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SPECIAL EDITION

The move of the UMass-Boston campus to Dorchester "will be an extraordinary adventure in American education."

That refers to the education mission of the University.

But the physical move and the changes it will mean for UMass-Boston students, faculty and staff, naturally raises many questions.

In this Bulletin is an attempt to answer some concerns that have come forward.

Transportation:

The new campus at Morrissey Boulevard is slightly more than three miles from the front door at 100 Arlington Street.

It is currently served by the Red Line of the MBTA through the Columbia Station.

When the campus opens there will be regular, shuttle bus service from the parking lot area at Columbia Station directly to the campus.

Likewise, there will be regular shuttle service from the campus to Columbia Station.

When the peak loads of students, faculty and staff use the MBTA to and from the campus, there will be peak scheduling of buses.

The bus schedules will be from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

At this time, it has not yet been determined what the fare, if any, will be for the shuttle buses.

There are two possibilities:

1. The regular twenty cents fare charged by the MBTA for feeder bus service.
2. A free, subsidized shuttle service--which would be financed through fees at the campus garages. (See below)

Much planning and labor on this phase of our move to Dorchester has been going on for many months, and is continuing.

Other Bus Routes: The University has been asked by many people if there will be other bus routes to the campus.

It has been suggested and presented to the MBTA to study the feasibility of bus routes from Broadway Station, Kenmore Square, Park Square, Dudley Street, Ashmont Station, and other MBTA points.

It is still under MBTA study. There is no definite answer at this time.

Campus Garages:

There are approximately 1700 parking spaces at the new campus in garages located under the Administration, Library, Science and College I and II buildings.

Studies are continuing on:

Daily parking rates.

10-Month parking rates for assigned spaces.

Year-long parking rates for assigned spaces.

Proposals are being studied on a rate structure that might call for:

.\$2 daily rate

.A range of \$110 to \$155 for 10 and 12 month rates.

The range, in the study, would include rates in the lowest category for students; intermediate rates for staff and faculty with incomes up to \$12,500; higher rates for faculty and staff with incomes over \$12,500.

For faculty and staff, payroll deductions would be available for those wishing to use garage facilities.

These fees would possibly finance the shuttle bus service mentioned above.

One thing is certain, the University must encourage the maximum use of public transportation to achieve the least possible disruption of traffic in the Dorchester area.

Longer Range:

The State Department of Public Works will build an underpass for cars traveling from Columbia Circle to the campus. The underpass will be built under Morrissey Boulevard and will connect with the campus garages.

Security:

Manpower and lighting are the two keys to campus security.

At the new site the Campus Police Department--University employees--11 number 18 men who will be highly trained in campus security work.

In addition, there will be 36 men--12 assigned to each eight-hour shift--who will be contracted security personnel. They will be assigned to interior patrols in garage and other areas.

The lighting on the new campus will be the most efficient at any campus in the country.

Campus Cafeterias:

In College I and College II as well as in the Administration Building there will be modern, comfortable eating places for faculty, students and staff.

Personnel will have the choice to dine in any of these eating places.

There are a number of lounges in the campus buildings for the use of faculty and staff. There are also many student lounges.

When we move to the new campus, these facilities will be in operation.

Actual Moving:

Schedules are being drawn up for the systematic move of departments to their assigned locations in the new buildings.

The actual loss time in moving from this campus to the new one for each department office should be no more than two days.

A professional staff of moving contractors will assist us with the move. You will receive detailed instructions about packing your files and personal property.

If you are interested in looking at some of the floor plans of the various buildings, drop by the Public Relations Office at 1221-B, Main Building.

If you have other questions or concerns, please let us know about them. Further special editions of the Bulletin will be published to keep you informed.