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Murray Frank New CPCS Dean

Murray W. Frank has been appointed Dean of the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

His appointment by Chancellor Van Ummersen, was approved (February 7) by President David C. Knapp and the University's Board of Trustees.

Since 1974, Dr. Frank has been Associate Director of Education for the New York Municipal Employees Union (District Council 37, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO). The Council operates the largest union-sponsored adult continuing education program in the country.

A 1951 graduate of Washington Square College, New York University, Dr. Frank received the M.S.W. degree in 1954 from Columbia University School of Social Work and received the Ph.D. in social welfare planning from the Florence Heller School, Brandeis University, in 1974.

Prior to joining the District Council 37 staff, Dr. Frank was associate professor in the Graduate Department of Urban Planning and Policy Development at Rutgers University from 1972-74.

He was Director of Training at the Florence Heller School's Center for Manpower Administration and Research from 1970-71; Director of the Massachusetts State Manpower Planning Office, 1969-70; assistant professor at Columbia University School of Social Work, 1965-67.

Dr. Frank was associated with the Peace Corps from 1961-65. He began his career in social and community work as assistant director of the YMHA Community Center in Brockton from 1954-58.

Gov. Addresses Advisory Council

The emphasis was on economics when Gov. Edward J. King addressed the UMass Advisory Council here (Feb. 14).

However, in response to questions, King said he has not recommended campus mergers or specific tuition hikes.

Two days before his Advisory Council talk, the governor said the state colleges and universities could increase their 1980 budgets over the \$294 million appropriated this year in order to cover the cost of collective bargaining contracts.

UMass, the state and community colleges, Lowell and SMU, sought a total of \$334 million -- an amount King earlier rejected.

The Boston Globe editorialized in part, "An immediate \$40 million cut in the proposed budgets of the state's colleges and universities and an absolute freeze on all new construction would be unacceptable. But with his proposals the governor surely has garnered the attention of state's higher education establishment."

WUMB "Backtalk"

WUMB is producing a bi-weekly show called "Backtalk", integrating the interests and activities of academic and student affairs. It is broadcast Tuesdays (5:30 - 6 p.m.) and repeated Wednesday mornings.

Co-hosted by John DeSando, SAC Director, and Dean Michael P. Riccards, Arts and Sciences, the show features interviews, poetry readings, UMB events billboard, and a hot-line for student complaints and queries.

Travel Grants: U.S., Europe

Researchers from universities or research institutions -- invited to present papers or serve as discussants at conferences in Europe arranged by a government agency, business corporation, trade union, professional association, public interest group, or international organization -- are eligible to apply for short-term travel grants from the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Awards will not be made for participation in academic conferences.

Fields of priority interest to the Fund include urban affairs, labor-management relations, employment policy, work environment, social and economic policies affecting families, immigration and migrant labor issues, criminal justice administration and reform, international economic, resource and trade issues, and environment, land-use and growth management, including issues of citizen participation.

The maximum award is \$1500.

Applicants must include the following:

- 1) Letter of no more than two pages explaining the purpose of conference, relating it to the fields of interest listed above and identifying the implications of attendance for transatlantic exchange of experience.

- 2) Curriculum Vitae.

- 3) Official letter of invitation from organizers giving dates and purpose of conference and specific nature of applicant's participation.

- 4) Letter endorsing request from applicant's supervisor or academic dean.

Submissions to the Fund should be made well ahead so that applicants can take advantage of reduced advance reservation air fares; complete applications will be acted upon within one month.

Envelopes containing applications should be marked "Short-Term Travel Award Application" and sent to the German Marshall Fund, 11 Dupont Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, Tel (202) 797-6430.

Unique Family Study

Dr. Linda Gordon, History, has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a unique study which begins September 1979.

The project represents research on family violence--that is, child abuse, incest, "wife-beating", neglect. The Boston area will be a case study, and the project covers a century, from 1880 to 1980.

Dr. Gordon will be using case records from several public and private social-service, medical and legal agencies and institutions. The material will be carefully coded so as to protect the confidentiality of the sources.

Retired UMB Prof. Cohen Dies

Carl Cohen, former UMass/Boston Mathematics professor and anti-Nazi activist in Germany in the 1930's died of a stroke Jan. 31. He was 72.

Born in Essen, Germany, Prof. Cohen attended the University of Bonn, the University of Munich and the University of Frankfurt, where he received his degree in 1928. He came to Boston in 1940, eventually taking a teaching position at the Hebrew School, Roxbury.

He received his MA in mathematics from Harvard in 1943. He then taught at Harvard, Tufts and Wheaton before joining the UMB math department in 1965. He retired in 1977.

In Germany he became active in the Jewish underground, was arrested, and later sent to the Buchenwald concentration camp, and released in 1938 after his wife had obtained a counterfeit visa.

The Mass Media reports that when Professor Cohen was asked why he came to the campus, he replied: "I came to UMass because I liked the idea behind it -- to give working people a chance for high quality education. I've been happier teaching here than anywhere else. I like the open relaxed communications with the students here. At Harvard they were too stiff."

New Education Secretary Speaks

The new Secretary of Education appointed by Gov. Edward J. King is Charles E. M. Johnson, a management consultant who has taken an unpaid leave from a \$50,000 a year job with the Arthur D. Little Co. for the \$40,000 cabinet post.

A recent interview with the Boston Globe may have offered some insight into the man and his position. Some examples:

- On low tuition for public colleges and universities:

"I haven't studied this issue carefully yet. On the one hand, there's need for those who can afford realistic costs to pay them. On the other hand, there's need to support students who do not have resources but have intelligence and ability, and potential skills that the Commonwealth needs."

- On additional state support for public and private higher education:

"I think the state, given its desire to return money to taxpayers or to reduce the amount of taxes placed on citizens of the Commonwealth, will have great difficulty giving more money to public institutions. If that is the case, I see there may be even greater problems in giving resources, funds, to private institutions. However, I do think there may be room for collaboration among private and public institutions that may result in a better use of resources."

- On Governor King and education:

"He is very much concerned about the economic conditions of the state; he is concerned about levels of unemployment, about future growth in the state. He's concerned about attracting new industry to the state. He's concerned about excellence in performance of institutions that are funded with state funds, with state resources, and I think it is primarily in that context that Gov. King is concerned about educational matters. He would like the educational sector to be efficient in its operation."

- On reorganization of state higher education:

"I've been given the charge by the Governor to look at the reorganization of the educational sector and the educational secretariat."

- On being a catalyst between the business/industry community and higher education:

"I feel that that is a primary role that the Secretary of Education can play better than any single office or officer or individual in the Commonwealth. It requires a unique understanding of how one translates the goals for economic improvement into academic programs at various levels."

- On the Secretary of Education Office:

"There are great differences in points of view on whether this office should exist, or whether the role of the office should be redefined I know that he (Gov. King) recognizes that this office could be abolished."

Prof. Ross in New Book

Dr. Barbara Ross, Psychology, is author of a chapter, "William James: A Prime Mover of the Psychoanalytic Movement in America," in a recently released book edited by G. E. Gifford, Psychoanalysis, Psychotherapy, and the New England Medical Scene: 1894-1944. New York: Science History Publications, 1978.

Annual Arts Competition

UMB has announced its first annual competition open to Massachusetts artists.

This year an award will be in music composition. In subsequent years, awards will be presented for theater, dance, and visual art. A \$1,000 honorarium will accompany the award.

In this year's competition, composers are invited to submit the scores of unperformed works written for up to eight performers. Deadline for entries is March 9. The decision will be announced March 16.

The winning composition will be played on Sunday evening April 29 as a highlight of UMass/Boston's two-day Harbor Festival.

Scores must be mailed to Harbor Festival, University of Massachusetts, Harbor Campus, Boston MA 02125. For further information, call Joan Hobson extension 2551.

CPR, First Aid Courses

More than 650,000 people die each year from heart attack and related disease.

To help deal with this problem, Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and First Aid courses are being offered free to the public by the UMB Health Service Emergency Care Training Program.

The Courses are given at the Harbor Campus. They are offered under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross which award certificates to all persons successfully completing the courses.

For further information contact the Health Service's Emergency Care Training Program Office, extension 3233.

UMB Tax Assistance Program

A group of UMass/Boston students is providing a unique service to the residents of neighboring Columbia Point.

As part of an independent study project, 20 students from the College of Professional Studies (CPS) are giving income tax assistance at the University's Columbia Point Field Office.

The service is offered free on Tuesdays 1:00 to 4:00 and Saturdays 10:00 to 4:00 p.m., February 11 through April 14.

The Tax Assistance Program, now in its second year, was suggested by field office director Bernard Sneed, and organized and supervised by CPS accounting professor Arnold Olenick who provided the necessary instruction. Other faculty members have volunteered as supervisors.

Residents using the service last year realized refunds totaling \$8,000, Sneed and Olenick reported.

Professor Olenick expressed pride in his students. "I would stack them up against the best anywhere both for their potential and their sense of community service," he said. "To me this is really what UMass/Boston is all about. Educating Boston-area working-class youth, while developing a sense of social responsibility, and trying to be of service to the community."

Prof. Weiss Keynoter

Prof. Robert S. Weiss, Sociology, will present a keynote address to the Anglo-American Conference on One-Parent Families sponsored by the Ditchley Foundation of England.

The Conference, to be held at the Ditchley Park Conference Center in Oxfordshire next month, is part of the Foundation's program to advance the study of issues of public concern.

Heads Ford Foundation

Franklin A. Thomas, 44, a lawyer and community development specialist has been named president of the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Thomas, the first black to head the nation's largest philanthropic organization, will succeed McGeorge Bundy, who has held the position for 13 years, on June 1.

He was chosen by the Foundation's trustees from 300 candidates. He has been a member of the Ford Foundation board of trustees since 1977.

A recognized leader in the field of inner city neighborhood development, Mr. Thomas received his bachelor's degree and law degree from Columbia University.

Mr. Thomas is a practicing attorney in Manhattan. He was an assistant U.S. district attorney in New York, and then New York City's deputy police commissioner for legal affairs. He gained prominence as the leader of New York's Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation since its founding in 1967 until 1977.

The Ford Foundation has spent \$1.1 billion in higher education grants since its founding in 1936.

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