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University of Massachusetts at Boston



Season's Greetings

This season of holidays reminds us of yet other wells of inspirations from which we can draw renewed spirit and vigor. May I offer my personal best wishes to each of you as you refresh your tradition and enjoy your celebration.

William R. Hamilton, Jr.
Acting Chancellor

Trustee Maginnis

A recent Worcester Telegram feature story on John J. Maginnis, who retired recently from the University's Board of Trustees, recalls his 60-year association with the university as a student, faculty member, leader in alumni affairs, and as a trustee. He said in the interview, "I think I was very fortunate to have been a trustee during the most important, exciting decade in the university's history. Probably no other university has had the kind of growth in 10 years that we had."

In that growth period, General Maginnis was especially helpful in the establishment and growth of UMass-Boston. He served as a member of the Buildings and Grounds and the Faculty and Educational Policy Committees. His one fear, was that a too rapid growth might lead to a dilution of the quality of instruction the university offered. That did not happen he said.

General Maginnis takes justifiable pride in his alma mater. The University of Massachusetts at Boston appreciates the services and talents that he made available to us.

AAUP Annual Salary Survey

This Fall's AAUP Salary and Compensation Survey, which will be published in the Summer 1973 issue of the AAUP Bulletin, lists UMass-Boston faculty salaries for Assistant Professor and Instructor in the 80th percentile. This the second year in a row that UMass-Boston has received these ratings.

Bank Trustee

Provost Dorothy Marshall has been named one of seven new Trustees of the Charlestown Savings Bank. Three other new members are associated with MIT, Harvard, and Boston College. A heady group.

Images of Women in Literature

A magnificent new book is off the Houghton Mifflin presses. It's Mary Anne Ferguson's "Images of Women in Literature ." The book is an outgrowth of her course here, and it is expected that colleges and universities around the country will be using it as a text for courses on the history and sociology of women, American studies courses, and in literature. The anthology includes 26 short stories, eight poems, a playlet, and a list of suggestions for further reading. The selections are organized around stereotypes and archtypes, positive and negative, of women as wives, mothers, sex objects, seductresses, old maids, and free women.

The authors range, alphabetically, from Albee to Yeats. About half the authors are women, and one of the poetry selections is by a UMass-Boston student Helene Davis whose first published work finds its way between offerings by William Dean Howells and Irwin Shaw. Professor Ferguson's introduction is a beautiful analysis of the modes of literature in which the images of women are painted darkly and purely.

Houghton Mifflin is planning a national promotional campaign.

Inclement Weather

This is not trying to tempt fate, but the odds for calling off classes due to inclement weather are comparatively low. Students always have the option to attend or not attend classes. At the same time, faculty and staff are expected to make every effort to be at their appointed tasks no matter what kind of weather assails us.

The only time personnel are not expected on the job is when City of Boston authorities make demands not to travel into the city. In the past, this has been as rare as snow in August.

If the situation is serious enough to warrant cancelling classes for students, notification will be given this year on WEEI, WHDH and WRKO, after 6 a.m.

Wedding Bells

Robin Lee Stoddard, who is now Mrs. J. Kimball Hobbs, is residing in Pittsburgh, Pa., after her recent nuptials in Hingham. Robin was associated with the Institute for Learning and Teaching. Her husband is with the Treasury Department.

Examination Schedule

The final examination schedule for the Fall semester will begin on January 9th and continue through January 18th. If for any reason -- snow or disaster -- the extra day for examinations will be on January 19th.

Teacher Certification Program

January 9th is the deadline for application for admission to the Teacher Certification Program for the academic year 1973-74. All students now completing or having already completed their first junior semester may apply for admission to the program. Faculty are asked to advise students that further information and application materials may be obtained from the Teacher Certification Program Office in the Sawyer Building, Room 406.

Search Committee for a New Chancellor

Thomas N. Brown, Chairman of the Search Committee for a New Chancellor, in a report of the Committee's work said: "The Search Committee is approaching the final stages of its work. More than 160 persons have been nominated for the position of Chancellor. Of this number we have invited 97 to submit their candidacies for further consideration. To date we have affirmative responses from more than 36. For the past several weeks we have been engaged in screening the active candidates to determine the most promising."

The first candidate to be invited to the campus for formal interviews is Dr. Carlo Golino, Vice-Chancellor of the University of California at Riverside. Dr. Golino, a distinguished scholar of Italian literature and an experienced administrator, began a two-day visit yesterday (Monday).

"Additional candidates will be invited to the campus in January after the Christmas vacation," Professor Brown said. "We hope, perhaps optimistically, to conclude our work and submit our recommendations to the President by the end of January."

Romeo and Juliet

Robert Evans (Theatre Arts I) is the director of the fine production of "Romeo and Juliet" which will be presented through the remainder of this year in the Auditorium of the Main Building at 7:30 p. m. Kudos to the director, cast, stagehands, and the entire production staff for an excellent presentation. Faculty and staff are their friends are encouraged to see this play.

Christmas Concert

The UMass-Boston Concert Choir under the direction of Joel Cohen, will present a Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 13, at 8:00 p. m. at Old West Church, Cambridge Street, Boston. The Concert is sponsored by the UMass-Boston College II Students Activities Board and the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Arts Council.

The program will include: Sacred Music of the Renaissance, Elizabethan Madrigals and Ayres, American Folk Hymns, Works of Bartok, Thompson, Vaughan Williams and Christmas Music. Admission is free. More than 75 students are members of the Choir.

People Paragraph

Dr. Walter Rosen (Dean, College II) was a member of an evaluation team at City College of New York, studying the undergraduate and graduate biology programs. He represented the American Institute Biological Sciences. Dr. Rosen has been invited to participate in a symposium on "The Male Gamete" to be sponsored by the Linnean Society in London next September. Professor Anny Newman (Russian II) will present a slide show and lecture today on her recent trip to Russia as a participant in the U.S. Cultural Exchange Program. The program is at 12:30 (Tuesday) in 1-0215. Professor James Blackwell (Sociology) and ten members of the department have telegraphed Governor Edwin Edwards of Louisiana expressing their shock and "inexcusable errors" committed by authorities in relation to the death of two Southern University students. Professor Arnold Beichman (Politics) reviews "The Doomsday Syndrome" by John Maddox in the Christian Science Monitor (11/29). He rates the book as one of the most important documents on the ecology debate to be published thus far. The book, according to Beichman, is "essential reading, a powerful dissent, from currently received wisdom".

Meditation

There will be an introductory lecture in Transcendental Meditation, sponsored by the Student Problem Center, on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00 p. m., in Room 215 of the Sawyer Building. All are welcome.

Trustee Committee on Student Activities

Mrs. George R. Rowland, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Committee on Student Activities, with members of her committee and students of UMass-Boston met yesterday for informal discussions about student life on this campus. Among topics discussed were Governance, Cultural Events, Community Action, Mass Media, Afro-American Society, Asian-American Society, Student Problem Center, Human Sexuality Counseling, and Placement and Vocational Counseling. Nearly 40 students participated.

Social Relations Club Offers Helping Hand

For five years the Social Relations Club has sponsored a Christmas party on campus for children in Roxbury, Dorchester, Chinatown, and other neighborhoods. Student Phil Mahoney has been the angel for this operation, (and whoever call Phil Mahoney an angel before) and he is planning another party this year for some 500 children on the afternoon of December 15th in the Cafeteria (Sawyer). Children of faculty and staff are also invited to attend.

This humane project also need financial support. If you are so inclined, kindly send donations to the Social Relations Club, c/o Governance Office, Statler-Hilton, Room 557.