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Merger of Colleges I and II

Chancellor Carlo Golino has advised the faculty and staff on the proposed merger of College I and College II.

"I wish to inform you of my decision in the matter of unifying Colleges I and II, and to thank you for the thoughtful help you have given on this issue over the past weeks.

"The yield of the consultation that has occurred, while divided, has been deeply encouraging to me in terms of the future of UMass-Boston. Your expression of views has been thorough and marked by a civility which becomes our University. I trust that we can go forward to work on other issues of campus progress with similar care and consideration.

"My decision on the principle of unification has been to proceed to recommend it to the President and Board. I did so on March 18, reflecting to them as adequately as I could views, in addition to mine, on the matter. I reviewed the many-sided advisory consultation that had taken place, noting that the nearly even division of votes in the faculty referendum placed a heavy responsibility on me to seek to resolve the issue with the greatest benefit to our whole campus community.

"If there is concurrence with my recommendation by the President and the Board, we will need to move towards its implementation for the fall term. In that process, there will need to be many decisions in which I hope you will share actively."

Summer School

The University of Massachusetts at Boston will be the site of one of the more interesting collegiate summer programs in Massachusetts, beginning June 14 through August 2.

Prof. Maria-Luisa Roberts, Director of the UMass-Boston Summer Session, said some 70 course offerings--elementary, intermediate, advanced and some graduate courses--will be taught by the regular faculty.

Offerings in 21 disciplines are scheduled, including sciences, languages, social sciences, and humanities.

Among special offerings will be courses in Black Studies, Law and Justice, Religious Studies, Play Reading at Nantucket, Field Biology at Nantucket and two courses by faculty of the College of Professional Studies in Managerial Statistics and Elementary Accounting.

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All courses will be for three or four credits, with the exception of five credits for Principles of Chemistry II which includes a laboratory section. The Chemistry course is offered from June 2 to August 30.

The Harbor Campus classes, on the whole, will be held Monday through Thursday during morning and early afternoon hours.

The courses are open to students from UMass-Boston and other colleges and universities.

Costs for the summer program will be \$25 per credit.

Information about applications and enrollment may be made with the Registrar's Office.

Student Art Exhibit

An Art Exhibit by students of Ros Barron's painting class will be on view on the fifth floor mezzanine gallery of the University Library throughout April. The exhibit opening will be held during the free period on Thursday, April 1st.

Some of the exhibits demonstrate outstanding talent by UMass-Boston students. All are urged to view the work by student artists.

Zahn Lecture in Washington

Prof. Gordon C. Zahn (Sociology II) has been invited to give this year's Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture at the Catholic University of America in Washington. Previous speakers in this annual series of lectures dealing with the sociology of religion and values have been Benton Johnson and Robert Bellah.

The Furfey lecture at Catholic University is one of the main events on that campus during the year.

Sociological Society Speakers

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society took place in Boston this year, March 26-28 at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Participants from UMass-Boston included Prof. James E. Blackwell, Sociology I, and Elizabeth Higgenbotham, Sociology II, who took part in a panel on the problems of minority students in graduate education, and Sharon Stichter, Sociology II, who was Chairperson for Local Arrangements. A good many UMass-Boston Sociology students helped out at the convention manning registration tables and the day care center.

Library Poetry Series

Prof. Martha Collins, English II, and Helene Davis, a talented young poet and a UMass-Boston graduate will read from their poetry on Wednesday, March 31 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1030, tenth floor, the Library.

All are invited to attend.

Anthropology Colloquium

Mr. Marshall Hurlich, who has done fieldwork among the Cree Indians of the Canadian Subarctic, will deliver a colloquium on "Physiological and Behavioral Adaptation in the Subarctic" at 12:30 on Friday, April 2, College I, first floor, room 63. Interested faculty and students are invited to the talk and to an informal wine-cheese reception which will immediately follow the talk.

Faculty to Freiburg

Under the Partnership Agreement between the University of Freiburg and UMass, Freiburg invites one-semester guest faculty appointments at continuing UMass salaries. (Teaching commitments at German universities are less than at UMass--2 courses.) Applications are still being invited from interested faculty for either fall 1976 or spring 1977. \$600 is being contributed towards travel expenses. A working knowledge of German is necessary in some areas, desirable in others, and not necessary in English and American Studies. Interested faculty members should contact Peter Ott, German Dept. ext. 2647, or Bette Davis, Advising, ext. 2275.

Ott in Georgia

Prof. Peter Ott, Chairman, German Department, has been invited to lecture on April 12 and 13 at a colloquium of Atlanta, Georgia area academic institutions and at the University of Georgia in Athens. Prof. Ott will speak on the creative and critical work of Arno Schmidt, a contemporary German writer, recipient of the Goethe Prize of 1973, whose controversial opus is seen as threatening or expanding the definitions of literature.

Chemistry Seminar

"A Chemist's Approach to the Conversion of Sunlight Into Electricity: Optimization of the Iron-Thionine Photogalvanic Cell" is the title of the lecture to be given by Dr. Norman N. Lichtin of Boston University at the March 31 Chemistry Seminar. The lecture is at 5:15 p.m. in the Science Center, Room 1-006.

Campus Facilities

For some of our readers, who were not on campus last week due to the semester break, you should know that other kinds of educational experiences were taking place on campus.

Some 600 attended last Monday's conference sponsored by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; nearly 300 of this year's cream of the crop of Eastern Massachusetts High School students--members of the National Honor Society--held day long sessions on Tuesday; on Wednesday the Institute for Governmental Services conducted a timely and provocative all-day seminar at the Third Cherry Sheet Conference for more than 500 Municipal officials, with Gov. Michael Dukakis as the luncheon speaker; and on Friday the Massachusetts Association of Safety Supervisors used our facilities for seminars regarding safety in high school science laboratories.

Campus representatives were involved in all the conferences, including Chancellor Golino, Admissions Director F. Donald Costello, and Chemistry Professor Ernest Becker.

It must be added that Campus Police, Physical Plant, Media Services, Food Services, Telephone Services and many others, all in their special ways, contributed to making our visitors welcome.

Play Ball

The Boston Red Sox have now started their long trail in attempting to win the American League gonfalon for the second successive year. But the glowing glory of last year's achievements, especially the sixth game of the World's Serious, as

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Ring Lardner would call it, were writ extremely fine in the New England Magazine of the Boston Sunday Globe (3/21) by Prof. Shaun O'Connell, English II, in a must-read essay "'75 Series: it still hurts." This is a grand piece of writing, especially when he effortlessly musters references to Henry James, Alexander Cockburn, John Updike, Peggy Lee, Edith Wharton, F. Scott Fitzgerald, James Agee, and Henry Thoreau.

O'Connell rounded third and sped for the score at the plate with this conclusion:

"During the Series the Fenway Wall enclosed it all--splendor in the outfield grass and a diamond as big as the Ritz. A rare presence of grace. And that is why Carlton Fisk still dances around the bases, on the ceiling of my head."

Faculty Caps and Gowns

Faculty and staff who wish to rent caps, gowns and hoods for the Commencement exercises on May 27 have this week only to be measured for regalia if they wish to rent them through our Bookstore, which is providing this special service for faculty this year.

Upon receipt of caps and gowns, individual faculty will be notified. The rental fee and \$5 deposit will be due at the time of the pick up.

The rental fees are:

Bachelor cap and gown	\$5.50
Bachelor hood	\$5.50
Masters cap and gown	\$6.50
Masters hood	\$6.50
Doctors cap and gown	\$7.50
Doctors hood	\$7.50
Black tassels	\$1.00

If you do not wish to use the Bookstore, it is advised that very early arrangements be made with other firms.

There can be no university reimbursement for rentals this year due to fiscal restraints.

Blueprints for Women

Some 140 women leaders in Massachusetts met recently at the two-day conference on Blueprints for Women to provide a bibliography of women living in Massachusetts today and to identify their basic concerns. Among the conference leaders was Joanne Ross, ACTION, who served as co-chairperson with Ann Seidman of Wellesley College for the panel on Expanding Women's Career Options.

Faculty Summer Privileges

The land-grant universities in New England have agreed to reciprocal library and office space privileges (when available) at the campuses in New England. If UMass-Boston faculty wish to be involved in this summer program at UConn-Storrs; University of Maine, Orono; University of New Hampshire, Durham; University of Rhode Island, Kingston, and University of Vermont-Burlington, please contact Acting Provost Donald Babcock for the necessary letter of introduction to these universities.