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## Mutual Interdependence Between Public and Private Education

President Robert Wood in his address to the December annual meeting of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, called for the beginning of alliances between public and private colleges and universities.

The alliances, he said, are both desirable and inevitable.

In his remarks, Dr. Wood declared:

"We have too many special needs, too many valued traditions, and too many substantial differences to overlook them all in a headlong plunge toward federation.

"But, conceding our differences, I think we must recognize our mutual interdependence. It cuts across state lines, across the waning public-private distinction, across the two-year/four-year post-graduate differences, even across important religious and philosophical disparities.

"The simple truth is that we are dependent upon each other. Moreover, in a time of expanding needs for housing, health and family assistance, we are dependent on the larger society for our sustenance.

"Yet the larger society in turn, relies heavily on us. In this picture, we are challenged to figure out -- jointly -- a reasonable claim on the resources of society, and to evolve a statement that with integrity and precision, would relate our joint needs to the other demands upon the polity, that would be fair without being greedy."

Open Campus

Chancellor Broderick has responded to the University Senate on the motion of December 16 that would allow no recruitment on campus. The text of his response:

"The Senate's action December 9, 1971, recommending the appointment of a committee to plan an academic program for College IV, seems to me premature. I wish I could have been at hand to discuss and to hear discussion during the Senate debates, for two things need saying: First, the decision on future directions for UMass/Boston rests with the Trustees acting on the counsel of the President and Chancellor. In no field is executive initiative more certain. Second, at every stage the faculty and students are to be heard, suggesting, criticizing, and finally, when the direction is set, creating.

"As a possible alternative to the Senate's proposal, I suggest an intermediary step -- perhaps a Senate committee that can informally explore with Mrs. Marshall and me, and perhaps with some stand-ins for President Wood as well, the various possibilities for future directions.

"Our experience in planning College III gives me confidence that we know how to combine administrative initiative and faculty and student participation in planning new educational programs -- and not too unamiably at that."

College IV

In response to the University Senate on planning an Academic Program for College IV, Chancellor Broderick has made these observations.

"I am returning to the Senate without my approval the motion of December 16, 1971, that no recruitment be allowed on campus at the University of Massachusetts/Boston.

"The proposed action does not lie within the authority of the University Senate. University policy on this issue was set by the Board of Trustees on December 18, 1967, and reasserted on December 28, 1971, when the Trustees approved the following proposal from the Executive Committee:

'To recommend to the Board of Trustees that it reaffirm its position of December 18, 1967, with regard to maintaining a climate for the free exchange of ideas at the University; also, specifically, within the laws of the Commonwealth affecting free access to public property by all

College IV  
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law-abiding citizens, to reaffirm that the campuses of the University of Massachusetts are open to the conduct of legitimate public business including interviews for student job placement purposes by private commercial and industrial organizations and by agencies of the federal government."

"One matter not clear on December 9 and 16, but clear now, is that the University has on file with all federal agencies involved in funding any part of its program a certificate that avers that the campus is open to recruiting by all federal agencies. This funding comes from agencies that sponsor research (National Institute of Mental Health), others that fund programs like Upward Bound and Action, and others that supply work-study money, loans, and scholarships.

"The disqualification of the University from these funds would, therefore, have a major effect on UMass/Boston's programs and on a large number of our students. Under the circumstances, I have no hesitation in affirming my commitment to an open campus."

Reading List

National columnist Charles Bartlett in the December 27 Boston Globe has an interesting analysis of the ACTION program throughout the country. Featured is UMass/Boston student Larry Boeleskev, who has been assigned to the Fields Corner Legal Office.

In the Newsweek issue on the stands and in the mail last week was a report on the President's Committee on the Future University of Massachusetts. It is a thoughtful article taking the highlights of the report and some commentary by faculty members. One highlight is the observation that public higher education in Massachusetts is coming out from under the shadows of the longer-established private universities.

More Reading

In Defense of Academic Freedom, a book edited by Sidney Hook and published by Pegasus, features a series of essays on the important area of academic life. Arnold Beichman (Politics) contributes an essay on "Academic Freedom and the Failure of Nerve." Other contributors include A. M. Rosenthal, Henry Steele Commanger, Jacques Barzun, and Paul Kurtz.

## Photography as Art

The University Cultural Events Committee is sponsoring an exhibit of photographic work by six lens artists in the Art Gallery beginning January 5 and continuing through January 21. The opening of the show on the 5th will be at 8 p.m. The Gallery will have pictures on display from Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the remainder of the exhibit.

## Legislative Interns

Dr. Richard Hogarty (Politics) will direct the Massachusetts Legislative Internship Program which is sponsored by the General Court and administered by the University of Massachusetts. Applications will be forwarded to colleges and universities throughout the State for outstanding candidates in graduate studies. Five internships will be available. Applications will be reviewed after March 15th.

John J. Murphy,  
Class of 1975

The staff, faculty and student body expresses its sincere sympathy to the parents and brothers and sisters of John J. Murphy, '75, of North Quincy who died from injuries suffered in a vacation automobile accident in North Conway, New Hampshire.

Jack Murphy, who served for a year with the Army in Vietnam, was a vital youth who was enjoying his educational experiences at UMass/Boston. He was quite interested in the University establishing a course in the History of Southeast Asia, and had several discussions with students, faculty, and Dean Walter Rosen on this matter.

Representing the University community at the Mass of Resurrection at Sacred Heart Church, North Quincy, was Chancellor Francis Broderick.

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