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Community Task Force Draft

In the January 16 Bulletin it was reported that the Dorchester-Columbia Point Task Force, comprising some twenty-six community organizations, had issued the draft of their study on the impact of housing on the community due to the opening of the University's Campus in Dorchester. Acting Chancellor Hamilton's remarks on the receipt of the study were published, stating that the report would be "faithfully studied by all of our University constituencies."

The first step in this procedure is a proposal by Dr. Hamilton to Prof. Alfred Ferguson (English), Faculty Co-Chairman of the University Assembly, that a Joint University Task Force of about thirty members would be named to study and respond to the one hundred and fifty page community report. The Task Force would have membership by students, faculty, and administration. Following our recommendations, a Campus Report will be submitted to the President and to the Trustees of the University.

State Reorganization

The daily media have devoted much time and space to proposals by the Secretaries of various state agencies which would reorganize state services. Secretary of Educational Affairs Joseph Cronin's proposed organization plan, submitted to the Legislature, is a sixty-page document. His proposal is now being studied by appropriate University officials and other leaders in higher as well as secondary and primary education.

Press reports indicate that if the entire organization plan -- welfare, public works, education, human services, etc. -- were to be adopted it would mean that some 4,533 job layoffs would be called for in the first year of reorganization.

For UMass-Boston, which is in a growth situation, the personnel cutbacks will not take place.

Massachusetts Legislators Conference

The University of Massachusetts and the Legislative Research Bureau sponsored an interesting two-day conference on the campus last week. Attending were freshmen legislators throughout the state who heard from the Legislative leadership and Directors of the Legislative Services on how the new members could more effectively serve their districts. The conference was organized by Joseph Cass - President's Office - and Daniel M. O'Sullivan, Director of the Legislative Research Bureau. Dr. William R. Hamilton, Jr., addressed the assembly at their Wednesday evening meeting.

Biology Seminars

The first in a series of weekly seminars sponsored by the Biology Department will be held Thursday, February 1, at 12:30 in Room 1-406. Jane Menge a Harvard graduate student, will give the first lecture, entitled "Resource Allocation Between Two Competing Starfish." Everyone is welcome.

Urban and Political Sociology

Prof. Richard Robbins (Sociology) recently gave the Miriam Lee Tropp Lecture at Wheaton College, where he taught for nine years before coming to UMass-Boston. Prof. Robbins spoke on "The Jewish Voter, Ethnic Blocs, and American Elections." The burden of that lecture was that the so-called defection of Jewish voters from the Democratic Party in 1972 was probably temporary and not decisive, and that, more generally, "ethnic bloc votes" have been more complex and more subject to short-run change than political folklore holds.

At a Cambridge Forum speech, he asked "Can Radical Sociology Reform America?"

Mathematics and Curriculum Planning

Dr. John A. Lutts (Mathematics I) has been involved in discussions with two-year colleges on the problems involved in mathematics and curriculum planning that are related to transferring from two-year colleges to a four-year college or university. The Massachusetts Mathematics Association of Two - Year Colleges held a symposium at UMass-Amherst where Prof. Lutts was a participant.

Adam Yarmolinsky Lecture

*You are cordially invited
to attend*

*The Inaugural Lecture
Commemorating the Establishment
of the*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson University Chair
of the University of Massachusetts*

by

Adam Yarmolinsky

"The New American Scholar"

*Wednesday, the Seventh of February
Nineteen Seventy Three*

at

Three Thirty O'Clock

*University of Massachusetts at Boston
Faculty Club*

*One Hundred Five Arlington Street
The Former First Corps Armory*

Social Relations Thank You

Larry Boelcskev, President, and Philip Mahoney, Treasurer, of the Social Relations Club wish to notify the University Community that:

"The members of the Social Relations Club wish to thank all the students, faculty and staff for their support of our annual Christmas Party. We wish to give special thanks to Acting Chancellor Hamilton for taking time from his busy schedule to draw the winning name in the raffle. Many of the community groups which attended asked us to convey their appreciation to all of you. Once again, we of the Social Relations Club thank the University Community for its support."

The Environment

Dr. Walter Rosen (Dean, College II) will speak on "The Environment Is International" at the February 8th Meeting of the United Nations Council of the South Shore at the Parish Hall of the Church of Presidents, Quincy Square, Quincy. This is the Annual World Affairs Lecture. It will be followed by a discussion.

Lecturer - Joanne Ross

Economics Department, College II, announces that Joanne Ross, Director of the Action Program, has been accepted a Lectureship in the Department for Spring, 1973. Ms. Ross has been at UMass-Boston since 1971 and was a Visiting Lecturer in the Politics Department last year. She was a member of the Committee on the Future of the University and has taught a course entitled - "Power, Poverty and Politics" at Tufts University for a number of years. She has also lectured on poverty and public housing at Boston College, Yale University, Brandeis University, Simmons College and Harvard University.

Ms. Ross will be co-teaching with Raymond Torto, Chairman of the Economics Department, a course in Urban Economics on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30. The course will focus on the political economy of such urban problems as education, crime, poverty, taxation, transportation, housing, and employment.

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