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## Affirmative Action Officer

Members of the University task force for the recruitment of an Affirmative Action Officer are Prof. James Blackwell (Sociology), Prof. Mary Anne Ferguson (English), Prof. Paul Bookbinder (Institute for Learning and Teaching), and David Edmonds (Director, Personnel). Any faculty or staff member who knows of possible candidates is welcome to pass along the information to Alison Huey, Staff Assistant in Dean Marshall's office or to members of the task force.

The Affirmative Action Task Force is charged with writing an Affirmative Action Plan and to set up procedures for monitoring the implementation of the plan.

Qualifications for the job include experience with Affirmative Action laws, preferably within academic institutions. Interviews with candidates will begin this week and anyone wishing to meet with them are asked to notify Alison Huey or the Task Force members.

## Photographic Perspectives

A series of photographic lectures and exhibits of the lens artists' work is being held at UMass-Boston on Friday evenings at the Auditorium (Main Building). Steven Hill and Warren Frank have organized the series. The series, says the Boston Globe, "includes both elder statesmen and aspiring photographers, while ranging through photojournalism, documentary and multi-image work. Two of the most popular lectures should be Jerry Uelsman (Oct. 19), noted as both a teacher and the creator of dreamlike manipulations in his plush darkroom, and Robert Frank (Nov. 2), whose book "The Americans" has had an overwhelming influence on young photographers.

"Also not to be missed are the appearances of Andre Kertesz (Oct. 5), one of the few contemporary European photographers to achieve a prominent reputation in the United States, and Arthur Rothstein (Nov. 30), the first photographer hired by Roy Stryker for the staff which turned out

## Photographic Perspectives (continued)

the remarkable Farm Security Administration photographs in the 1930s; Harold Jones (Nov. 16) who works with a surreal combination of color and black - and - white, and Burke Uzzle (Dec. 7), a former staff photographer at LIFE, round out the program."

## Board of Trustees

With pleasure the UMass-Boston community plays host to the members of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees who will hold their October meeting at the new campus tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 p. m.

While Trustee meetings have been held on the Amherst campus and at other university installations such as the Waltham Field Station, this is the first time for our own campus. Does the Fifth Floor of the Statler dispute this statement?

## Meet Ed Bullins

Harper & Row has published a new novel this month. The author is Ed Bullins, visiting lecturer at the UMass-Boston Theatre Arts Department, who is the author of some 30 plays, short stories and poems. Bullins novel is his first and he says "The Reluctant Rapist" was 10 years in the making.

Jarvis Anderson in a New Yorker profile of Bullins says he "must surely be the most prolific of the younger black playwrights in America. On the strength of his most popular plays--Goin' a Buffalo, In the Wine Time, The Electronic Nigger, The Duplex, Clara's Ole Man, In New England Winter, and The Fabulous Miss Marie--he may also be the best."

Mr. Bullins has, as a playwright, won the Obie Award and the Vernon Rice Drama Award, and has received Rockefeller and Guggenheim Foundation grants. He is playwright in residence for The New Lafayette Theatre and The American Place Theatre.

## Computer Users

Joe E. Crick (Director, Computer Facilities) announces that the prefixes on time-sharing user numbers will be changed to the following:

"S" becomes "B"

"E" becomes "J"

"R" becomes "T"

This only applies to the user number, not the sig. on code.

## College of Public and Community Service

Monday, October 1, 1973, has to be red lettered in the annals of UMass-Boston. That was the first day of classes for the 304 students in the College of Public and Community Service. The average age of the students is 32. And, the average age of the faculty is 32.

All students are interesting people, but the new college has more than its share. The Chief and Deputy of the Chelsea Fire Department are students in the school. Cheryl and Ethel Luacaw are enrolled--mother and daughter. And not to be outdone is Mary Davis, who is the mother of John Davis, both of whom are enrolled.

Forty per cent of the class are men; sixty per cent are women.

So, a hearty welcome to the new enrollees at UMass-Boston and to the faculty and staff who have with love and labor launched our new educational service for the benefit of Greater Boston.

## Chemistry Seminar

The Department of Chemistry at UMass-Boston is sponsoring a seminar on "The Mechanism and Stereochemistry of the vonBraun Cyanogen Bromide Reaction" by Gabor Fodor, Centennial Professor, University of West Virginia, tomorrow (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. in Room 1-0215 (Main Building). A reception for Prof. Fodor will be hosted by the Chemistry Department at 5 p.m. on the 13th floor.

## Request for Keys

Charles Spaulding (Director, Physical Plant) announces that "all requests for keys shall be directed to the Physical Plant office at Columbia Point. These requests shall be in writing and signed by a Department Head or his designee. Requests not fulfilling these requirements shall be returned to the appropriate office.

"Request for keys shall be handled on a first come first served basis and shall be expedited as quickly as possible.

"The keys will be available at the following locations:

"Columbia Point - Key Shop, Service and Supply Building, G-2 Level - Rm. 217

"Boston Campus - Maintenance Shop, Main Bldg., Sub Basement - Rm. 0015

"Keys will not be delivered. The keys will have to



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be picked up at the above locations and will require a signature at the time of receipt."

## Award Winner

Professor L. Ricardo Alonso (Spanish I) has been awarded a Cintas Fellowship in the field of creative writing for the year 1973-1974. The eleven Fellowships in the fields of painting, sculpture, architecture and literature were announced by Ethan D. Alyea, president of The Cintas Foundation and Wallace B. Edgerton, president of the Institute of International Education that will administer the grants. The commencement of Professor Alonso's Fellowship will, at his request, be postponed until 1974.

## Name of College II

Professor Roger Prouty (History) has been named chairman of the committee to receive recommendations for the proposed name of College II. Professor Prouty asks that recommendations--and the reasons thereof--be sent to his office at Salada 608.

## News Items

Department Chairmen and Faculty are invited to send news items for the Bulletin and for possible wider distribution to media about papers written, research being conducted, awards, honors, and activities. Please send the item to John Larner, Public Relations, Room 372 Administration Building, or call Ext. 2271.