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UMass-Boston--Northeastern Sign Cooperative Agreement

In an imaginative linkage between public and private institutions of higher learning, UMass-Boston and Northeastern University have signed a cooperative agreement under which students in the College of Professional Studies will take some of their courses at Northeastern.

Chancellor Carlo Golino, President Kenneth Ryder of Northeastern and UMass Treasurer Kenneth Johnson signed the agreement at the Trustees' meeting last week.

The Chancellor hailed the cooperative effort as well as President Ryder and UMass President Robert Wood.

The cooperative program is the first of its kind in this area and may set a precedent for future cooperation between public and private universities in Massachusetts.

The Management program currently includes a set of core courses concerned with the management of businesses and public institutions, and next year the program will offer advanced coursework in Accounting, Public and Private Financial Management, Labor Relations and Personnel, Marketing, Management Science, Policy Analysis and Public Administration.

Under the cooperative arrangement students enrolled in the Management Program would take their basic work in any of these areas at UMass-Boston, but they would be able to go to Northeastern for advanced, specialized courses in a wide range of subjects that will not soon be offered in the new program here. For example, students wishing to prepare for careers in Finance will be able to come to UMass for their basic coursework but still have access to the extensive offerings in Financial Management available at Northeastern.

Students taking advantage of study opportunities under the cooperative arrangement would pay no extra fee. The program would be available to students enrolled in the Management Program at UMass as part of their regular tuition.

UMass-Boston will reimburse Northeastern directly for services provided to UMass students. UMass will pay Northeastern the same dollar amount per student that students enrolled at Northeastern would pay for comparable coursework.

Administrators at both institutions feel that the cooperative arrangement will be beneficial in many ways. It will be good for the students because it will make a wider range of study

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opportunities available to them. It will be good for the Commonwealth and for the University of Massachusetts because it will permit the expansion of a publicly supported academic program without requiring the state to bear all the costs of hiring a resident faculty to cover all speciality areas.

An important feature of the cooperative arrangement is that it provides a new mechanism by which an educational program that is accountable to the state can offer students access to the resources as a major private university.

The program is the outgrowth of four years of planning at UMass-Boston, during which the idea for the new College of Professional Studies has been developed.

A major goal of the college is to find ways of achieving cooperation and resource sharing with private colleges and universities. Dean Richard Freeland first met with officials of Northeastern to discuss possible forms of cooperation in the fall of 1974. The idea for the cooperative arrangement grew out of these discussions and was first proposed by Dean James Hekemian of the Northeastern College of Business Administration in late 1974.

Efforts to develop the cooperative arrangement have enjoyed strong support from administrators of the University of Massachusetts, including President Robert C. Wood, Chancellor Carlo Golino, and members of the Board of Trustees. President Wood has made the effort to develop cooperative relationships with private universities one of the major themes of his administration.

Campaign '76

The jig-saw puzzle of the candidacies for the Democratic nomination for President will be sorted out by Boston Globe political experts at a public forum tomorrow (Wednesday) at 12:30 in the Science Auditorium, sponsored by the Politics Departments of College I and College 11. Prof. Edward Beard will be the moderator.

Globe political editor Robert Healy will lead off the newspaper's team of political columnists and political reporters. Martin Nolan, at home with the Last Hurrah crowd as with the salon set in Georgetown, is one of the panelists. Others from the Globe, depending on their current assignments, will be drawn from a pool of Carol Surkin, David Farrell, David Nyhan, and Matt Storin.

The forum is open to all members of the University. A question and answer period is part of the presentation. The Globe writers, after the forum, will participate in afternoon classes of the Politics departments.

Summer School

Contrary to various rumors, we are definitely planning to hold a Summer Session in 1976. Tentative plans and a schedule of approximately 75 courses are being mailed to all students during this week. Students are being informed of the tentative plans, the cost (approximately \$30 per credit), and are also being given a chance to request additional courses. Tentative schedule: 7-week session, from June 14 to July 30.

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The reason for the higher cost: unlike previous summers (when the Summer Session was funded through our regular budget), this summer we have to offer a fee-based plan.

Spanish Speaking People
in Urban America

The second in the lecture series sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program, the Puerto Rican Students Union, the Hispanic Students Association, and H.O.P.E.-the Hispanic Office for Planning and Development will be held Thursday at 8 p. m. in the lower Science Auditorium.

Dr. Frank Bonilla and Dr. Roberto Campos, both of the Center of Puerto Rican Studies at the City University of New York, one of the most imaginative and productive of this type of institutes in the country, will be the speakers at the bilingual session.

A coffee hour will precede their presentations. All are cordially invited to attend.

Junior College Representatives

The Admissions Office is sponsoring a reception and orientation session on Tuesday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p. m. in the College II Lounge for representatives of faculty, administrators and student groups from the junior colleges and community colleges in the area. The meeting will provide an opportunity for these representatives and faculty of UMass-Boston to meet and discuss the programs for transfer students. All faculty are encouraged to participate.

Faculty Meeting

A special meeting for the members of the faculty will be held on Wednesday, March 10, at 3 p. m. in the Science Auditorium. The meeting has been called by the University Assembly Steering Committee in order that the faculty can be informed about proposals for the merger of College I and College II.

Waltz, Anyone?

The March issue of Boston Magazine has an enraptured essay on the delights of dancing by Prof. Lee Grove, English II. "Discomania" is the title of his article and recounts the places and pleasures where Terpsichore reigns in the Greater Boston area. Grove's research for the story was given a boost by Sandra Shuman, German, an accomplished dancer.

Work and Earnings
Experiences

Prof. Robert Buchele, Political Economy, College 11 has been commissioned by the Labor Department to prepare a paper for presentation at the Secretary of Labor's International Conference on the National Longitudinal Surveys. The paper will report the results of Prof. Buchele's research on the earnings and work experience of a national sample of middle-aged men. This research challenges the prevailing view that problems such as poverty and unemployment are a result of the inferior skills (education, training and ability) of the poor and unemployed and suggests that these problems are actually a consequence of unstable, low wage jobs. He argues that the emphasis of the "war of poverty" on upgrading the skills of individual workers is misplaced and that government policy should concentrate on "upgrading" poor and unemployed workers' employment opportunities.

Lecture Series in Linguistics

The UMass-Boston Linguistic Circle will hold a series of weekly presentations by University faculty members with research interests in the phenomenon of language. The series, "Topics in Linguistics" will be held Tuesdays during the free period, 12:30 - 2:00 p. m., in the English Conference Room, College 11, Room 5/211. The schedule:

- March 9: Jeffrey Houben, Classics: "What We Can Learn from the Conditional in Classical Greek"
- March 16: Neal Bruss, English 11: "The British Alternative to Chomsky: The Functional Linguistics of M.A.K. Halliday"
- March 30: Michael Gibbons, Anthropology 11: "The Physiological Basis for Speech Production"
- April 6: Vito Giustiniani, Italian. "The Subdivision of Italian Dialects"
- April 13: Jeanne Ambrose, French 11: "What Happened to Deep Structure: The Evolution of Generative-Transformational Grammar"
- April 20: Joan Lukas, Mathematics 1: "Language and Mathematics"
- April 27: Janet Farrell Smith, Philosophy: "Linguistics and the Philosophy of Language: Theories of Reference"

All members of the University community are invited to attend the series. For further information, please call Neal Bruss, ext. 3134.

Library Poetry Series

Frank Nisetich of the Classics Department will read from his poetry on Wednesday, March 10 at 3:00 p. m. in Room 1030, Tenth floor, Library. All are invited.

Fulbright Positions

There are several openings for Fulbright lecturing and research positions for 1976-1977 in many countries and in several fields. Faculty interested in this program are asked to contact Associate Provost Primo Vanicelli, Ext. 2331.

The Consultant

Prof. Arnold Beichman (Politics 1) will serve as a consultant at the State Department Conference on March 25 and 26 on International Terrorism. Political scientists from the United States and Western Europe will attend. Dr. Beichman was a consultant at the Freedom House Conference in Tarrytown, N. Y. which held a conference recently on "Regenerating the American Will and Applying It to Public Policy." Conference chairman was Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Thor Olson

Acting Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Thor Olson is out of action for a while. He was injured doing maintenance work around his Rockport home. All wish him a speedy recovery and early return to his duties at the campus.

AAUP

William Van Alstyne, National President of the AAUP, will speak on "The Strengths of the AAUP" on Friday, March 12, at 12:30 in the Faculty Lounge, third floor, College 1.