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Underground City

Professor Blanche Gelfant of Dartmouth College will lecture on "The Motif of the Underground City" in recent American fiction, on Monday, April 9, at 4:10 p. m. in Room 437 of the Statler. Tracing the motif back to such writers as Dostoevski in Notes from Underground, Dreiser, Fitzgerald, and Kerouac, she will concentrate on the use of the motif in recent fiction by Black authors Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, and Ishmael Reed, as well as in the novels of Thomas Pynchon.

Professor Gelfant, Professor of English, is the author of The American City Novel, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1954, and of other books and novels on modern American authors, including George P. Elliott, Bernard Malamud, Faulkner, Cather, Hemingway, Dos Passos, and Saul Bellows. She has taught at Syracuse University, University of Wisconsin, Queens College, Brooklyn College, and the University of Southern California. She is a member of the Elections Committee of the Modern Language Association of America and of the Commission on the Status of Women of the American Studies Association. Her lecture at UMB is being sponsored by College I.

Feeling of Uselessness

Professor Robert Kastenbaum (Psychology I) was the principal speaker at a recent public symposium on the elderly held in Worcester. Jon A. Towne of the Worcester Telegram filed this report on the UMass-Boston psychologist's remarks:

Dr. Kastenbaum said the need for companionship, a useful occupation and social status are ignored by society until the elderly have no reason to continue living.

"Around the middle of life, the capability to love seems to shrivel. Feeling that our bodies no longer will be a source of pleasure for somebody and that we shouldn't expect it from someone else, is the core of the disappointed lover, the elderly person," he said.

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Feeling of Usefulness
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"Society sees old people as characters with wrinkled faces and clothes that don't fit so well."

The elderly are "disappointed lovers" because society no longer finds them attractive, and they have been made unhappy by "the stray shots of fate," he said.

"A very large number of people are dying among strangers in nursing homes, with no one to give love and affection to," he said; the elderly should, like "salmon", be allowed to return to a place of pleasant memories before they die, but are instead placed in "institutions with little meaning for them."

The elderly are capable of sex, love and affection, but "cheap, bargain basement studies" have convinced them that it is impossible and ridiculous for them to try, he said, and since people are taught that sex and work are the most important reasons for living, it is psychologically disastrous when both are endangered by aging.

But, Kastenbaum said, "old people want to think they are still capable of exciting things. Sometimes they settle for something else, like drinking, smoking or running someone else's life," and their efforts to draw close to family and friends are often met with disgust and misunderstanding.

"People near death reach out, and are very affectionate even to strangers," he said.

But when a husband or wife dies, the survivor is left alone in an indifferent world, and aging is caused more by the suffering of such psychological upsets than by biological breakdown.

Electrical Characteristics
at Columbia Point

Charles Spaulding, Director, Physical Plant, advises that to prevent maintenance and connecting problems with your electrical equipment for Columbia Point, you should specify the proper voltage, amperage and phase for the equipment you order.

The general power available in the laboratories and classroom areas will be 120/208 VAC, 60 HZ, 3 phase, 4 wire. This means that when ordering equipment, specify that it must be 120 volts or 208 volts.

A number of appliances are manufactured with a rating of 230 volts. To operate this equipment properly a voltage regulator or step-up transformer must be purchased and installed. Otherwise the equipment could be damaged during periods of operation in an extended brown-out.

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Electrical Characteristics
at Columbia Point (continued)

Some members of the University community are not aware of this problem. Therefore, a review of your electrical equipment requirements should be undertaken to insure that equipment will operate on the electrical service being provided.

This is a reminder so you may review your equipment lists before they go to bid.

The Interdependence of
Global Problems

Adam Yarmolinsky, Ralph Waldo Emerson University Professor, was a participant in the report made recently by the National Policy Panel established by the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

The report is "Foreign Policy Decision Making: The New Dimensions." Yarmolinsky and David E. Bell, Executive Vice President of the Ford Foundation, commenting on the report, said:

"The United States Government (like American society as a whole) is increasingly part of an interdependent world, but its organization and procedures still reflect earlier, simpler times when nation states could on most matters safely deal with each other at arms length and through career foreign services. In today's world, international relations are of necessity pervasive, technical, continuous, and intimately involved with domestic issues, and this requires new styles and new systems of governmental organization and process, which rely far more than in the past on a wide range of professional participation in policy-making."

They both urged that "prompt and serious attention in both government and academic circles to the underlying research and analysis that is needed if we are to design more effective systems for handling U.S. government business in an increasingly complex and interrelated world. Compared to the resources lavished on management improvement in a single large multinational corporation, those being devoted to the far more important and difficult problems of improving the organization of the government in a multinational setting are pitiful. The problem seems to us both crucial and fascinating, worthy of the sustained interest of some of the country's ablest minds, with backgrounds in the management sciences, political science, economics, history, and other relevant disciplines."

Also International

The International Association of UMass-Boston is planning a colorful program on Saturday, April 7, at 6 p. m. in the YWCA on Clarendon St. A dine and dance program with an international motif will be held, and the food will be prepared by UMass-Boston students, with the menu identifiable with Five Continents. It appears to be a fine evening, and faculty, staff and students are cordially invited by Bette Davis, Advising. Any questions, call her at extension 531.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1973-74

First Semester

September 4 -7	Tuesday-Friday	Freshman Orientation
September 10	Monday	Classes begin
October 8	Monday	Holiday
October 22	Monday	Holiday
October 23	Tuesday	Monday schedule
October 24	Wednesday	Midsemester
November 21	Wednesday	Thanksgiving recess after last class
November 26	Monday	Classes resume
November 27 - December 7	Tuesday-Friday	Pre-registration
December 12	Wednesday	Last day of classes
December 13-21	Thursday-Friday	Exam period
December 21 - January 27	Friday- Sunday	Vacation

Second Semester

January 28	Monday	Classes begin
February 18	Monday	Holiday
March 18	Monday	Midsemester
March 22-31	Friday-Sunday	Vacation
April 1	Monday	Classes resume
April 15	Monday	Holiday
April 22 - May 3	Monday-Friday	Pre-registration
May 7	Tuesday	Last day of classes
May 8 - 14	Wednesday-Tuesday	Reading period
May 15 - 23	Wednesday-Thursday	Exam period
June 6	Wednesday	Commencement (tentative)

Philosophy Department

The Philosophy Dept. will feature a film on alternative education entitled, "What They Want to Produce Not What We Want to Become", on Thursday, April 5 at 12:45 in Room 222 of the Main Building. The film attempts to show the reason why free schools have developed and is a hard hitting indictment of traditional forms of education.

New Publication

Publisher Simon and Shuster is coming up with a new book "Our Bodies, Ourselves" which has contributors from women throughout the nation. Among authors are Jan Bumstead and Wendy Sanford of the UMass-Boston Health Services. Both are active in the Sexuality Lecture Series now being held this semester on campus. The next lecture will be tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 p. m. in Room 0222, Main Building. The speakers will be Ann Burgess DN Sc. and Dr. Linda Holmstrom of Boston College. The subject is "Rape Victim Counselling."

Biology Seminar

Dr. Celia Moore of the Psychology Dept. will speak at the Biology Department's seminar on Thursday, April 5 at 12:30 in Room 406, Main Building. Dr. Moore will speak on "Transition from Incubation to Broodin in Ring Doves (How to be Sat Upon with Success)