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College II Associate Deans

Dean Robert Steamer of College II has announced the appointment of two Associate Deans for the college. Dr. Claire A. Van Ummersen, a biologist, will serve as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Dr. Simon Wittes, a psychologist, will be Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Dr. Van Ummersen has been a highly regarded member of the faculty of UMass-Boston since 1968. She came here from Tufts University.

She has been active in many of our university programs and has been a member of search committees for university-wide posts.

Her doctorate, master's and baccalaureate degrees are from Tufts University, and her major research interests are on the biological effects of microwave radiation on the eye and the developing chicken embryo in particular.

She has been doing research and publishing her studies on microwave radiation since 1958.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, she is a member of Sigma Xi; the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Society of Zoologists.

Dr. Wittes has been with UMass-Boston since 1973 as a consultant-trainer with the Institute for Learning and Teaching.

He earned his Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical Engineering) from McGill University in 1948, and for 13 years was the chief executive of his own chemical products manufacturing and distributing organization.

His Ph. D. in Psychology and Education was earned at the University of Michigan in 1969.

In his academic career he has taught at Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan, and at UMass-Boston.

His research interests focus on the interaction between the social environment and individual and group attitudes and behavior with special emphasis on change processes.

At the Institute for Learning and Teaching he worked with school and other social agency personnel to provide inservice training programs, organizational restructuring and helping to develop client self sufficiency in these areas.

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He has a number of publications in scholarly journals regarding educational change.

Disbursements On All Grants
and Contracts

In accordance with policy guidelines, for grants and contracts recently approved by the Board of Trustees, the following procedures will be employed effective July 1, 1975:

All authorization for payments of every kind shall have two signatures, the original signature of the principal investigator or other person directly responsible for the grant or contract and also the original signature of the Department Head or Dean or other superior who has spending authority. The Chancellor may designate others to sign in addition where he may deem it appropriate. This action by a person of higher spending authority other than the one directly administering the grant or contract constitutes an approval of all commitments, personnel appointments and disbursement authorizations and provides an overview of all projects by higher administrative officers. (When the principal investigator is a Dean or equivalent only his original signature will be required). Signatures of all those authorized to sign shall be placed on file in both the campus and University Accounting Office/Lead Agent, Amherst. In the event of absence, the names of those temporarily authorized to sign shall also be placed on file, but in no event shall this permit the signing of disbursement authorizations by other than those with University spending authority under the campus budget system. When so authorized, the person signing for another shall sign his/her name and insert his/her title as shown below:

Robert Jones, Assistant Dean (signature)
for John Doe, Dean (typed or printed)

National Endowment For The
Humanities

Dean Daisy Tagliacozzo, College I, has been named as a member of the National Board of Consultants of the National Endowment For the Humanities.

The Board was established to assist American colleges and universities in planning programs in the humanities. The Board includes 65 scholars and administrators.

Mary Newman

Mary Newman has been named a Distinguished Senior Lecturer in the College of Professional Studies, it was announced by Dean Richard Freeland.

Mary Newman has been an active participant in public affairs in Massachusetts for the past 25 years. She was elected to the Massachusetts legislature as a representative from Cambridge in 1953 and served in that capacity with a short break until 1968. In 1968, when state government was re-organized into ten secretariats, she was appointed Secretary of Manpower Affairs by Governor Francis Sargent. For four years she was the highest ranking woman in Massachusetts state government. She is also the only woman to run for statewide office as the nominee of a major political party in recent times. No stranger to higher education, Ms. Newman has lectured at UMass-Boston and has been associated with academic life for many years.

Kennedy Library

Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Library Corporation will delay their final decision on the location of the archives-museum until October.

The final site possibilities are to have the entire complex at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and to have the archives at Harvard University and the museum at Building 24 of the former Boston Naval Shipyard. The latter is a new proposal.

According to press reports, Harvard University has agreed to pay \$300,000 for a feasibility study and for inflationary cost factors in delay of building the library. The feasibility study would be on the usefulness of the Charlestown site for the museum.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority, which is promoting the Charlestown site, estimated it would seek some \$3-million in federal funds for landscaping the area.

On the announcement of the new arrangements, Chancellor Carlo Golino said that UMass-Boston would continue to give every support for the location of the Kennedy Library at the Harbor Campus.

He noted strong neighborhood support for the location of the Library in Dorchester, especially by the Dorchester United Neighborhood Associations.

Dr. Robert Wood, President of the University, in a letter to the Boston Globe said some of the newspaper's editorials, promoting "the Globe's continual affection for preserving at least a portion of the John F. Kennedy Memorial for Harvard University forces its editorial writers, from time to time, to retreat from fact and fairness."

President Wood also added that "The Globe recites the 'unalterable fact' that John F. Kennedy graduated from Harvard, not the University of Massachusetts. Would it be appropriate to recall also that he was elected to the Congress and the Senate by the people of Massachusetts and not by the Harvard Corporation?"

Telephone Toll Charges

Forrest Speck, Auxiliary Services, advises that we are in the midst of a telephone crisis -- which will get worse. We need the cooperation of everyone on campus to help solve some of our problems.

He notes these facts: May, a typical month, cost the University \$2,500 for long distance calls; \$3,500 for local -- dial 9 -- calls.

A serious problem is the local call.

Telephone experts figure that one-third of the local calls made on business phones are unauthorized -- personal calls by employees. If this estimate is correct, fully 5 per cent of our total annual bill is for unauthorized telephone calls.

For the new budget year, starting July 1st, the Governor's recommended telephone budget for this campus is a full 10 per cent cut.

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At the same time, New England Telephone Co. has requested the largest rate increase in its history.

These two factors clearly indicate we must cut our telephone bills by a minimum of 15 per cent, and, acutally, much closer to 20 per cent.

Whatever we can save from message unit charges will prevent, or at least delay, the necessity of making major service reductions on campus, although some reductions are inevitable.

Please make every effort to limit telephone usage --- the number of calls and the length of calls, particularly local calls.

Local calls are not free.

Pages 12 and 13 of the Boston White Pages list costs of calls in the Metropolitan area.

Some examples of calls from our exchange to:

	3 Min.	5 Min.	6 Min.	10 Min.	15 Min.
Downtown					
Boston	.08	.08	.16	.16	.24
Belmont	.16	.16	.24	.32	.48
Cambridge	.08	.08	.16	.16	.24
Cohasset	.24	.40	.48	.80	1.20
Dorchester	.08	.08	.16	.16	.24
Hingham	.16	.16	.24	.32	.48
Lexington	.24	.40	.48	.80	1.20
Medford	.16	.16	.24	.32	.48
Revere	.08	.08	.16	.16	.24
Weymouth	.16	.16	.24	.32	.48

Sailing Program

You will be hearing more about the sailing program at UMass-Boston, but for the start of the program is an exceptionally fine basic sailing manual prepared by the Athletic Office.

Clearly and sensibly written and illustrated with simple sketches on sailboat nomenclature, wind conditions, and rules of the road, this is a fine beginning for the program that starts this month.

The 50-page booklet also offers a capsule dictionary on common sailing terms one hears while learning to sail and, for instance, if you're asked to "hike out" it means you should sit on the side of the boat and lean out to balance the boat in a heavy breeze.

One of the main characteristics of the manual is its emphasis on personal safety procedures.

Grant Award

The Office of Grants and Special Programs has announced that Dr. Thomas Margulis, Chemistry Department, has been awarded \$30,025 by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the first year of a 3-year project on the Structure of Colchine related Antimitotic Drugs. Dr. Margulis will be assisted by Dr. John Clark.