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Voted Tenure

The Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts at its meeting at the Medical School in Worcester, voted tenure to the following members of the faculty of UMass-Boston.

College I

Feroz Ahmad, History
James Byrnes, Mathematics
Linda Gordon, History
Jeremy Hatch, Biology
David Hunt, History
Sanford Lieberman, Politics
Jane Martin, Philosophy
Monica McAlpine, English
Elizabeth O'Neill, Mathematics
Susan Schneider, History
Steven Schwartz, Psychology
Arthur Simonds, Politics

College II

Harry Brill, Sociology
Clive Foss, History

College IV

Richard Freeland, Dean

University Departments

Joseph Alper, Chemistry

Health Insurance

The Harvard Community Health Plan, (HCHP) became available to employees of UMass-Boston in the fall of 1974. At that time many employees converted from the Aetna plan to HCHP. During the month of May the option to convert to HCHP, as well as to convert back to Aetna, is available. Employees may call the Personnel Office, at Ext. 2271, 72, or 73, in order to arrange a mutually convenient time for filling out conversion forms. Conversions will become effective on July 1, 1975.

The HCHP will provide full maternity coverage for females with individual coverage, effective July 1, 1975; the \$150.00 deductible will no longer be in effect. Those employees with AETNA coverage will experience an increase in both individual and family rates in the near future. At this time, we do not know the amount of the increase.

Puerto Rico Lectures

Prof. Concha Zardoya (Spanish II) gave a mini-course on "El Poeta Político" ("The Political Poet") -- which included the Hispanic poets Miguel de Unamuno, Antonio Machado, Rafael Alberti, Miguel Hernández, César Vallejo and Pablo Neruda -- at the Colegio de Abogados, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The lectures were presented by the Puerto Rican literary review Sin Nombre, and were delivered on April 29th and 30th, and May 1st.

Prof. Zardoya has published an elegy entitled "Llanto de un pájaro por el poeta muerto" in Homenaje a Miguel Hernández (Barcelona: Plaza y Janés, 1975), pp. 224-226.

Faculty Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Faculties will be held on Thursday, May 15, at 1 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Reports will be made to the faculty by Chancellor Golino, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Spaethling, Faculty Co-Chairman of the Assembly Salvatore Schiavo-Campo, and by the Faculty delegation to the Trustee Committee on Faculty and Educational Policy.

At this meeting will be the election of the Faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. The present representative is Prof. Paul Gagnon (History II).

The Irish on Nantucket

One of the interesting research projects by a UMass-Boston student at Nantucket this semester is tracing Irish connections with the island. Thomas Kelley's research has cited that a Charles O'Connor, a prosperous resident was the first Irish-Catholic to be in the running for a party's nomination for the Presidency. He lost the nomination to Horace Greeley. But Kelley notes that one time when the town had a deficit of \$5000, O'Connor paid the bill.

The New Bedford Standard-Times had a good feature recently on Kelley's studies.

Belmont Lectures

The Trustees of the Belmont Memorial Library are sponsoring a series of four lectures on the nature and consequences of the American Revolution. Prof. Pauline Maier (History I) will give a talk on "Rebels Against Royalists: The View From Two Sides" at the meeting on Tuesday, May 20, at 8 p.m. The lectures are open, free, to the public at the Belmont Library.

JETS

Eighty nine students produced 63 science and engineering projects for a two-day exhibit at the Science Building recently, and all were members of JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society). This remarkable exhibition by high school students from many parts of the Commonwealth displayed research in engineering, biology, chemistry, mathematics, mechanical engineering and geology. A professional staff of judges from education, business and science had a difficult time in naming the winners. In addition, the Society of Women Engineers offered a prize "to the young woman whose project displays noteworthy engineering aptitude" which went to Lorraine Olson, a 10th grade student at Bromfield High, Harvard, Mass. Her project was on "Direct Solar Heating, An Evaluation of Various Components, Materials and Designs for a Direct Solar Heating System."

Prof. Ernest Becker, Chemistry, coordinated the meeting with Sister Madeline, the JETS Coordinator.

Prizes of books, slide rules, measuring tapes, and cash were given to the young future scientists and engineers.

Masters Plan

The Institute for Learning and Teaching will conduct a campus symposium on the role expected of UMass-Boston in the Masters' Plan in regard to the desegregation of Boston schools.

UMass-Boston has been appointed to be the link with schools in South Boston.

The meeting for interested faculty and staff will be held on Wednesday, May 21st, between 2 and 4 p.m. in the College One Lounge, First Floor. More details will be communicated to the faculty and staff by the Institute in the next few days.

Occupational Education Seminar

The Institute for Governmental Services of the University of Massachusetts will conduct an all-day seminar at the Harbor Campus on May 14 on Occupational Education. This is the first in a series of state-wide seminars the Institute, under direction of Prof. Maurice Donahue, will be conducting.

Attending the meeting here will be scores of members of labor unions which have a special interest in this phase of education.

Among the speakers will be Robert Wood, President of the University; Comr. Gregory Anrig of the Mass. Department of Education; Willard Wirtz, Former U. S. Secretary of Labor; James Howell, First National Bank of Boston; John A. Sessions, Asst. Dir. of AFL-CIO Dept. of Education; Howard Smith, Sec'y of Econ. Div. and Man-power Affairs; Maurice Donahue, Dir. of Institute for Governmental Services; Patrick Weagraff, Assoc. Comr. of Occupational Education; James O'Toole of the University of Southern California; Grant Venn of the State University of Georgia; Ira Trail, Dir. of UMass School of Nursing; William Dwyer, Dir. of Blue Hills Reg. Tech. School; Peter DiCicco, Pres. of N. E. IUE Dist. Council 2; Robert Coelho, Supt. of Attleboro School System; and Walter Muther, General Counsel for the A.I.M. The moderator will be Arthur W. Eve, Assoc. Dir. of Institute for Governmental Services.

College IV Freshmen

It was a good mix of students who came to the campus last week. They were 65 of those who have already been accepted for studies next September in College IV, the College of Professional Studies.

Most of them were 18 or 19; but others were older students who are now returning to classroom work after years in business and industry.

They got some good pointers from Bernice Auslander, Mathematics; Joseph Tribble, English; Joan Tonn and Steven Eriksen, who are both members of the faculty. For Dean Richard Freeland and Prof. Franklin Patterson it was a very impressive group, enthusiastic in their outlook as well as their questions about university life.

Hugger Reviewed

David Noble of the Patriot-Ledger, in reviewing the Musica Viva Ensemble at the Longy School, had several new and old works to consider, and one of the new ones was Music Department's John Hugger's "Bittere Nuesse," a composition commissioned by the Goethe Institute of Boston. Noble wrote that his composition was "a look into the core of the Jewish tragedy in the past four decades, as provided by Paul Celan, a German-language poet whose view is as shattering in its way as Elie Wiesel's.

"Hugger used Celan's texts untranslated, and wrote his music in a neo-Austrian style that drew the sharp corners of Schoenberg's middle style out into flowing, shapely lines, both instrumental and vocal. Soprano Elsa Charleston sang her extremely difficult part (loaded with masochistic high notes) with a distance and competence that was exactly suited to the understated, almost suicidally despondent text."

Class

When the Town of Milton recently started a clean-up campaign townspeople were startled to see one of the refuse collectors dressed in a tuxedo.

It turned out to be a UMass-Boston economics major Michael Ferullo, giving a touch of class to the day.

Mike explains he rented the tux for his brother's wedding the day before, wore it to work the following day, and was careful that the duds were not soiled with debris before he returned the rentals to the clothier.

He observed that this was not difficult. "Milton is a clean town," he said.

Economics

It may be of interest that one of the bills filed for Legislative consideration by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation is to raise tuitions at the state colleges and universities. Under the proposal tuition at UMass-Boston would range from \$880 to \$1382.