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Armenian Club Presents Painting To The Campus

Members of the Armenian Club of the University of Massachusetts at Boston have presented to Chancellor Carlo Golino a painting of Lake Sevan in Eastern Armenia.

Chancellor Golino said the painting by Richard H. Tashjian of Watertown will be displayed in a prominent place at the Harbor Campus.

"It will serve as a reminder to all of us at UMass-Boston that Armenian art and culture means much to civilized society," Dr. Golino said.

Making the presentation were Susan Samourian, President of the Armenian Club, a junior Music major; Allan Tutunjian, a former officer of the club and Daniel Merian, 120 Dickerman Rd., a senior History major and vice president of the club; Gregory Matoian, a junior Anthropology major and treasurer; and Kaspar Andonian, a freshman Management major.

The Armenian Club is one of the most active on the Harbor Campus and its purpose is to promote Armenian culture and studies, and to make others aware of the contributions of Armenia over the centuries.

In recent years the Club has sponsored dances, movies, recitals, lectures, and joint meetings of Armenian students from other universities and colleges in Massachusetts.

The study of the Armenian language as part of the curriculum at UMass-Boston was proposed and advanced by the students of Armenian heritage. Their club programs and other activities have the guidance of Prof. Marta Batmasian.

One of the major activities of the Armenian Club was to present to UMass-Boston a collection of books on Armenian art, literature, music, and history to the university's library.

Easy Rider

There comes a time in one's life--many times, come to think of it--that reveries reel in your head about things past or present, the ways they may have been or ought to be, and sometimes you get behind on Olivetti Lines 98 and race through the keys. Or you may saddle up on a Cimatti City Bike (50cc Minarelli VI Engine) and cycle through country lanes "all covered with rain and chagrin."

This was English Prof. Shaun O'Connell's experience narrated in a delightful essay in New England, the Globe's Sunday Magazine (March 20). Read it for his reactions on how

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he feels, how he thinks others may feel about his new experience on a moped, riding like Buck Jones or Tom Mix or Ken Maynard through sylvan suburbia with the wind at his back, rain in his hair, a smile on his face--and happy with his new "toy."

Thompson On Malraux

Brain Thompson, Chairman of the French Department will present a lecture at M.I.T. under the auspices of the Humanities Department. His talk, entitled "André Malraux" engagement et création," will be at 7:30p.m. on Monday, April 11 in the French House.

Crystal Ball

Leigh Montville, Boston Globe sports columnist, in a bit of whimsy made predictions, observations, and some zany suggestions in a recent column, including this: "With the success of North Carolina-Charlotte and Nevada-Las Vegas (in basketball's NCAA playoffs) watch for UMass-Boston to become the next New England athletic power." Ah, so.

Cells Can Be Fun

That's how the Herald-American described a new book, a Literary Guild selection to be published in May, written by Lorraine Larison, formerly of the Biology Department. Tentatively titled The Center of Life, published by Quadrangle/New York Times Book Co., the book is described by Lorraine's profiler as a "whimsical, dramatic, sexy, funny, iterate history of the cell."

She is also writing a text book on genetics for classroom use and is pondering a new career as a writer of mystery and science fiction.

China Trade

A recent lecture co-sponsored by UMass-Boston and the Nantucket Historical Society featured Prof. Talbott Huey, Asian Studies, who spoke on the impact of Nantucket ships on China and the cultural changes brought about by the interchange of American and Chinese goods. Edouard Stackpole, the eminent Nantucket historian, shares the platform with Prof. Huey.

Welcome Back

Prof. Mary Newman, College of Professional Studies, has completed her assignment as New England Regional Director of Health, Education and Welfare. She has returned to the campus to teach her course, Introduction to Management.

Broderick Review

While Prof. Francis Broderick, History, is on an exchange program this semester with the University of New Hampshire, he invades the Boston scene with a sprightly review in the Boston Herald-Advertiser of Samuel B. Griffith's In Defense of the Public Liberty. "The book is good," he writes. "Really it is a splendid narrative."

He notes that is the way it is if "you can put up with one more transit across the military and political history of the American colonies from 1760 to 1781, if you can stand one more apologia for good old underrated George III, if you have a tear left for sturdy Major Andre and a snarl for Benedict Arnold and for the bewildered lieutenant-colonel who let him escape, if you must follow George Washington out of Long Island into the Conway cabal, if the gossip about Fox and Pitt and Lord North makes English politicking palatable, if

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you prefer Sam Adams' dish up old style (uncluttered by new research about him), and especially, if you are most comfortable with Boston as the font of Revolutionary causes."

Laboratory HVAC--
Science Building

On Thursday, March 31, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., the Physical Plant staff will perform necessary maintenance work on the HVAC systems for the laboratories in the Science Building. Therefore, the labs will not have any ventilation during that time.

United Nations

Peripatetic political prophet Arnold Beichman, Political Science, will gaze into his crystal ball and gather from his stores of information and scholarship for the United Nations Council of the South Shore in Quincy on April 14th when he will be the World Affairs Series speaker. His topic will be "Can the United Nations Survive?"

Advising Week

Simon Wittes, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, is reminding colleagues that April 11-15 is Advising Week when students are encouraged to contact their advisors regarding information about majors, College requirements and future opportunities in the student's field. As a preliminary to this week, Dr. Wittes is sponsoring a series of lunches Monday through Thursday, April 4-7 for faculty members to acquaint them with the advising function. For further information, call him at Ext. 2851.

CEEB Panel

The College Entrance Examination Board and Educational Testing Service are sponsoring a series of national seminars on Critical Problems and Issues in the Education of Minorities. Second in the series will be held in Boston at the Park Plaza Hotel, April 4th, with UMass-Boston serving as co-sponsor. The topic here will be Changing Policies and Attitudes at the Federal and State Level. Principal speaker will be Edward Nyquist, who has been serving as Commissioner of Education for the State of New York. Participating at the Boston meeting will be Chancellor Carlo L. Golino.

Both CEEB and ETS note that while minority problems received serious attention during the 1960's, the mood of the nation has shifted in the last few years and concerns for minorities have been given a much lower national priority, partly in the belief that the Civil Rights Laws of the 1960's and the special efforts made during that period, solved the problem.

WUMB Exchange Program

The student radio station, WUMB is participating in a student announcer-exchange program with various college stations in the area. Frank Murtagh, Alan Dary, and Rich Hannon of WUMB will represent the campus station at WMFO (Tufts U.) and WJUL (Lowell U.).

The purpose of this exchange-program is to familiarize radio personalities with different equipment and formats, station operating procedures, and to learn about the operation of an FM transmitter.

Epidemiology Of Aging

The National Institute on Aging and the Epidemiology Branch of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute are sponsors of a two-day conference at Bethesda, Md. on The Epidemiol-

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ogy Of Aging with two participants from UMass-Boston. Prof. Paul Costa, Psychology, is speaking today (Tuesday) on "Functional Age Definition" and Dr. Laurence Branch, Survey Research, is giving a paper on "Functional Disability of the Aged in Massachusetts."

The conference began yesterday at the National Institutes of Health headquarters with the objective of developing a working document for identifying and developing needed epidemiologic research in aging.

Dr. Costa has been working on studies of aging with the Veterans Administration for many years. Dr. Branch is working on aging problems in the Commonwealth under grants from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Federal Administration on Aging.

Kennedy Library Tourguides

The Community Services office of UMass-Boston, the John F. Kennedy Library and Dorchester United Neighborhood Associations are sponsors of an essay contest for high school students and college students who are residents of Dorchester. Winners will serve as tour guides at the Kennedy Library in Waltham. Tours by Dorchester residents of Dorchester will be conducted this Spring. The essay title for high school students is "John F. Kennedy/The Man" and the college essay title is "John F. Kennedy/The President."

Two Languages Better Than One

In a feature story in the Christian Science Monitor, writer Wendy Koch explored job possibilities for prospective foreign language teachers. The consensus was that they should be aware that employers are looking for people with the ability to teach more than one language, and that study abroad, while it may be a prerequisite for getting a job, would be beneficial.

Among the educators interviewed was Prof. Brian Thompson, French, who agreed that the overseas study is "an excellent experience, almost essential."

The panel of high school teachers said there is a growing awareness of importance of foreign languages in careers and in business.

Passover

During Passover week, April 4-8, approved Kosher lunches will be available to students, faculty and staff at the nominal fee of .50¢ per day in the Bldg. 2 cafeteria between 12:30 and 2:00 P.M. under the sponsorship of the UMass-Boston and New England Regional Hillel societies. Happy Holiday!! (If willing to assist in preparation, call Jeffrey Houben, Ext. 2877.)

Nantucket Is Wes Tiffney's Classroom

The Cape Cod Standard Times featured Prof. Wesley Tiffney in a story recently on his work and goals at the Field Station at Quaise at Nantucket. The article mentioned that Tiffney is exploring the possibility of sheep grazing as an alternative source of income for the island population. "In 1845," he said, "there were at least 10,000 sheep on the Island. Why couldn't they be reintroduced? The wool products would create a cottage industry. Jobs would be created taking care of sheep, butchering the lamb, and spinning and weaving the wool." The essay also described Tiffney's work with students and their independent study projects.