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## John F. Kennedy Library

Robert Spiller, Chairman of the Trustee Committee on Buildings and Grounds, said he was good at reading maps and proceeded with the assistance of Trustee Robert Gordon to point out at the Trustees meeting last week where the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library would be located at the Harbor Campus.

Spiller made the motion and it was voted that: "In accordance with the provisions of a pending special act of the Legislature, to authorize the President of the University to execute a deed and such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate a conveyance of the parcel of land at the Harbor Campus described in the Act to the United States of America to provide a site for the presidential archival depository of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library."

After the meeting, President Robert Wood, Vice President Nan Robinson and Presidential Assistant Joseph Cass proceeded from the John W. McCormack State Office Building to the State House office of Senate President Kevin Harrington to report the Trustees' action.

Legislation is expected to be filed shortly on transferring the library site land to the General Services Administration, the Federal agency which operates the Library.

## Mass. Foreign Language Association

Chancellor Carlo L. Golino was the keynote speaker at the Spring Conference of the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association held on May 1 at Waltham Senior High School. The conference theme was "The Facets of Foreign Language." Chancellor Golino told the language instructors that the teaching and learning of foreign languages must be upgraded, if full enrichment is to be achieved by both teachers and students.

Among the faculty of various universities and high schools directing workshop sessions was Prof. Gerald Volpe, Italian I.

## State Expenses for City Services

The March, 1976 issue of the National Tax Journal contains a special symposium on state and regional government financing of city government services (edited by Professor Roy Bahl of Syracuse University) that includes an article called "Shifting Local Services To The State: Boston" by Joseph S. Slavet, Director of the Boston Urban Observatory at UMass-Boston in collaboration with Katherine Bradbury and Philip Moss of the University of Wisconsin. The article is based on their current book, Financing State-Local Services: A New Strategy For Greater Equity (Lexington Books, 1975).

- Church of the Covenant Concert
- The University of Massachusetts at Boston Chorus and Concert Choir and the Church of the Covenant Chorus, under the direction of Prof. Larry Hill, (Music) will present a concert at the Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury Street, Boston on Sunday, May 16, 1976 at 2:00 p. m. The program includes The Requiem, Op. 48 of Gabriel Faure and the Liebeslieder Walzer, Op. 52, by Johannes Brahms.
- A \$1.00 donation at the door is requested.
- Chemistry Seminar
- The Department of Chemistry sponsored a seminar yesterday on "Graphs--A Useful Tool in Dynamic Organometallic Stereochemistry" by Prof. M. Gielen of the Université Libre De Bruxelles.
- HEW--Keynote Speaker
- Prof. James E. Blackwell (Sociology I) was the keynote speaker at a conference on curriculum development and counseling, for participating colleges in the Advanced Institutional Development Program, sponsored by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and University Associates, Inc. The conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri on April 29-30. Prof. Blackwell's address was on the topic of "Human Resources Development: Curricula Changes and Counseling Needs in the 70s". Representatives of 45 participating institutions in the AIDP program attended.
- Chabotar Lectures
- Prof. Kent J. Chabotar, Director of Field Relations for the College of Professional Studies, recently chaired a panel at the National Conference on Public Administration in Washington, D.C. on the "Application of Evaluation Technology in Training and Education Programs." On May 18, Dr. Chabotar will speak on "Measuring the Effectiveness of Management Development" at the National Conference of the American Society for Training and Development in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Writing Evaluation
- Prof. Roz Rosenmeier, College of Public and Community Service is a member of a six-person committee assigned the task of evaluating the Writing Program at MIT. The other members of the committee (in addition to two MIT faculty) are: Professor William Alfred of the Harvard English Department, Professor William Perry of the Harvard Bureau of Study, and Mr. Robert Cowan, Science Editor of the Christian Science Monitor. The committee is chaired by Professor Nathan Sivin of the Technology Studies Department at MIT.
- The committee has met throughout this academic year and is now completing a report that reviews the history of the present Writing Program, evaluates the work of the program, and makes recommendations concerning the teaching of writing and a writing curriculum for MIT students.
- Göttinger Meeting
- Prof. Vito Giustiniani, Italian, has been invited by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Council of Research) to deliver a speech about "die Bedeutung Plutarchs für die humanistische Ethik" at the annual meeting of the Council in Göttingen on October 6, 1976.

## Slover Wins Fellowship

Prof. Loretta Porto Slover (Spanish and Portuguese II) has been awarded a dissertation fellowship from the American Association of University Women. The grant funds a year of research and writing. Prof. Slover's dissertation will explore the relationship between the imaginative portrait of women presented in The Three Marias: New Portuguese Letters on the one hand and the sociopolitical situation of women in Portugal on the other. She is a Ph. D. candidate in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University.

## Health Plan

The Harvard Community Health Plan, (HCHP) became available to employees of UMass-Boston in the fall of 1974. At that time many employees converted from the Aetna plan to HCHP. Through June 4, 1976 the option to convert to HCHP, as well as to convert back to Aetna, is available. Employees may call the Personnel Office, at Ext. 2271 or 72, in order to arrange a mutually convenient time for filling out conversion forms. Conversions will become effective on July 1, 1976.

Under its expanded coverage, HCHP provides full maternity benefits to females with individual coverage and without a deductible; preventative dental care is offered for children under 12 years of age; coverage is expanded for durable medical appliances.

The present cost of premium is as follows: AETNA--\$10.71 (individual) and \$24.68 (family), HCHP--\$5.11 (individual) and \$15.77 (family).

## Old Age: A Teach-in For Teachers

As a distinctive educational and community service UMass-Boston and the Department of Elder Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will conduct two all day programs for teachers, counselors and others interested in recent developments in human aging.

Conducted by Prof. Robert Kastenbaum, Psychology I, one of the nations's leading authorities on aging and dying, the first program will be held on May 15 and May 22; the second program will be on May 29th.

The first program is titled "Dying, Death, Suicide and Bereavement in Later Life; the second program is titled "Research Frontier--Selected Findings, Concepts and Techniques.

The Programs are intended for instructors who desire to enrich their coverage of issues in aging and other people who work with the elderly. There will be presentations by social scientists and clinicians complemented by small group discussions and problem focused sessions.

Several hundred are expected to attend the two programs.

## Spaethling and Mozart

The University of Minnesota has sponsored a series of seminars and educational television programs, gathering authorities from all parts of the nation, speaking to the general theme: "Enlightenment to the French Revolution."

Prof. Robert Spaethling, German, was invited to participate  
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in the program and was televised giving his impressions and critique of Mozart's "Magic Flute." The enlightenment given to society by Mozart was the central core of Spaethling's talk.

Dr. Spaethling's television contribution to the University of Minnesota program will be aired on educational television stations in the Fall.

Unification Dates

The Unification Committee, charged to facilitate the merger of Colleges I and II into the College of Liberal Arts, has been working on guidelines and procedures which has been distributed to faculty and staff.

Some of the dates scheduled by the committee's memoranda are:

- By May 15: Arrangements completed for the election of Department Chairperson.
- By May 17: The Departmental elections to have taken place.
- By June 1: The Chairperson elected is responsible for Departmental operation.
- By June 1: Secretarial and Staff personnel report to the elected Chairperson.
- By June 15: Acting Dean shall be selected, with effective date of appointment July 1.
- By June 30: New accounting structure in effect.
- By September 10: Interim organization of Departments should be in place and approved by the Acting Dean.

Alternative State and  
Local Public Policies

Two members of the faculty of the College of Public and Community Service will be speakers at the Conference on Alternative State and Local Public Policies at Austin, Texas, June 10--13, sponsored by St. Edward's University.

Prof. David Smith will speak on "Public Control of Public Monies," and Prof. Sandra Kanter will speak on the "Impact of Business Tax Subsidies."

Other speakers on the program come from the ranks of mayors, city and state treasurers, legislators, and civic leaders.

Medical Reports

Good News on Prof. Bernard Kramer. He is recovering nicely from the illness that struck him while he was in New York recently for the Eastern Psychological Association. He is scheduled to be released from The French Hospital, 330 West 30th St., New York, N. Y. 10001, sometime this week.

Paul Finnegan, Athletics, is scheduled for open heart surgery this week at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is in the Phillips House, MGH, Fruit Street, Boston.

To both Paul and Bernie, and their families, we offer our warmest wishes for complete and speedy recoveries and a return to their homes and to the campus.