The Beginning of a New Year

Welcome back to your text books and test tubes, blackboards and bibliographies, faculty offices and folios, curriculum committees and cafeteria coffee. Welcome back to the excitement of greeting 1460 new freshmen, 5000 returning students, and 1140 transfer students. Welcome back for the exciting proposition of providing educational opportunities in libraries, lecture rooms, and laboratories for the young, the old—for all who come to UMass—Boston for their learning experiences.

Over the past few months Dr. Robert Steamer has settled into the chores and responsibilities of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Dr. Robert Spaethling, former Provost, is the Director of Graduate Studies; Dr. Fuad Safwat is the Acting Dean for the College of Liberal Arts. Assistant deans are Dr. Simon Wittes, Dr. Joseph Tribble, and Dr. Ritta Jo Horsley.

Dr. Herman James was named by Chancellor Golino as Assistant Chancellor. A Sociologist, Dr. James had been serving as Associate Provost.

Dr. Claire VanUmmersen is Associate Provost.

The July 27th Bulletin listed the Chairpersons of the College of Liberal Arts Departments.

Orientation starts today (Tuesday) for new students including campus tours, distribution of information materials, and the Orientation Convocation will be at 3 p.m. with Chancellor Carlo Golino, Vice Chancellor LeVester Tubbs, and other University leaders addressing the students.

On Wednesday begins the Add/Drop period for the College of Liberal Arts. Add/Drop continues through September 10. The College of Public and Community Service will have its assessment orientation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Downtown Center. The College of Professional Studies will have general meetings and a reception for new students. The meetings are at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Kennedy Library

The new John F. Kennedy Memorial Library design has been unveiled and the Governor has signed the legislation transferring 9.5 acres of the UMass-Boston campus to the Federal Government.

Robert Campbell, architectural critic for the Boston Globe, says the library complex designed by I.M. Pei "is as lonely as a lighthouse or a boat and it's made of the same kind of simple white shapes. Three geometric forms—a square, a circle, and a triangle—merge and interpenetrate with one another to create a building with the simplicity and boldness to hold its own against the seascape, yet also, in the sophisticated three-dimensional chess game of interpenetrating spaces—a game Pei has played many times in other buildings—one whose interiors have a complex of spatial excitement."

The circular shape of the structure will have a pair of theaters where visitors will see a film about President Kennedy; they will then move to the museum which will have hundreds of exhibits of JFK memorabilia. After this tour a visitor will then move to the Memorial Pavilion, a striking 70 feet by 70 feet room, whose walls are 100 feet high made of solid glass. In this glass hall visitors may rest and contemplate what they have viewed, and also will have a dramatic view of the harbor to the east and the city's skyline to the north.

This glass square is set into the triangular tower which will house the library's archives and research materials for scholars.

It is a dramatic, forceful expression memorializing the youthful, fallen President who, as his brother-in-law Stephen Smith said at the signing ceremony, "would be pleased with this sea-side site."

Gov. Michael Dukakis held the signing ceremony on the campus with Kennedy family members present, including the late President's son John, now 15, President Robert Wood, Chancellor Carlo Golino, many Dorchester community leaders, and members of the UMass-Boston community.

President Wood said the construction of the library will add to the revitalization of Dorchester and that the University is proud to play this role.

Chancellor Golino praised the members of the community and the University family for working so closely together to extend the hand of welcome to the Kennedy Library Corporation, which selected the UMass-Boston site.
Among others attending the ceremony were Robert Griffin of the General Services Administration, Washington, D.C.; Dan Finn and David Powers of the Kennedy Library, Waltham; Helen Keyes and Robert Burke, of the Kennedy Library Corporation; Catherine Clark, University of Massachusetts Trustee and Dorchester community leader; Sam Sawtelle, President of the Dorchester United Neighborhood Association; Dolores Miller, President, Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association; Al Irving, Chairman, Columbia Point Development Council; Secretary of Education Paul Parks, and representatives of President Wood's Office and UMass-Boston.

A Boston Globe editorial "The Library Progresses" noted that

"After the years of painful controversy it is good to see the Kennedy Library move ahead at last. Invited by the University of Massachusetts, welcomed by the Dorchester community, it has found a home that seems appropriate in almost every way."

"Although library officials are determined not to show favoritism to one university over another and intend to work with all of them on an equal basis, UMass-Boston is an obvious beneficiary. Just the fact that the library is on a corner of its campus should add to its increasing prestige. It is certain that some students and faculty members, particularly those interested in the Kennedy era, will be enticed by its availability and some of the visiting scholars will surely stop off in UMass lecture halls."

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The Law and Justice Program, supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, is sponsoring a series of six (6) public lectures by Former Governor Francis W. Sargent. The general title of this lecture series is "Violent America: The Crisis in Criminal Justice." The specific dates and titles are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 21: Violence in America
- Tuesday, October 5: The Victim
- Tuesday, October 19: The Offender
- Tuesday, November 2: The Police
- Tuesday, November 16: The Judge
- Tuesday, November 30: The Future

All lectures will be held in the Small Science Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. A discussion period will follow each lecture. The public is invited.

Boroschek in Chile

Prof. Gunther S. Boroschek (Management Program, College of Professional Studies) spent recently two months in Chile gathering data for a forthcoming book on organizational change in developing countries. He conducted a workshop on the Management of Change at the National University of Chile and lectured on teaching techniques at two other universities. Prof. Boroschek has been studying organizational developments in Chile since 1970.

Zardoya Wins Top Award

Prof. Concha Zardoya of the Spanish Department who has been on sabbatical leave since January, received the Premio Femení which was created in 1975 as a part of Women's International Year. This is the first time this prize has been awarded. Professor Zardoya received the prize for her book of poetry entitled "El corazón y la sombra" from which she gave a poetry reading at a special meeting at the Instituto de Cultura Hispánica.

This year Prof. Zardoya gave a lecture on "Federico García Lorca: teoría y práctica poética" at the Université de Lille, France and a lecture entitled "Los autorretratos de Antonio Machado" at the International Institute in Spain.

Professor Zardoya has also recently published the following:
