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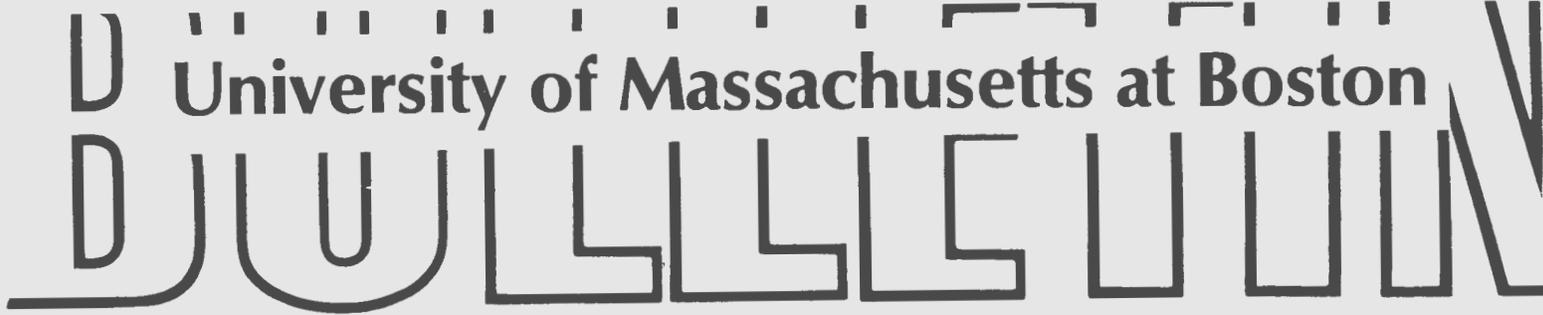
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University of Massachusetts at Boston

Steamer Named Vice Chancellor

Political scientist Dr. Robert J. Steamer has been named Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

His appointment by Chancellor Carlo L. Golino was ratified by the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Steamer has been serving as Dean of one of two UMass-Boston liberal arts colleges, which have now been merged into a unified College of Liberal Arts.

An expert on American Public Law, Dr. Steamer is the author of several books and professional publications, including his books "The Constitution: Cases and Comments," "The Supreme Court in Crisis: A History of Conflict," and "The Supreme Court: Constitutional Revision and the New Constructionism."

He joined the Politics Department of UMass-Boston in 1972, and taught courses in Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, American Politics, and Legal Theory. Prof. Steamer also was a volunteer instructor at Norfolk Correctional Institution, teaching Constitutional Law.

He served as acting chairman of the Politics Department, Acting Dean and later as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Before joining the faculty at UMass-Boston, Dr. Steamer was a member of the Political Science Department at Lake Forest College, Ill., and a visiting professor at Tulane, Cornell, UCLA, and UMass-Amherst.

Dr. Steamer also served as a staff consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., he has his bachelor's degree from Bucknell University; master's from the University of Virginia, and Ph. D. from Cornell. He has done graduate study at Oxford University.

Blackwell to Speak in Kenya

Prof. James E. Blackwell (Sociology) has been invited by UNESCO (Paris) to participate in an international conference of experts on Science, Technology and Culture, which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from July 10-23. The theme of the conference is "The Effects of Technological Innovation on Man's Cultural Environment." Prof. Blackwell will be one of seven featured speakers during the week-long meeting. His address will be on the subject, "The Impact of the Workplace on the Quality of Life."

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For Professor and Mrs. Blackwell, who will also make the trip to Africa, this will be a return to an area where they worked during the 'Sixties. He was a former Acting Director of the U.S. Peace Corps in Tanzania and Director of the Peace Corps in Malawi.

Community Service

Sharyn Lowenstein of the College of Public and Community Service was a co-leader of a workshop entitled "Reading Diagnosis and Remediation" on May 24 and 25 at the Danvers State Hospital. Participants were teachers who work at Danvers with mentally disturbed patients. These patients have a 0-4 grade reading ability.

Manpower Coordination

Joseph S. Slavet, Director of the Boston Urban Observatory of UMass-Boston served as moderator for a day-long conference on "Achieving Coordination Among Employment, Training, Education, Health and Social Service Programs" co-sponsored by the regional offices of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the U.S. Department of Labor. The 100 participants represented prime sponsors of comprehensive employment and training programs, state-wide manpower agencies and related education, welfare, rehabilitation and health programs in New England. Local, state and federal officials shared views and experiences on opportunities for reducing program overlapping, duplication and fragmentation, and explored emerging approaches to program service strategies that help achieve individual and community goals in self-support, personal development and employment.

Brandeis Lectures

The opening speaker at the Brandeis University Helmsley Lecture series on "Women, Culture and Society" was Prof. Xandra Kayden, Politics. Her lecture was titled "A Place of Her Own in Their World: Women in American Political Life."

Student Papers

At the Sixteenth Annual College Research Symposium, organized by the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society, held last month, UMass-Boston students Mary K. Killoran presented a paper entitled, "Aryldiazoalkanes from Phenacylhydrazones", and Andrew P. Stamegna presented a paper entitled, "Rearrangement of 1,1-Dimethyl-1-phenacylhydrazinium Salts".

Earlier Stamegna successfully defended his Bachelor's thesis entitled, "The Chemistry of 1,1-Dimethyl-1-phenacylhydrazinium Salts."

Math Major Now Ph.D

Robert R. Reitano was awarded the Ph. D. degree in Mathematics by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on May 28. Mr. Reitano received his B.A. from UMass-Boston and did his Master's degree work at UMass-Boston. Throughout his graduate study, Mr. Reitano was a valuable addition to the part-time teaching staff--first as a teaching assistant and then as a member of the faculty. He is at least the second UMass-Boston graduate to receive a doctorate in Mathematics but the first to get his Ph.D. from M.I.T. We are very proud of him and congratulate him on his achievements.

Louis Ruchames

UMass-Boston and the world of scholarship lost a valued member last week with the death of Prof. Louis Ruchames, History. He had been ill for only a short time, and the sympathy of the campus is sincerely extended to his wife Miriam, his son Robert, and daughter Barbara.

For many years he devoted his considerable talents to editing the papers of William Lloyd Garrison and was at work on Volume Five of the Garrison Letters. The fourth volume "From Disunionism to the Brink of War, 1850-1860" was published this year. He was very active in the affairs of the American Jewish Historical Society, which he served as head of its Academic Council.

One of the pioneer faculty members at UMass-Boston, he brought distinction upon himself and our institution through his scholarly books, his dedicated teaching, and his warmth as a human being.

Grove, O'Connell and
Beichman

If you are going to write a book to be reviewed in the Boston Globe or Christian Science Monitor you should be ready for a critical analysis by Lee Grove, English; Shaun O'Connell, English; or Arnold Beichman, Politics.

In recent offerings in the Globe and Monitor our faculty trio unspooled their typewriter ribbons and tied up some authors for faulty interpretations, erroneous spelling, and "deeply disturbing analyses."

Grove says the biography "Alan Watts" by David Stuart-- "an insipid non de plume"-- is a story of man's life which is dramatic stuff but the "book, alas, isn't." Watts' worst enemy, not Stuart, should have written the book, says Grove.

O'Connell calls "Getting Into Death" by Thomas M. Disch a "vulgar title" with a "tacky cover." He says to stop browsing and buy the book of a collection of 16 stories which "create again and again a clear, logical pattern-- a quincunx of rectangular regularity."

Beichman questions Lillian Hellman's value systems in "Scoundrel Time" by this "most distinguished American playwright." Beichman wonders about Communist reactions before and after her "Watch on the Rhine" was accepted on stage in 1939 and on film some time later. Admitting she was no credulous intellectual, he raises questions about her tolerance and amiability at Communists and Communism.

In reviewing "The Democrats: The Years After FDR" by Prof. Herbert S. Parmet, Beichman notes that John Daly is spelled Daly, he adds that "While the author knows his way admirably about important archival collections of Democrats, he shows little understanding about the American political party system, the oldest such system and, by democratic standards, the most successful in the world," which Parmet did not.

New Aetna Health Insurance
Premiums Announced

The Group Insurance Commission in Boston has announced that the Aetna Life Insurance Company, the present health insurance carrier, has been awarded a new five-year health insurance contract with the rates guaranteed for one year and subsequent annual renewal rates to be negotiated. These new premiums will be in effect from July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977, and the contract period will be in effect from July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1981. There has been an increase in the level of health insurance coverage for the treatment of alcoholism and mental illness. In addition, there will be limited coverage for a newborn child of a dependent son or daughter.

The basic health insurance rates were slightly reduced; however,

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the Catastrophic Illness Coverage (CIC) rates were slightly increased. The net result is a slight premium increase for most employees.

Employees participating in the Basic Life and Health Insurance Plan (\$2,000 of life insurance with the Prudential Insurance Company of America and health insurance with Aetna) will have these new rates deducted from their paychecks commencing with the check they receive on Friday, June 4, 1976. (Basic insurance premiums are deducted one month ahead.) Your new rate will appear in the "Basic Insurance" section of your "Employee's Pay Statement," which you receive with each paycheck.

The new individual coverage rate with CIC that will be deducted from your paycheck on Friday, June 4, will be \$10.50 per month (old rate, \$10.11); without CIC the new individual rate will be \$9.18 per month (old rate, \$9.31). The new family coverage rate with CIC will be \$24.32 per month (old rate, \$23.08); without CIC the new family rate will be \$21.07 (old rate, \$21.13). The premium for Dependent-Student coverage (age 19 or over) will continue to be \$4.00 per month.

Transit Service--UMass-Boston-- Summer, 1976

Columbia Station Shuttle

Free service operated by Hudson Bus Lines Monday through Friday. No service weekends or holidays June 17, July 5, or Sept. 6, 1976.

Weekday schedule through Tuesday, August 31:.....Lv. Columbia Sta. (Busway) 625 a.m. then every 12 minutes or less until 654 p.m.;.....Lv. UMB (G-2 at Admin. Bldg.) 633 a.m. then every 12 minutes or less until 700 p.m.

Forest Hills Service

Operated by MBTA as a part of route #16, 25¢ exact fare required, no service weekends or holidays, June 17, July 5, or Sept. 6, 1976.

Weekday schedule through Sept. 10, 1976:.....Lv. Forest Hills (Lower level at Wren St. bus stop) a.m. 636, 700, 724, 748, 812, 836, 900 then p.m. 342, 407, 432, 457;.....Lv. UMB (MBTA Platform beside Service Bldg.):.....a.m. 712, 736, 800, 824, then p.m. 1240, 300, 325, 350, 415, 440, 505, 530.

For information on MBTA services call 722-5000.

Park Square Service

Free service operated by Hudson Bus Lines Monday through Friday. No service weekends or holidays June 17, July 5, or Sept. 6, 1976.

Summer School--Monday, June 14, through Monday, August 2:.....Lv. Park Sq. (100 Arlington St.) a.m. 720, 805, 830, 900, 930 Ex. Fri., 1100, then p.m. 1245, 330, 530 Ex. Fri.; Lv. UMB (G-2 at Admin. Bldg.):.....a.m. 900 Ex. Fri., 1035, 1130, then p.m. 115, 300, 430, 505, 600 Ex. Fri., 700.

Note: Trips marked Ex. Fri. do not run Fridays.

Vacation period--Tuesday, August 3, through Tuesday August 31:.....Lv. Park Sq. (100 Arlington St.) a.m. 720, 805, 900, 1100, then p.m. 100, 330; Lv. UMB (G-2 at Admin. Bldg.) a.m. 830, 1035, 1130, then p.m. 1230, 300, 505, 700.

For more information on Hudson services to UMass-Boston visit the Housing and Transportation Office, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, or call 287-1900, extension 2282