have been cited either as Distinctive Stories or have been placed on the Roll of Honor in Best Short Stories. Professor Frederick has been a member of the English Department since 1968. During 1976-77 he has been on leave and has completed two novels and has begun a third.

Ms. Marilyn Truesdell of the English Department has recently signed a contract with G. K. Hill & Co., publishers of reference books, to develop an expanded version of her bibliography on Black Women and Religion. Along with the annotated bibliography of the material from the 18th century to the present, the book will include an historical essay, a bibliographical essay, and biographical sketches.

Six members of the English Department have been awarded Fellowships by the National Endowment for the Humanities or Arts during 1976-77--over ten percent of the regular faculty in the Department. Professor Emerson Marks received a Senior Research Fellowship for next year to work on a book exploring theories of poetic diction. Professor Shaun O'Connell received an award during the summer of 1976 supporting his criticism of contemporary novelists. Professor Thadious Davis received a Fellowship in Residence for 1977-78 to study and do research on modern fiction at Brown University. The same Fellowship was awarded to Professor Martha Collins to study modern poetry. Professor James Broderick will be a Fellow in Residence at Yale this summer studying modern critical theory. Professor Sara Bershtel has received a summer stipend supporting her work on 19th century fiction.

Ms. Fahamisha Shariat of the English Department has been accepted for the Summer Seminar at Yale sponsored by the Modern Language Association's Commission on Minority Groups and the Study of Language and Literature.

Dorothy Berman To Direct ILT

Dorothy A. Berman, Principal of the George C. Bancroft School in Boston's South End, has been named Director of the Institute for Learning and Teaching at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, it was announced by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert J. Steamer.

She is a graduate of Brown University and has her Master's in Education from Boston University. In addition to degree programs, she has studied at Boston State Teachers College, Harvard University's School of Education and the Friends School in Cambridge.

Her teaching career began in 1964 at the Theodore Lyman School in Boston, and other teaching assignments included John F. Kennedy School, Medford, the Charles E. Mackey School in Boston, and at the Bancroft School where she was a teacher in Elementary ungraded classes before she was named Teacher in Charge and Principal.

Other educational experience includes an administrative internship with the Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools and as an administrative assistant with the Phi Delta Kappa

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Educational Goals and Objectives Workshops at Boston University.

The Institute for Learning and Teaching has been the main link for UMass-Boston with District 6 of the Boston school system in the court-directed desegregation order. District 6 covers South Boston and parts of Dorchester.

Previous directors of the Institute, founded in 1971, were Gregory Anrig, now Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts, and James Case, now with the Department of Education in charge of Teacher Evaluations.

Movahedi and Mixon On
Role Playing

The next issue of Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin features a symposium on theoretical and methodological aspects of role playing. The symposium was organized by Clyde Hendrick, the editor of the journal, to bring together various views on the usefulness of role playing as a research strategy in social psychology. Prof. Siamak Movahedi, Sociology, and Prof. Don Mixon, Psychology, are among the contributors who in separate articles present different sides of the role-playing controversy.

Mass. Safety Annual Conference

More than 2,000 delegates are expected to be in attendance May 25-26 when the 56th Annual Massachusetts Safety Conference and Exhibit is held at the Harbor Campus.

"Safety For All" is the theme of the Conference, the largest and most prestigious safety meeting held each year in the Northeast.

Principal speakers at the two-day session will be Governor Michael S. Dukakis, who will address the opening day's Governor's Highway Safety Luncheon and Gilbert J. Saulter, Regional Administrator for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, who will speak at Thursday's Occupational Safety Luncheon.

A total of 27 sessions focusing on almost every conceivable aspect of safety will be held during the Conference. More than 50 exhibits demonstrating the latest in safety services, products and equipment will be on display.

Grove On The Tube

Two-minutes of TV stardom awaits Prof. Lee Grove, English. He will be one of the tipsters on the MTWTF show, Evening, on Channel 4 at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 8. According to the promo blurb, he will be "discovering the nostalgic joys of roller-skating." In point of fact, he will indeed be running off at the mouth while simultaneously roller-skating at Bal-A-Roue Roller Rink in Medford. He will be easily recognized on the show; he will be wearing L. L. Bean red suspenders.

Happiness Is....

All along the third floor of the Administration Building last week there were happy smiles for Christine Wong, Vice Chancellor's Office for Academic Affairs. Christine was wearing an engagement ring presented to her by her fiance Allen Moy, a Chemical Engineering student at Northeastern. The date for the wedding will be set by Christine's mother, according to custom, after the Chinese New Year calendar is established.

Campus Elections

Prof. Arthur Martin, Physics, has been elected Faculty representative for UMass-Boston to the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts. He is highly regarded by all of his colleagues at this campus. Recently he has been serving as Chairman of the Dean's Search Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences. Prof. Steven Schwartz, Psychology, was elected at the Faculty meeting to serve as alternate representative.

Prof. Pearson Hunt, College of Professional Studies, was elected Faculty Co-Chairperson of the University Assembly. He has been serving as Secretary of the Assembly. Among the collateral duties of the Faculty Co-Chairperson is to carry the ceremonial Mace at the Commencement exercises.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1977-78

FIRST SEMESTER

September	5	Monday	Holiday (Labor Day)
September	6	Tuesday	Special Add/Drop Day
September	7	Wednesday	Class Begin
September	13	Tuesday	End of Add/ Drop
October	10	Monday	Holiday (Columbus Day)
October	21	Friday	Mid Semester
November	4	Friday	Pass/Fail Deadline
November	11	Friday	Withdrawal Deadline
November	21 - Dec. 3	Monday - Friday	Holiday (Veterans' Day)
November	24 - 27	Thursday - Sunday	Registration Period
November	28	Monday	Thanksgiving Recess
December	12	Monday	Classes Resume
December	13 - 15	Tuesday - Thursday	Classes End
December	16 - 23	Friday - Friday	Reading Period
December	24	Saturday	Final Exam Period
			Emergency make-up day in case of snow cancellation
<u>Monday</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
13 meetings	13 meetings	14 meetings	<u>Thursday</u>
			<u>Friday</u>
			13 meetings

SECOND SEMESTER

January	20	Friday	Special Add/Drop Day
January	23	Monday	Classes Begin
January	27	Friday	Add/Drop Ends
February	20	Monday	Holiday (Washington's Birthday)
February	21	Tuesday	Monday Schedule
March	10	Friday	Mid Semester
March	11 - 19	Saturday - Sunday	Pass/Fail Deadline
March	20	Monday	Spring Vacation
March	24	Friday	Classes Resume
April	17	Monday	Withdrawal Deadline
April	18 - 28	Tuesday - Friday	Holiday (Patriots' Day)
May	2	Tuesday	Registration Period
May	3 - 5	Wednesday - Friday	Classes End
May	5	Friday	Reading Period
May	8 - 15	Monday - Monday	Senior grades due
May	25	Thursday	Final Exam Period
			Commencement
<u>Monday</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
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