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Summer School

The Summer session is in full swing with more than 1800 students enrolled in more than 110 courses. Some 300 students are from other institutions of higher learning.

Director Melissa Roberts is especially interested in conducting a series of cultural and social events for the summer students. Details are being worked out with the cooperation of the Student Affairs Office and the Student Activities Committee. The student newspaper Mass Media will produce several issues during the session under the editorship of Alice Quinn Cutler, and the student-operated radio station WUMB is conducting a full schedule of news, music, and feature programs.

The sailing program for the summer scholars is off to a good start. For more information about the training sessions, call Ext. 2449.

Personal Note

The Larner family expresses most sincerely to the faculty, students, and staff --- professional and classified --- the thoughtful expressions of sympathy on the recent death of my mother. The flowers from the staff and the Chancellor's Office were genuinely appreciated, and the Spiritual Bouquet through the Propagation of the Faith Office is a continuing remembrance for our family that our colleagues here at UMass-Boston are, in this instance and many more, "good people."

My special thanks to all.

---John Larner

Playwright In Vermont

The New England Playwrights Guild will produce seven original plays this summer at the Brattleboro Center for the Performing Arts. Prof. Robert Rees Evans, Theatre Arts, is one of the authors. His production of "Max and Gina" will be staged August 4, 5, and 6 at the Vermont center.

The Playwrights Guild was established to help the unrecognized playwright achieve significant public performance of his work, and after the productions in Vermont, many of the plays will be staged in Boston this January.

The summer season starts July 14th and runs through August 27th. If you are in the Brattleboro region, it will be a worthwhile venture to view these productions.

TV Meeting

The Massachusetts Association for Television in Education held its Spring Conference at UMass-Boston on Saturday, June 11.

Workshops included "Computer Editing Demonstrations"-- Jeff Gerow, UMass-Boston Staff; "Audio Demonstration"-- 16 Track Facility, UMass-Boston Staff; "3/4" and 1/2" Editing Workshop"-- Hands-On Demonstration, Bob McDowell & Dave Alinsky; and "Video Gallery--Continuous Showing Of The New How-To Production Tapes," Rick Williams.

Bob Loudin, Producer/Director of the "Good Day" show at WCVB, Channel 5, was the luncheon speaker.

The Center for Media Development was the host for the television assembly.

National League Of Cities Seminar

Joseph S. Slavet, Director of the Boston Urban Observatory of UMass-Boston was a principal participant in the Urban Conservation Seminar convened by the National League of Cities (NLC) in Baltimore on June 9th and 10th. Presiding was Mayor Tom Moody of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Slavet chaired a small group session on urban conservation and housing policy that included academic consultants, elected city officials and practitioners in housing and community development. He also worked closely with the NLC staff in preparing the recommendations discussed at the final plenary session.

Bicycle Identification

The University of Massachusetts at Boston Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with the Boston Police Department, is conducting an "Identi-I-Guard" program with special emphasis on bicycle identification for the summer.

Experience has shown that marking valuable items with an engraving tool and registering these items with local police departments can reduce thefts of personal property and, in the event of theft, can lead to recovery of property through positive identification.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of such a program should call ext. 2192 or come to the Department of Public Safety Office, Room G1/055 in the Library Building and speak to the Crime Prevention Officer.

Disabilities Conference

Andrea Schein, Director of the Disabled Student Center, and Meg Kocher, Assistant Director, spent a week in Washington attending national conferences concerning issues and rights of the disabled at the meeting of The American Coalition of Citizens With Disabilities, a nationwide consumer based organization. Andrea was a delegate of the Boston Inter-Campus Committee for Handicapped Students. This conference was followed by the White House Conference on Handicapped individuals. Meg was a member of the Massachusetts delegation. Recommendations from both conferences are being submitted to President Carter for consideration and implementation.

Today is your chance to save someone's life by being a blood donor at the 020 gymnasium until 3 o'clock. The day is sponsored by WUMB and the Red Cross. Please give.... someone's life is depending on your good will. It's easy to give.