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Prison Reform

An all-day seminar on "Prisons: Education and Expression" will be held at the Harbor Campus of the University of Massachusetts at Boston on April 3.

Seminars and lectures on prison reform will be held throughout the day with corrections, community, education, and inmates as panellists.

Among the speakers will be Corrections Commissioner Frank Hall, Rep. Mel King, Donna Finn of Families and Friends of Prisoners Committee, and former Commissioner John Boone.

Marie Buckley, author of "Breaking Into Prison: A Guide for Volunteer Action," will speak on the community's role in prison reform.

Prof. Gerald Garrett of UMass-Boston will speak on the University's role in prison reform, and Joseph Sandler of Harvard University will speak on the "Economics of Prison Reform."

Richard Shapiro, Director of the Prisoners Rights Project, will also speak.

Inmates from the Norfolk Correctional Institution are among the panelists.

Moderator of the panels will be Prof. Louis L. Brin of the College I Sociology Department at UMass-Boston.

Video tape presentations of class session at Norfolk and Walpole will be shown at the April 3rd sessions, and plans are being made for a music concert and prisoners art exhibit for the conference.

London Review

The prestigious London Times Literary Supplement (2/14/75) had a full page review of two American sociology books Power and Progress by Robert Bierstedt and Black Sociologists: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives edited by Prof. James Blackwell (Chairman, Sociology I) and Morris Janowitz.

Reviewer Donald MacRae says the Blackwell book is a record of the works of W. E. B. DuBois, Charles Johnson and Franklin Frazier -- of the institutionalization of black sociologists in the world of learning and in the business of social protest, of the relations of black sociologists to Black Studies and to con-

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temporary controversy and polemic and of theoretical issues raised, perhaps, by being black. "The book", says MacRae, "is thus a protest, a contribution to history, a celebration of the neglected, a piece of empirical sociology, and a statement of regret and puzzlement."

MacRae cites Blackwell's concern for what sociologists have had to assess in the merits and demerits of Black Studies in academia. "Blackwell shows us what they have had to bear as sociologists in America, and it is not a creditable story. It helps to explain not just the creation of the Caucus of Black Sociologists but is also one of the sources of Black Studies as a separate, restricted, militant enterprise."

Excellence in Teaching

Excellence in University Teaching, a collection of new essays by twenty-five contributors chosen by the editors for their distinguished classroom achievements has been published by the University of South Carolina Press. The book is intended as an incentive and guide to strengthen teaching in American higher education.

"Toward the Discipline of Humane Teaching," an essay in the book is by Prof. Francis R. Hart, English I, a widely recognized accomplished teacher, who has many valuable things to say based on personal experiences in the classroom.

Travel

Effective immediately, all departments and travelers should be using the NEW TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FORMS, for all travel requests. A small supply of these forms has been mailed to each college Dean. Additional forms may be obtained from College Supply. Please do not use the old forms, as they cannot be accepted in the new system.

Visitors

Members of two Dorchester neighborhood organizations paid a visit Saturday to the campus to see the facilities provided by the taxpayers for the education of Massachusetts residents. Officers and members of the Cedar Grove Association and the Pope's Hill Association were given a guided tour by Charles Kelly of the Dorchester Field Office.

Some 200 Law Enforcement officials throughout the state will be on campus Wednesday to participate in seminars and discussions on stress situations. Campus Police Chief John Carpenter greeted the men and extended the greetings of UMass-Boston.

Decision Making

Professor Seymour Melman of Columbia University has selected Dr. Laurence Shute, Assistant Professor of Political Economy, College II, to organize and chair one of five sessions on "Institutions of Decision-Making on Production in the American Economy" for the annual meeting of the Association for Evolutionary Economics. This meeting, a part of the Allied Social Sciences Associations convention, will be held at Dallas, Texas, later this year. The session topic will be

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"Decision-Making in the Private Firm: the Evolution of Theory and Ideology about Management." Dr. Shute will also contribute a paper in another session on "Decision-Making in State-Controlled Enterprises: the Evolution of Theory and Ideology."

Theatre Productions

The Theatre Arts Department is pleased to offer two major productions at the College II Theatre, the Harbor Campus, this semester.

"Feet", written by our Artist-in-Residence, Susan Batson, will be directed by Ms. Batson and Visiting Lecturer Bobbi Ausubel. The second production is "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas, directed by Instructor Jeannie Lindheim.

Faculty and staff are cordially invited.

The Performance Schedule: "Feet", Thursday, April 3, 12:30; Friday, April 4, 12:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.. "Under Milk Wood", Thursday, April 10, 12:30; Friday, April 11, 12:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.

Conductor Prins

The Wellesley Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Robert J. Prins of the UMass-Boston Music Department, will present a concert on Sunday, April 13, at 8 p.m. at Wellesley Junior High School. Admission is free.

The Program: Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 in F Major; Igor Stravinsky's Suite from Pulcinella; Schubert Symphony No. 5 in B Flat Major and Wieniawski Concerto for Violin and Orchestra No. 2 in D Minor.

The guest violinist for the Wieniawski will be Mrs. Alcestis Perry from Cleveland who is concertmistress of the Cleveland Philharmonic.

Ms. Perry is on the violin faculty of National Music Camp in Interlochen, Michigan and is concertmistress of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra. She has appeared in frequent recital and concerto performances.

Medical and Health Program

The NAACP-Positive Program for Boston and The Medical Foundation are sponsoring a "Summer Work Program" for Minority college students with an interest in medical and health careers. The aim of the program is to provide internships for students in medical and health institutions in the Boston area for ten weeks during the summer. Roughly thirty internships are awarded. Faculty are asked to advise students. Applications and further information may be obtained from Mary Winslow, Advising Office, Administration Building, 2nd floor. The application deadline is April 5, 1975.

Guggenheim Fellow

Prof. Richard Robbins (Sociology I) is on a sabbatical as a Guggenheim Fellow. He is now in the South gathering materials for a biography of a brilliant Black sociologist Charles S. Johnson. Meanwhile, he is keeping in touch with the forthcoming May 3rd meeting at UMass-Boston for the Massachusetts Sociological Association, of which he is this year's president.

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Also, he continues reviewing for the Boston Sunday Herald-Advertiser, and a recent entry was his assessment of Slaves Without Masters by Ira Berlin. He says the book is rewarding for both sociologists and historians, and that the thoroughly researched, "well written straight-forward account" of the origins of the free Negro quasi-caste and its relations to "black slaves and dominating whites.

Prof. Robbins said the author was able to weave in a wealth of new research into a valuable contribution.

Shades of Pele

More than 30 UMass-Boston people from faculty, staff, and students turned out for the first two practice sessions for the University's club soccer team.

And they're calling themselves, with good reason, the UMass-Boston Internationals, because the prospective players come from many backgrounds and many lands, including Africa, Hungary, Scotland, England, Greece, and locally.

George Hutchinson, who is a plumber in the Maintenance Department, is the key to the activity. Right now he's coaching the players, coming from a soccer background of his own as a professional with the Leeds United team in England, from British Navy teams where he played in Malta, Cyprus, North Africa and Italy, and some amateur play around Boston.

The Internationals plan to participate in the Saturday afternoon games of the Massachusetts Industrial League, and Hutchinson expects the starting 11 to make a good name for themselves.

Among those who turned out for the scrimmage-practice sessions were two faculty members, nine students, eight men from the Maintenance staff, and from other departments.

Correction

The Bulletin of Feb. 18, 1975 incorrectly stated that a campus police officer had been suspended following the arrest of a student pursuant to a warrant. No officer was suspended and a subsequent administrative review has determined that the arresting officers acted within the scope of their authority.

The Chancellor has requested the common concerns committee work with the administration to clarify the authority of the police on the campus. The committee already has met with Mr. John Carpenter, Chief of the Campus Force and discussions are continuing.

Transportation

If ever you want to know anything but anything about transportation--bus, mule, foot, bicycle, train, car, motorbike, Budd Car, trolley, taxi or whatever--talk with Peter Sheinfeld, and expect a Niagara of opinion, fact, statistics, and long and short range solutions.

If you want to know how many come to UMass-Boston by various modes of transport, Peter tells you in his recent "Analysis of Commuting Patterns to Columbia Station/Morrissey Boulevard Area" and "Recommendations for Addition to Columbia Station Stop to the Existing Quincy Line Trains."

A sample: 32 per cent of the people coming to the Harbor Campus from the South Shore come by car; this contrasts to 83 per cent from the South Shore who work at the "Morrissey Boulevard Industries." The report was presented to the Legislative Committee on Transportation at a hearing last week in conjunction with Bills filed for a new Columbia Station stop for South Shore trains.

Computer Hours

The Computer Center will be open 8:30 to 5 p.m. daily over the semester break. There will be no operation on the weekend of Mar. 29-30.