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Seasonal Clothing

John R. Buckley, Secretary of Administration for the Commonwealth, has issued the following message for State employees regarding summer clothing:

"One method of easing the problem of personal discomfort is the wearing of comfortable, seasonal clothing such as short sleeve shirts, and the removal of ties and sport coats within working areas. It is not practical or reasonable to attempt to prescribe clothing standards for state government employees. Propriety of clothing varies with the type of job, location of work, and the individual's own good judgment.

" I urge you to dress comfortably during the summer months. By doing so, you will be more comfortable and there may be a positive effect on our energy conservation efforts because of less demand on air conditioning systems."

Training Sessions on Minority Business Enterprise

On June 25th Prof. Herbert L. Lyken, College of Professional Studies, will conduct a training session for executive management personnel of the Transportation Systems Center, U. S. Department of Transportation, Cambridge, Mass.

Earlier, Prof. Lyken gave four training sessions to 80 operating management personnel of the same federal agency. The sessions not only covered the Minority Business Enterprise Program, but also the responsibility, under Affirmative Action policies, of the agency to procure to the greatest possible extent goods and services from minority owned business.

These sessions were given under contract to the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Hatch Appointments

Jeremy Hatch, Associate Professor of Biology, an authority on the ecology of seabirds has been serving as a member of the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Commission and the Coastal Review Center Committee. (Of Mass. Coastal Zone Mgt.), two of Massachusetts' environmental groups.

Professional Women

An informal lunchtime meeting open to all professional women staff members will be held June 30, at noon on the 11th floor, Library, outside patio (take right-hand elevator or 10th floor spiral staircase).

Bring your lunch and get some sun at the same time! Rain location is 020, Student's Lounge.

Shakespeare

Prof. Harry Levin of Harvard has written a new volume that comes to praise William Shakespeare and not to bury him. Prof. Shaun O'Connell, English, in his Boston Globe review of Levin's Shakespeare and the Revolution of the Times: Perspectives and Commentaries shouts commendations for his efforts.

Some excerpts from O'Connell's review:

"Levin, distinguished critic in varieties of literary experience, comes before us in this volume to praise Shakespeare and to bury his detractors. Because Shakespeare's world is mapped by so many misreadings, because his world is another century, 'the interpreter's services' are necessary. 'The scholar is essentially a conservationist.' However, Levin's work is something less or more than academic scholarship. Though he evidently knows everything--the best and the worst that has been thought and uttered by Shakespeare, his predecessors, his successors and his critics--Levin's real gift is for critical utterances of what oft was thought, or after him might be thinkable, but ne'er so well expressed. For example, interested more in Shakespeare's 'artistry than his cosmogony,' Levin reveals the interrelationship between both in 'The Shakespearean Overplot' at the same time he takes to task a Stratford, Conn. production of 'Hamlet' which reassigned to Horatio the closing speech of Fortinbras, the bearer of cosmological 'overplot.'"

O'Connell adds" "Levin never faults Shakespeare; indeed his explanation of Shakespeare's failure in 'Timon of Athens' is ingenious: though no misanthrope, Shakespeare's Negative Capability made him try too seriously to dramatize misanthropic Timon! However, as a 'conservationist,' Levin is able to arch his ire at those who would deign to sully the Bard's luster. Shakespeare's competitors, particularly Jonson and Marlowe, come in for respectful qualification. Those who would evangelize Shakespeare are made repentant. Those who would hype their dramatic productions--like Peter Brooks and Jerzy Grotowski--are impolitely invited to leave the theater. Those, like Jan Kott, who see Shakespeare as our contemporary are asked to love him in the old highway of love or leave him. Those, like Margaret Mead, who find Shakespeare's insights into the folkways of love deficient are asked to come of age. Those anti-Stratfordians, who insist someone else wrote the plays, are accused of pathological projections of their own desires for genius.

"Levin, then, sets himself to the task of guarding and fanning the perpetual flame of Shakespeare, insisting upon 'The Primacy of Shakespeare' against all sayers nay. This is an honorable, if redundant task. For, Shakespeare can reach us--attention all students in colleges of professional studies!--The practical thing we need to know is "what it feels like to be someone else."

Survey Research Conference

The Survey Research Program was the host for the National Field Directors Conference June 3 and 4 at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Some 50 delegates representing academic, nonprofit
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and governmental survey research organizations from 15 states, Puerto Rico and Canada attended. Some of the topics discussed were "Effect of Different Levels of Confidentiality", "Data Collection by Telephone", "Improving Quality of Data" and "Standardization of Reporting Methods".

The highlight of the conference was the dinner speech given by Peter Rossi, Director of the Social and Demographic Research Institute at UMass-Amherst, whose topic was "Moving from Craftlore to Science in Field Work or Was My Grandmother Right When She Ordered Chicken Soup for My Athlete's Feet."

Commencement Speaker

F. Donald Costello, Director of Admissions at UMass-Boston, told 186 graduating seniors at Oxford High School they must go forward into the world with "love, confidence and desire."

Costello was the keynote speaker at commencement exercises held on the school grounds.

"Do you remember the term lowest common denominator in the seventh-grade math class?" Costello asked. "Do you remember how easy it was to solve the fractional problems, once you had found the combination of forces that worked for you?"

"Life is much the same way," he said. "Your're on your way. So, I'd like to use the term lowest common denominator as a catchy way to remember the acronym LCD, and let us change the words to love, confidence and desire. These are forceful words that can help us put it all together."

Graduate Honors

Ms. Katherine M. Lichliter, who received her B.A. in 1971 from UMass-Boston, has been awarded a Fulbright-Hays Graduate Student Fellowship for the 1976-77 academic year. Ms. Lichliter, who was a German major at UMass-Boston, will study the "Europäische Trilogie of Franz Theodor Csokor" in Austria.

HEPP Instructors

A number of UMass-Boston faculty have taught in the Higher Education in the Prisons Programs at the Walpole and Norfolk Prisons. Among those participating were:

Ed Beard, Politics
Pat Brown, English
James Byrnes, Mathematics
Larry Foster, Law and Justice
Gerald Garrett, Sociology
Ed Gittleman, English
Robert Halstead, History
Nancy Hoffman, College Three
Lawrence Kamara, Sociology
Leonard Kirsch, Economics
Janet Kohen, Sociology
Barbara Ross, Psychology
Louise Smith, English
Nancy St. John, Sociology
Robert Steamer, Politics
Robert Swartz, Philosophy
Michael Tomlinson, Mathematics

Slavet and Werby Named to Advisory Committee

Joseph S. Slavet, Director of the Boston Urban Observatory of UMass-Boston and Elaine Werby, Assistant Professor in Community Change and Housing Development of the College of Public and Community Service, are serving as public representatives on the Modernization Advisory Committee of the State Department of Community Affairs recently established by the secretary of Communities and Development. This committee is helping make important decisions governing the planned rehabilitation of some 15,000 state-aided veteran's housing units from a balance of \$5 million in modernization loan funds, and from an anticipated multi-million dollar supplementary loan substantially increasing available funds for this purpose. The Modernization Advisory Committee consists of local housing authority administrators, representatives of public housing tenant organizations, representatives of the housing advocacy groups and university personnel.

O'Connell Wins N. E. H. Grant

Prof. Shaun O'Connell, English, has won a \$6000 creative writing grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He will use the funds for the preparation of a book he is authoring on Contemporary American Literature, concentrating on the American fiction of the 1970s.

Anyone who has followed the book reviews by O'Connell in the Globe and elsewhere, and commentary on them in this Bulletin, can certainly appreciate that he is eminently qualified to write an authoritative book of this nature

Smoking is.....

Prof. Paul Costa, Psychology, begins work on July 1 on a \$42,228 grant for the first year's study of: The Relations Between Smoking Motives, Personality, and Feelings. The grant has been made by the Council for Tobacco Research--U.S.A., Inc.

Some 1050 adult males will be tested measuring personality, life stress, smoking motivation and mood. The data will be analyzed in conjunction with existing psychological, socio-demographic, and biomedical data.

He expects the study will be of three years duration.

Prof. Costa has been working with the Veterans Administration Clinic in Boston on a Normative Aging Study, and the subjects for his smoking research will be the volunteers in this study. Records of the smoking status of these volunteers are part of the base for his new study. He says a considerable amount of medical, sociological, and psychological data is available.