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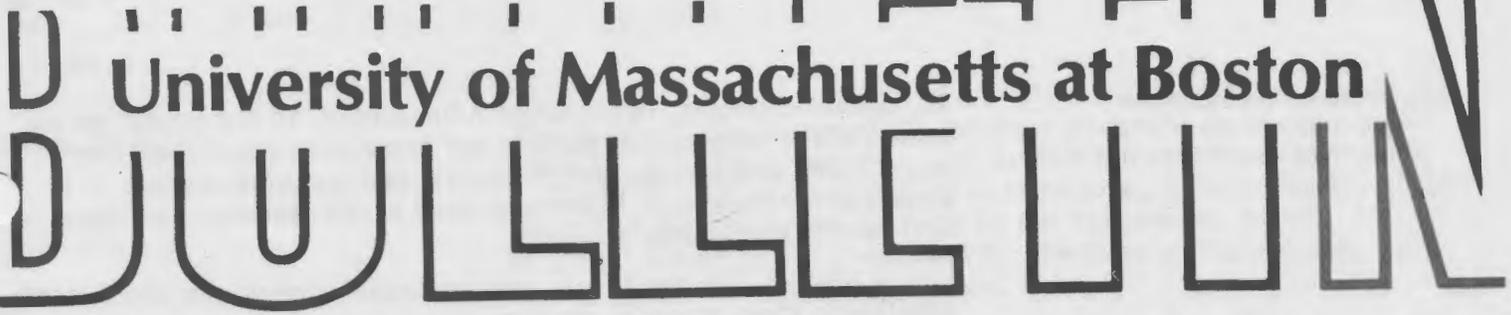
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# University of Massachusetts at Boston

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## Major Appointments

The Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts approved the appointment by Chancellor Carlo Golino of Dr. Robert Spaethling as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Dr. Robert Steamer as Dean of College II at UMass-Boston at the August meeting of the Board.

Dr. Spaethling first came to the faculty of UMass-Boston in 1968 from Harvard University where he was an Associate Professor of German. In 1966, Harvard had awarded him an honorary degree. In addition to his scholarly work here, he has taught at Williams College and the University of California at San Diego.

He is the author of several works in German literature and a critic and essayist in literary and cultural publications.

At UMass-Boston he has been Chairman of the German Department, and served as chairman or member of the Graduate Council; Tenure and Grievance Committee; Joint Tenure and Policy Review; President's Advising Council; Chancellor Search Committee and the College II Inter-disciplinary Studies Committee.

This year he was named an Associate of the Danforth Foundation, and has been active in special affairs of the College Entrance Examination Board and the American Association of Teachers of German.

His Ph.D. is from the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Steamer is a native of Rochester, N.Y., a graduate of Bucknell University and holder of a Master's from the University of Virginia, his Doctorate from Cornell University, and has done post-doctoral studies at Oxford University.

He came to UMass-Boston two years ago from Lake Forest College, where he was Chairman of the Politics Department. He previously had taught at Tulane University, Cornell, University of California at Berkeley and University of Massachusetts.

His interests are in Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, American Politics and Legal Theory. He has been a volunteer teacher at Norfolk Prison this spring and summer.

Author of three books The Constitution: Cases and Comments, The Supreme Court in Crisis: A History of Conflict, and The Supreme Court: Constitutional Revision and the New Constructionism, He has also written scores of articles and reviews for law reviews, and political journals.

He has served as a Staff Consultant for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Louisiana, and while at Lake Forest College was the Police and Fire Commissioner for the town.

## Admissions Tabulations

F. Donald Costello, Director of Admissions, in his report on the status of the admissions picture for September announced there were 7,208 applications for freshman and transfer places. It is expected the freshman class will have 1,500 students and there will be 1,000 transfer students.

There were 3,518 applicants for freshman admissions and 2,246 applicants from transfer students.

The new students at UMass-Boston this year will be the largest number in the 10-year history of the institution.

## Concerts

Professor John MacCobie, French, has been giving summer concerts at Sagamore Highlands. On July 31 his piano concert consisted of works by Bartok, Chopin and some of his own original work. He studied piano in Boston and Paris and has been giving concerts at the South End Chamber Series for several years.

## Personnel Information

Insurance - The surviving spouse of an insured employee or pensioner is given the opportunity to continue in the same Aetna health insurance plan after the death of the insured employee or pensioner. The surviving spouse pays half the cost of the overall premium, and the coverage remains in effect for the remainder of the spouse's life until he/she remarries.

Expenses incurred for a visiting nurse or physical therapy are 80% reimbursable under the "Major Medical" section of your Aetna health insurance plan, providing the individual or family "deductible" is met.

Training Opportunities - The State Employee Training Center is conducting free courses beginning in September in Power Plant Engineering, for either Third Class or First and Second Class Licensure. Anyone interested in taking one of these courses should request approval and nomination from his/her supervisor to the Personnel Office.

## Positions Open

The Institute for Governmental Services, based at the President's Office, 1 Washington Mall, Boston, has announced several positions open for its research and service programs.

The Personnel Department has descriptions of positions available, including an office manager, project director for a study in health policy, executive secretary to the Advisory Committee on the study of health policy in the Commonwealth, a research assistant, legal research associate, a policy analyst, economist and project associate, a health manpower research associate, and a secretary.

Qualification data is available at Personnel Office, and James E. Samels at the Institute emphasizes that the Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Grants

The National Science Foundation has announced that two UMass-Boston faculty members have received grants for instructional scientific equipment, which will be used to improve the quality of undergraduate science instruction. Professor Arthur Martin, Physics, has been granted \$14,800 and Professor Martha R. Mattei, Biology, has been awarded a \$7,200 grant.

## Ujima Program

The Boston Globe featured the summer program on campus sponsored by the Ujima Society. The August 5th story was written by a UMass-Boston summer intern at the Globe, Edward Burke. Highlighted in the essay was activity by the students at WUMB. Members of Ujima are to be congratulated for the time and talent they have expended in this summer program.

## Summer Theatre

The American Theatre before O'Neill is a summer course being taught through August 30th at Nantucket by Professor Louis Roberts. This is the sixth summer he has been teaching the course at the island site. The course explores the origin and development of the dramatic art in this country from the 17th through the 20th century.

## Orientation

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs is planning a three-day orientation session for incoming new students on August 28, 29, and 30. Much thought is going into the program to help new freshmen and transfer students make an easier transition to their academic lives at UMass-Boston.

## Speed Reading

A speed reading course will be offered here during the Fall Semester for all University employees.

The course, sponsored by the State Employees Training Center, will consist of sixteen weekly films to be shown every Tuesday at 12:30, beginning September 17.

Interested persons may contact Anne Verret, Extension 2495, for further information.

## Grant to Media Center

Gunther Weil has recently received a grant award of \$50,000 to purchase multi-track audio equipment for the campus Media Center. The funding, which comes from the Office of Education, will allow the Media Center to implement the following objectives:

1. Curriculum improvement in the Department of Music.
2. Curriculum improvement in interdisciplinary art and music courses in areas such as electronic music and computer graphic art.
3. Curriculum research into the feasibility of developing courses in audio engineering and production.
4. Educational materials development in a variety of subject areas utilizing slide shows with sound tracks, super 8 films, 16 mm films and video tapes.

#### EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Golino announced he was pleased that Professor Donald D. Babcock has accepted his offer of a promotion to his staff as Executive Assistant Chancellor.

"With the appointment of a permanent Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of College II, the shape of the administration on this campus has become clearer, and I have had the opportunity to consult with members of the administration and the faculty concerning possible reorganization of existing staff relationships," the Chancellor said.

"Mr. Babcock, a tenured Associate Professor of English in College I, has served the University with excellence in several academic and administrative capacities, including positions as the Faculty Co-Chairman of the University Senate and as Associate Provost for Vice Chancellors Marshall and Spaethling. He will bring to my office his experience in policy formulation from the faculty point of view, his familiarity with the detailed operation of the campus and his gift for administrative process which, I believe, can best serve the University in the Office of the Chancellor. His new responsibilities will not involve so-called "line" authority to act in my stead, rather he will be primarily concerned to see that major policies and decisions are carried out and implemented. He also will bear direct responsibility for the supervision of the Educational Planning Office."

"This promotion will become effective on September 1, 1974, and I am sure that all members of the University join me in looking forward to working more closely with Mr. Babcock in his new capacity."