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The Christophers

Professor Gordon Zahn (Sociology) was one of a number of distinguished writers to win the Christopher Award this year. Zahn was the editor and author of the preface of Thomas Merton on Peace. The winners were selected on the basis of their affirmation of the highest values of the human spirit, artistic and technical accomplishment and a significant degree of public acceptance of their work.

Medical Services in Greater Boston

The Survey Research Program of UMass-Boston and the Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard has completed a 68-page data packed report on the use of medical services -- hospital emergency rooms, hospital outpatient clinics, clinics, not affiliated with hospitals, and private doctors' offices -- by people in different income groups and living in different areas of Metropolitan Boston.

Floyd J. Fowler, Director, says that among the findings is:

Private doctors are by far the biggest source of out-patient care for Boston area adults, regardless of area of residence or income level. However adults who live in the City of Boston differ from those living outside Boston in that they are much less likely to get their care from private doctors; they are much more likely to rely solely on hospital outpatient clinics or emergency rooms for their outpatient care; and they have a relatively high rate of receiving no care at all. City of Boston adults who use private doctors rely relatively more on general practitioners, rather than specialists, than do their suburban counterparts.

Admissions

March 1 is the normal cut-off date for receiving applications in the Admissions Office, although transfer student applications and Special Admissions applications will continue beyond this date. When all the work and assessments are completed, a 20 to 25 per cent rise in applications over a year ago is expected. That's between 7500 and 8000 applications.

Budget

Governor Sargent's recent budget message concerning the University of Massachusetts calls for \$72.5-million, some \$16-million less than requested and approved by the Board of Trustees. President Robert Wood at a press conference following last week's Trustees' meeting, said the University will begin working the Legislature, especially through the Ways and Means Committee, to seek upward adjustments. The quality of education at the University, he said, must not be imperiled.

A Personnel Note

March 17 will be a Holiday for all Non-Professional employees. As classes will be in session, the Non-Professional employees who may be required to work on March 17th may be granted one day off during the following two weeks.

Payroll checks scheduled for March 17 will be received and distributed on Thursday, March 16.

An employee who is absent without leave or on leave of absence without pay on any part of his scheduled work day immediately preceding or immediately following March 17, will not be paid for the Holiday.

On Femininity and Silences of Women

Tomorrow, March 1, at 4 p.m. in Room 1-222, Dr. Matina Horner of the Department of Social Relations, Harvard University, will speak on "Femininity and Successful Achievement: A Basic Inconsistency?" Dr. Horner is well known for her research about the reasons bright women students fail; her lecture should be of interest to all faculty and students. Open to all.

On Thursday, March 2, at 12:30 p.m., Room 2-118, Tillie Olsen, well-known short story writer, will speak on "Silences of Women," why women do not write more than they do. Mrs. Olsen, a former fellow of the Radcliffe Institute, has spent two months at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N. H., and is enroute to California, where she will teach at Stanford University. All interested faculty and students are invited to attend.

AAUP

The UMass-Boston Chapter of the AAUP will hold a sherry reception and meeting on Wednesday, March 8, at 4 p.m., at the Faculty Club. Professor Carolmarie Smith of Framingham State College will speak on collective bargaining. Professor Smith is District 10 Delegate of the National Council of AAUP and Legislative Chairman, Massachusetts State Conference, AAUP. All faculty members are cordially invited to attend by Professor Adorna Walia (Spanish Dept.) AAUP Chapter Chairman.

College II Dates

Thursday, March 2, 10 a.m., Auditorium -- Barry Commoner, recognized as one of the nation's leading environmentalists will speak on "The Environmental Crisis and the Liberal Arts." This is the first presentation in the College II Lecture Series, one that will be hard to top.

March 17, 8-11 p.m., Harbor Cruise from Rowe's Wharf for students, faculty and staff of College II. Ticket sale at the Dean's Office, Statler. Price: \$2 for faculty and professional staff; \$1 for students and non-professional staff.

State Street Bank

If you are using the automatic deposit of payroll checks at State Street Bank and Trust Company the validated copy of your deposit slips will in the future be mailed to your home rather than be sent by campus mail.

Museum of Science

The new institutional membership by UMass-Boston with the Museum of Science opens up several opportunities for science faculty to give a new dimension to their courses. Richard Ekman (Office of the Dean of Faculties) will be happy to talk with any faculty and students, including passes to the Museum, lecture programs, seminars, and other activities.

The Metropolis Runs Dry

Richard Hogarty (Politics) has authored a monograph on an everyday problem that may not be surfacing at the moment but is a real crisis. "The Metropolis Runs Dry" published by the Journal of the Irrigation and Drainage Division, Proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Hogarty's thesis:

From 1961 to 1967, the northeastern United States suffered the worst drought in its recorded history. Caught in the fourth year of the unprecedented dry spell, some localities in the Delaware River Valley took extraordinary measures to protect their threatened sources of water supply. The specter of the New York metropolitan region about to run dry loomed as an administrative nightmare for the newly created Delaware River Basin Commission. Under the unrelenting pressure of the crisis, the parties-at-interest buried some of their past differences and improvised. Instead of resorting to court litigation and a judicial settlement, as had been combination of administrative negotiation and political pressure. The crisis made new forms of intergovernment cooperation mandatory and, at least, temporarily legitimate.

Outside Requests for Information

Periodically offices on this campus receive requests for information. Such requests come from the President's Office, another campus in the UMass System, or some outside agency or individual. Often hours of work on the part of the office receiving the request are required.

Although ready to be as helpful as possible when asked for information, we are also understaffed in almost every department. We need to exercise some discretion in responding to questionnaires and to other requests that involve substantial work.

Richard Freeland will act as a check-point for requests for information. If you receive a request that requires significant work and if you are unsure how to respond, call Mr. Freeland (extension 374) and describe the request before spending your time on it.

Grant and Program Information

Information of any material presented in the Bulletin may be obtained from Mr. Jacob Getson, Director of the Office of Grant Development and Community Service, Room 1221 C, Extension 620.

NSF: Law and the Social Sciences

The National Science Foundation has recently announced a new program in law and social science. The Foundation has allocated approximately \$1 million for new interdisciplinary research projects in this field. The NSF plans to make 15 to 20 awards during the current fiscal year. Although the grants would be primarily to law schools, it is possible for submissions to come from institutions that do not have law schools. The emphasis of the program is to change the concept of law as a profession to that of law as a discipline. Basic research grants are desired.

It is possible for an institution not having a law school to submit "open ended" proposals which might include lawyers from another institution. It would be possible to include requests for "subcontracts" to those not directly affiliated with the institution.

Areas of potential interest include studies of the mechanism used by lawyers and by communities in the law area. These mechanisms would include such processes as arbitration and negotiation. The program is interested also in the approach to various law concepts such as those involved in property, privacy and ethics. The development of peer group leaders in law related areas is also of interest. In all cases, basic research involving the behavioral science approach is emphasized.

The program director for this new area does favor receiving informal, brief proposals stressing what is to be done and how it is to be done rather than formal proposals which emphasize why a subject should be studied. If you have any ideas that you would like to see presented to this program, I would be happy to discuss them with you. The program director for the law and social science program is Dr. Frederick W. Huszagh.

Environmental Protection Agency

The Office of Grant Development has received material concerning grant assistance programs of the Environmental Protection Agency and interim regulations as published in the Federal Register. Any interested faculty may review the material in the Office of Grant Development - 1221C.

National Endowment for the Humanities

We have also received program guidelines for Planning and Development Grant Proposals for National Endowment to the Humanities. The Planning and Development Grants are intended to improve instruction in the Humanities and to make such instruction relevant to the current condition of national life. For further information call Ext. 620.

Legislation:

Water Pollution Extension Passed

Congress agreed to \$1.7 billion compromise extension of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act on February 16. Construction grants will be funded at \$1.65 billion and research at \$30 million, and are extended only through April 30, 1972. Extended through June 30, 1972, salaries for EPA are funded at \$9 million and state program planning grants will receive \$15 million.

Mondale Introduces Child Care Bill

On Wednesday, February 16, Senator Walter Mondale (D-Minn.) introduced a new Comprehensive Child Development Act (S. 3193) to substitute for the bill vetoed by the President last December. S. 3193 would provide \$1.6 billion over a two-year period and includes \$500 million for Headstart. The measure, as was the case last year, is being offered as an amendment to the OEO Act Extension which passes the House earlier this week.

In a move to mollify Administration criticism of the earlier bill, the Mondale bill reduces authorizations by \$500 million defers the effective date a year to 1974 (with planning money for FY 73) and reduces the number of localities eligible to be prime sponsors by raising the population cut-off to 25,000.

Foundation Information

We are compiling information on foundation which may support University activities. At this time we have a number of descriptive booklets outlining past foundation activities. Don't sit on your ideas - come in and get the necessary funding information so your ideas can become a reality.