Dr. Carter of Chemistry Dept. appointed Associate Provost

Dr. Robert L. Carter of Weymouth has been appointed Associate Provost at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Dr. Robert A. Greene, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Dr. Carter was an Associate Professor in the Chemistry Department. He holds degrees from the College of Wooster and the University of Kansas.

A member of the UMass/Boston faculty since 1970, Dr. Carter, 40, is a native of Cleveland. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 1970 with high honors.

Dr. Carter was a NDEA Fellow and is a member of the American Chemical Society; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Society for Applied Spectroscopy; Phi Lambda Upsilon; Sigma Xi, and the Boston Computer Society.

He has written a number of research papers with special interests in Raman and infrared spectroscopy.

Dr. Carter succeeds Dr. Joan Liem, who returns to the faculty as Chairperson of the Psychology Department.

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Vietnam a stop on Casey’s road from Field’s Corner to UMB

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When the William G. Joiner, Jr., Center was established a year ago, Casey was an enthusiastic supporter. The center was founded to study the issues of war and its effect on society.

“Many issues surrounding the Vietnam War and the Vietnam veteran in particular haven’t been resolved,” says Casey. “A center of this sort can resolve some of them.”

He feels one of the most important unresolved issues is that of the effects on combat soldiers of Agent Orange, a defoliating chemical sprayed heavily over the countryside in Vietnam during the conflict.

Casey was never directly in contact with the chemical as it was sprayed from planes but he said he moved through areas that had been defoliated.

“Agent Orange is a carcinogenic substance,” noted Casey. “Veterans have been affected by it. Even their children have been born with mild birth defects involving skin problems.

“Any one of us who were exposed to it are frightened. We don’t know if or when it might affect our health. Some veterans had the stuff dumped directly on them as they tried to burrow themselves in the ground. We have a lot of questions about Agent Orange.”

Upon his return from service, Casey was employed as Registrar for Graduate Students at Northeastern. He came to UMass/Boston in 1975 as its first Registrar at the Harbor Campus.

Frank lives in Marshfield with his wife Veronica and daughters Karen, 11, and Kimberly, 8.

He and his wife are active in community affairs. Veronica Casey is president of the local parents-teachers group.

“T take my civic responsibilities deadly serious,” says Casey. “I never miss voting or attending town meetings. I am especially active with the school system and trying to protect the fiscal integrity of the Marshfield schools.”

Frank Casey didn’t need a roadmap when he came to the Harbor Campus in September, 1975. He grew up in the Field’s Corner section of Dorchester.

Casey, 37, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services at UMass/Boston, attended St. Peter’s Elementary School and Cathedral High School.

At the age of 21, he was graduated from Northeastern University in 1967 and joined the U.S. Marines.

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Alan Clarke appointed director of Special Ed Support Services

Alan Clarke of Boston has been named Executive Director of UMass/Boston's Department of Special Education and Services, it was announced by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Clarke, 45, has held senior-level administrative management positions in a number of areas. From 1967-1979 he was Executive Director of the Bridge Fund, Inc., based in Boston's South End. From 1967-71 he was Project Director of Project Upward Bound.

Clarke also served as Program Director, Thompson Academy, 1966-67. He taught in the Boston Public Schools, 1960-66.

He was graduated from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1959, received a M.Ed. degree from Boston State College in 1966, and C.A.S. and Ed.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1971 and 1979.

Minority high schoolers at UMB as research apprentices

Minority High School Student Research Apprentice Program at UMass/Boston was held for the third year via assistance from the National Institutes of Health and Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan. Left to right: Howe Ortiz, Peter Faneuil School; Damita Canty, Mario Umana High School; Carl S. Finn, Director, Office of Grant and Contract Administration; Fitzroy Chappelle, Boston Technical; James Alphonse, Catholic Memorial, and Victor Hom, Boston Latin School. Missing from the picture is Vladimir Hyppolite, Cathedral High School and Dolores Miller of the OGC office. Chancellor Corrigan matched the grant of NIH so that the program could be doubled from three to six students, who work in faculty research laboratories at the Harbor Campus for eight weeks during the summer.
The long-awaited construction of a new platform at the JFK/UMass MBTA station is moving forward with the recent designation of a Boston architectural firm for $573,000 to design a platform to cost $9.1 million. This will give commuters easier access to the Harbor Campus and the JFK Library. The T stop was formerly known as Columbia Station.

Now people coming from the South Shore must get off at Andrew Square in South Boston and then board a southbound Dorchester train to reach the station. Those coming from Cambridge-Boston have to await an Ashmont train for direct access. It’s a headache both ways.

Design of the new platform, overhead-connecting walkways, a parking lot and a waiting room for T employees will take about five months. Construction will take another 15 months, so we’re talking completion in late 1985.

MBTA General Manager James F. O’Leary is guiding the project. He is, you may know, a UMass/Boston graduate.

Boston Globe columnist Ian Menzies has proposed UMass/Boston as the centerpiece of a program to coordinate information from a variety of sources concerned with Boston Harbor. Wrote Menzies:

“The next step is coordination. A good move in this direction might be to give UMass/Boston, with its blossoming marine science program and harbor frontage, an overall, coordinating monitoring role, including the setting of scientific guidelines, thus unifying state and federal programs while at the same time reassuring both the public and fishing industry that their best interests are being served.”

Pat Monteith, General Manager of WUMB-FM, has a giant first birthday party planned for Sunday, Sept. 18, a day-long festival of music, dance, food and fun. It will run from noon-10 p.m. on the Harbor Campus.

In the central area will be concession tables for arts and crafts, performing artists, pony rides and a variety of food concessions.

Also there will be a variety of indoor concerts.

Incidently, it’s easy to spot Pat’s new Ford Escort Wagon. The plates: WUMB-FM.

On the sports beat: Al Lefebvre (Management) produced the game winning hit in the come-from-behind victory for the championship UMass softball team in the annual staff tournament. Upper UMass defeated the Cheerios (Registrar), 16-15, and the Mailroom 17-5 in the title game. The Mailroom placed second, the Cheerios third and Mighty Bytes fourth.

Popular UMB Trainer Lou DiNitto had a big send-off party before he departed Clark Center to become Director of Rehabilitation at the Sports Medicine Center, Stony Brook, Long Island.

Intramural staff member Kathy Kilcoyne of Quincy recently completed the Master’s degree program in Sport Management at UMass/Amherst. A select group of 28, chosen from across the country, participated in the intense year-long program of sport-related law, marketing, management and finance. Kathy’s back at the Harbor Campus.

Today’s smile: Punctuality is the art of waiting for people who are always late.

October 1 is the deadline, say the finance people, for all invoices and travel vouchers for the period 7/1/82 to 6/30/83. The Accounting Office says after October 1 they can’t be paid. Campus tours will be given by Gwen Cranmore Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. only on an interim schedule. Reorganization is in process.

New additions: Mary Ellen McDonough (CPCS Dean’s office) had a son; the wife of Chris Clifford (SAC office) also had a son. Congratulations!

... Governor Michael S. Dukakis has proclaimed October 1–8 Higher Education Week.

United Way awards UMB for successful fund raising effort

United Way awards were presented to Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and Director of Community Services John Larner by United Way District Director Cecelia Grace. Faculty and staff at UMass/Boston were recognized for their generous gifts in the Fall campaign. Larner was chairman of the campus appeal which raised some 59 per cent more than a year ago. Both Chancellor Corrigan and Larner have expressed their appreciation to all the donors. Larner, incidentally, is hale and hearty after surgery.