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## University Medal

Trustees of the University of Massachusetts are seeking nominations of potential recipients of the University Medal for Outstanding Service.

The medal, authorized by the Board in 1972, is intended to bring special recognition to persons who have given significant and exceptional service to the University, and to inspire people to give special service to the University beyond their normal duties.

First recipients were Professor Thomas N. Brown, Chairman of the College I History Department at UMass-Boston, and Professor Seymour Shapiro, Professor of Botany at UMass-Amherst. Both have represented their faculties at meetings of the Board and have been active in campus governance activities.

Those primarily eligible to receive the medal include students, alumni, faculty, administrators, staff and other employees, legislators, government employees, and friends of the University.

Details on the medal and information on the criteria established by the Board for considering candidates are available from the Office of the Secretary, University of Massachusetts, One Washington Mall, Boston, 02108, (617) 723-7820.

Nominations must be submitted to the Secretary's Office not later than June 1. It is expected that the Board will make its decision on award of the medal in the early fall.

## Goethe Institute

The Goethe Institute in cooperation with the Boston Public Library is sponsoring a lecture on Tuesday, June 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boston Public Library Lecture Hall, Copley Square, by Dr. Robert Spaethling, Professor of German and Acting Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, whose topic is: "On the Libretto of 'The Magic Flute'".

## Goethe Institute (Cont.)

Following Prof. Spaethling's talk a film "DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, filmed at the Hamburger Staatsoper under the artistic direction of Rolf Liebermann, with stage direction by Peter Ustinov and including singers Nicolai Gedda, Hans Sotin, and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau will be presented.

There is no admission charge.

## Professor Robert Kastenbaum

"I have Nothing--Please Don't Take It Away!" This was the title of the presidential address given by Prof. Robert Kastenbaum, Psychology, at the annual meetings of the American Association of Suicidology in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, April 25-28th. Perhaps more of a "happening" than an address, the whatever-it-was consisted of an inquiry into the dimensions and meanings of "nothing." Musical illustrations ranging from a 17th century plague song through contemporary pop-rock intersected with Prof. Kastenbaum's readings and musings. Both the AAS and the meeting room survived the effects of quadriphonic sound put out through the Gator Bowl speaker system. The College I psychologist, minus the electronic weaponry, was keynote speaker at the first major conference on Death and Dying in Seattle, Washington, on May 2nd & 3rd. His topic this time: "As Long As You're Here."

## Biology Speaker

Martha R. Matteo, Associate Professor of Biology, presented a paper entitled "Biochemical Characterization of the Esterases of the Marine Snail, Littorina littorea" at the Third International Conference on Isozymes at Yale University, April 18-20.

## Introduction to Computer Services

A two day introduction to computer services available at UMass-Boston will be held August 29 and 30, 1974, right before classes start next fall. Special emphasis will be placed upon the use of time-sharing and batch facilities, the latter being a new service at the Boston campus. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Please let us know if you are interested. Call extension 2385.

## Thomas Jefferson

The two new Thomas Jefferson biographies came under close scrutiny in Prof. Francis L. Broderick's review in the Sunday Herald-Advertiser April 28. Historian Broderick, in writing about Dumas Malone's Jefferson the President: Second Term, 1805-1809, and Fawn M. Brodie's Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate History, gives better

## Thomas Jefferson (Cont.)

grades to the Brodie book, which is destined for the Best Seller lists. He writes that, "Mrs. Brodie writes about these topics without gush, as readers of her earlier biographies of Thaddeus Stevens and Joseph Smith would expect.

"She has done immense close research, more than the topic deserves perhaps, and she writes with sympathy, understanding, and occasional harsh judgment on the deity of Monticello.

"The books are for different readers. The main point of resemblance is that Mrs. Brodie does not solve the Burr controversy either."

## The Peripatetic Politicist

Dr. Arnold Belchman, (Politics II) has been named a Visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, for the next academic year. Before travelling west, he has some interesting speaking engagements at college campuses: last week he gave a public lecture at Regis College, Weston; May 8 he is at Georgetown University speaking on "New Perspectives on American Labor;" May 22 he gives a public lecture at Brooks School, North Andover, Mass. and on July 22, he will speak at Canisius College, Buffalo, on "Non-Communist Totalitarianism."

## Bicentennial

If you have any ideas for planning and developing programs for university-wide participation in the Bicentennial Activities, kindly give your suggestions to Secretary of the University Franklyn Patterson, One Washington Mall, Boston, MA.

## Postscript

Many things stand out in regard to the Dedication of the campus, the Inauguration of Dr. Golino as Chancellor, and the Open House. The work of the marshals and committee members was just great and is so deeply appreciated; the presentations by President Wood, Chairman Healey, Chancellor Golino, Governor Sargent, Prof. Robert Nisbet, Prof. Robert Spaethling, Dr. David Riesman, Dr. Sidney Marland, and Dr. Robert Weaver were academe at its diversified best. But special thanks are extended to many behind the scenes with hammers and paint brushes, brooms and wires, typewriters and trucks who made the operation work. And, the student guides on both days--in one word, magnificent!

## Telephone Topics

Everyone can help the switchboard operators work as efficiently as possible. Please remember the following points:

## Telephone Topics (Cont.)

- 1) First look in the telephone directory for a number. If you cannot find a name or number, then call the operator.
- 2) When placing a long distance call, have the number handy before you have reached the operator. Try to locate area codes yourself. Departments can request an area code book from the operators. This enables an operator to place your call more quickly.
- 3) When you give your telephone number to someone calling from outside the University, include your extension number.
- 4) You can dial any four-digit extension from all University telephones.
- 5) If you dial "9" and a long distance number, the call will not go through. The operator will ask you to hang up; then dial "0" so she can place the call for you.
- 6) If it is necessary for a student to place a long distance call, the department head must authorize the call before it is placed.
- 7) When your department hires a new employee, let the operators know his/her name and the extension at which he/she can be reached.