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Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts at its March meeting voted "to direct the President to appeal the unit determination decision of the State Labor Relations Commission with respect to the inclusion in the bargaining unit of chairmen, part-time faculty, visiting faculty, and non-state funded faculty."

Joseph P. Healey, Chairman of the Board, said in announcing this vote that "I want to emphasize as strongly as I can that this action represents a deep concern on the part of this Board to respect the composition of the bargaining unit. This is not done out of any intention to footdrag the bargaining process with the Union which is involved. I would hope that we could face the problems which are technically involved here in the spirit of cooperation to try to reach a decision in the best interest of the University. This is not an anti-union vote; it is not a delaying tactic. It is done in completely good faith out of a deep concern for the welfare of the University and, indeed, the welfare of the faculty union involved."

Goethe Institute

Prof. Ritta Jo Horsley, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, was a panelist at a recent Goethe Institute meeting discussing "Women in Germany and in the United States--A Comprehensive View of Emancipation." Other speakers were Constance Putman, Houghton Mifflin Co.; Melitta Camartin, Harvard Medical School, and Charlotte Teuber, Emmanuel College. The speakers reviewed the social, historical and personal role and development of women in Germany and the United States.

At another Goethe Institute meeting Prof. Peter Ott, German, spoke on "Tradition and Innovation: The Prose Theory of Arno Schmidt." Prof. Ott reviewed the close interrelation between creative and theoretical work by this controversial writer who "may well prove an important stylistic and linguistic influence."

Housing Programs of UMass-Boston

The Boston Urban Observatory of UMass-Boston has a contract with the City of Boston for a year-long evaluation of the effectiveness of housing programs financed with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Focus of the \$43,000 study will be the extent to which CDBG investments are improving shelter opportunities and whether such efforts are stabilizing and upgrading impacted neighborhoods. Joseph S. Slavet, Boston Urban Observatory, is project director; Francine Price, BUA staff, will play a chief analytical role in the evaluation; Prof. Tunney F. Lee, M.I.T., has been named project consultant.

Basic Life And Health Insurance Premiums Reduced

Due to the passage of recent legislation, the Commonwealth now will be paying a larger share of the overall premium costs for the \$2,000 basic life and health insurance plans. This change is retroactive to January 1, 1977. Because the premiums for January, February and March of 1977 have already been deducted (premiums are deducted one month in advance of the premium due date), the premium deducted from an employee's paycheck on Friday, March 4, 1977 will reflect this retroactive adjustment.

The rate chart that follows shows the most common types of coverage and the appropriate premiums that will be deducted from employee's paychecks on March 4, April 8, and May 6, 1977. It should be noted that the premium for the health insurance includes the premium for the \$2,000 of basic life insurance. If your type of coverage is not shown on this chart, please call the Personnel Office (Ext. 2271) and ask what your monthly premium deductions will be.

Dates Premiums Will Be Deducted:

| Type of Coverage | 3-4-77 | 4-8-77 | 5-6-77 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| \$2,000 of basic life ins. only -- | \$.11 | \$.44 | \$.44 |
| Aetna--individual with CIC | | | |
| (catastrophic illness coverage)- | 4.43 | 9.09 | 9.09 |
| Aetna--individual without CIC --- | 3.11 | 7.77 | 7.77 |
| Aetna--family with CIC ----- | 10.60 | 21.15 | 21.15 |
| Aetna--family without CIC ----- | 7.35 | 17.90 | 17.90 |
| Harvard Community Health Plan- | | | |
| individual ----- | 0 | 1.68 | 4.91 |
| Harvard Community Health Plan- | | | |
| family ----- | 0 | 11.63 | 15.25 |
| Aetna OME--individual with CIC- | 7.21 | 7.80 | 7.80 |
| Aetna OME--individual without | | | |
| CIC----- | 5.05 | 5.64 | 5.64 |
| Aetna OME--family with CIC-- | | | |
| one spouse over 65, other | | | |
| spouse under age 65 ----- | 11.53 | 16.45 | 16.45 |
| Aetna OME--family without CIC | | | |
| --one spouse over 65, other | | | |
| spouse under age 65----- | 8.05 | 12.97 | 12.97 |
| Aetna OME--family with CIC-- | | | |
| both husband and wife over age | | | |
| 65----- | 14.31 | 15.16 | 15.16 |
| Aetna OME--family without CIC | | | |
| --both husband and wife over | | | |
| age 65 ----- | 9.99 | 10.84 | 10.84 |

David Landy Book

This month an anthology edited and annotated by Prof. David Landy, Anthropology, was published by the Macmillan Publishing Co. entitled, Culture, Disease, and Healing: Studies In Medical Anthropology and includes 57 selections from research by anthropologists, physicians and others in 14 major areas of medical anthropology. He has contributed about 100 of the 560 pages, including an introductory chapter on teaching and learning medical anthropology, introductions to each of the 14 sections and 57 chapters, and an article on the role adaptation of traditional healers in medical systems
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changing under the impact of Western medicine.

Prof. Alan Harwood, Anthropology, contributed an especially written chapter for the anthology, "Some Social Structural Consequences of Divination as Diagnosis Among the Safwa," adapted from his earlier book, Witchcraft, Sorcery, and Social Categories Among the Safwa. (Oxford University Press, 1970).

At the invitation of the Center for Bioethics, Kennedy Institute, Georgetown University, Prof. Landy has contributed a chapter entitled "Death: An Anthropological Perspective," for the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Bioethics.

WUMB Blood Drive

WUMB will be sponsoring a Bloodmobile for the Red Cross, March 16th, Building 020 Gym. There will be tables located outside the three cafeterias until March 11th for the purpose of registration.

This is one of the most worthwhile endeavors on this campus, and all are encouraged to help. You can help save lives.

1977 Fiscal Closing State Funds

Final date for Budget Change Forms (Budget Transfer of Funds from one department to another) is Friday, April 22, 1977.

Final date to encumber on State Funds will be Friday, May 6, 1977. All requisitions (CD-9) must be in purchasing on that date.

Please note that Honoraria and Travel Payments submitted in May and June from existing departmental Budgets will take considerably longer due to the closing of the Fiscal Year.

Any department having travel Authorizations encumbered against their accounts for trips that were actually not taken should notify Accounting immediately.

New Evans Play

A new drama by Theatre Arts Chairman Robert Reese Evans, "Scrimshaw", will be staged by the New England Playwrights Guild, Sunday Afternoon, March 13 at the Wheelock College Theatre, The Riverway. Curtain will be at 2:30. The performance is a Memorial to Edward Albert Thommen, the Guild's principal stage director who passed away last month. In lieu of paid admission, donations will be accepted to commission a bust of Thommen by the noted Boston sculptor Beatrice Papert.

Taming The Chaos

For over an hour Prof. Emerson Marks, English, enthralled an audience of more than 100 faculty, staff, and students at the fourth in the Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies.

In those sixty-odd minutes he sorted out some 400 years of "inconstant and often contradictory speculation" on various theories about the power and province of poetry "entertained by Western men of letters."

With a remarkable exhibition of erudition, Prof. Marks made over 130 references of poets and critics about the marching order of words used by poets.

Some among them were Paul Valery thinking that a poet must
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deal with "messy material" as one would envy a musician the "purity of his tones," or T.S. Eliot's complaint that a poet has an ever-ending struggle with words.

Despite poets' occasional frustrations with words, Prof. Marks cited the glorification of the use of words, including Sir Richard Sidney who said poetry is "words set in delightful proportion," or Fenelon and Pope calling poetry the language of the gods, and Horace remarking in one of his Epistles on the therapeutic power of words in verse.

Prof. Marks talked of poetry as a verbal art, he talked of its mysteries and marvels, and placed in front of the audience the reference that "ambition" and "perdition" do not rhyme for nothing, according to Mr. Dombey.

Poetry, too, can be verbal fastidiousness, the use of proper words in proper places, words that are supercharged with meaning, the most perfect speech of man, and, according to Plato that poetry can be deceiving.

Prof. Marks reviewed the use of various words in poetry, enumerating the likes and dislikes of poets through the centuries. He offered the aphorism that "poetry always welcomes the whole vocabulary, but poets never do."

He concluded by quoting Coleridge, that "poets are gods of love who tame the chaos" and added that from everything that poets have said about their art he would venture that "what they chiefly love is the very stuff of their taming--words."

The Office of Graduate Studies, Ext. 2266, will have copies of Prof. Marks' talk available.

Introducing Prof. Marks for the lecture was Prof. Philip Finkelpearl, English.

Open Meetings with Candidates for Dean of CLA

Below are the scheduled visits of the remaining candidates for the Deanship of the College of Liberal Arts. Faculty are urged to attend some of the open meetings with the candidates.

Tuesday, Mar. 8, 3 p.m. former faculty club, third floor, building 020, Dr. Charles Olton, History Department, SUNY Buffalo, former Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Thursday, Mar. 10, 3 p.m. former faculty club, third floor, building 020, Dr. Franz Gross, Inst. of African Affairs, Duquesne Univ., former Dean of Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Tuesday, Mar. 15, 3 p.m. former faculty club, third floor, building 020, Dr. Michael Riccards, Chair, Political Science Department, SUNY Buffalo.

The members of the Dean Search Committee welcome your impressions of the candidates:

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| Bernice Auslander, Mathematics | Morris Lounds, Politics |
| Henrietta Ball, Admissions Office | Arthur Martin, Physics |
| Rus Hart, English | Ed Rappazini, Student |