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Briefly . . .

Dr. James H. Broderick of the English Department received a \$40,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to establish a Center for the Improvement of Teaching. "This is a very prestigious undertaking for the University," said Dr. Mary Anne Ferguson, who chairs the English Department.

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Dr. Ernest A. Lynton of Brookline has been awarded \$120,000 in grants for a two year study of public universities. The study received \$40,000 each from the Carnegie Corporation, the Ford Foundation and the Lilly Endowment.

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Kudos to the 12-singer chamber group led by Dr. David N. Patterson of the Music Department. The Chamber Singers sang special pieces for Governor Michael S. Dukakis' inaugural at the State House on January 6. Dr. Patterson composed a special piece for the occasion. The singers also performed at the Scholarship Dinner held for Senate President William M. Bulger of South Boston, concluding their program with "Southie Is My Home Town."

Briefly cont. on inside

Over semester break *The Boston Globe* printed an op-ed piece by *Globe* staffer Ian Menzies about the new UMass/Boston PhD program in Environmental Science. The article is reprinted on page 4 for those who may have missed it.



UMB Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, State Senate President William M. Bulger, and Governor Michael S. Dukakis got together at recent UMB dinner.

Bulger Scholarship dinner brings state leaders to UMB

New views of Governor Michael S. Dukakis and Senate President William M. Bulger were on display at the Harbor Campus dinner hosted recently by UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

The "new" Gov. Dukakis expounded on remarks he'd made earlier in the day at the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Copley Plaza, citing the "need" for quality public higher education in the Commonwealth.

Meanwhile, Senator Bulger, in whose name a four-year UMass/Boston scholarship was announced, quoted from Greek classics and was called a model scholar by Rev. Carl Thayer, S.J., a professor at Boston College and Bulger's advisor during his years at the Heights.

Indeed, Rev. Raymond Callahan, S.J., president of

neighboring Boston College High School gave the benediction in three languages—Greek, Latin and English. It was that kind of night.

What it provided was closer ties between the academic community and the state's political hierarchy, many of whom were in attendance, among them Senate Majority Leader Daniel Foley of Worcester, Senate Ways and Means Chairman Chester Atkins of Acton; Senate Majority Whip Walter Boverini of Lynn, and former Senate Presidents Maurice Donahue and Kevin Harrington.

John B. Duff, Chancellor of Higher Education, and UMass President David Knapp were prominent throughout the evening.

For sheer good will and the promise of closer alliances, it was a night to remember.

Desmond's decade of service earns him top spot in Student Affairs

Eleven years of work with student programs at UMass/Boston has earned Charles Desmond the title of Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and recognition as the University's leading advocate of providing students with quality services.

Desmond, 37, lives at Fort Avenue in Roxbury with his wife, Phyllis, and 18 month old daughter, Lindsey.

He was born and raised in Malden, graduating from Malden High School in the class of 1963.

After high school, he attended Boston University, where he majored in sociology. He left B.U. when he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

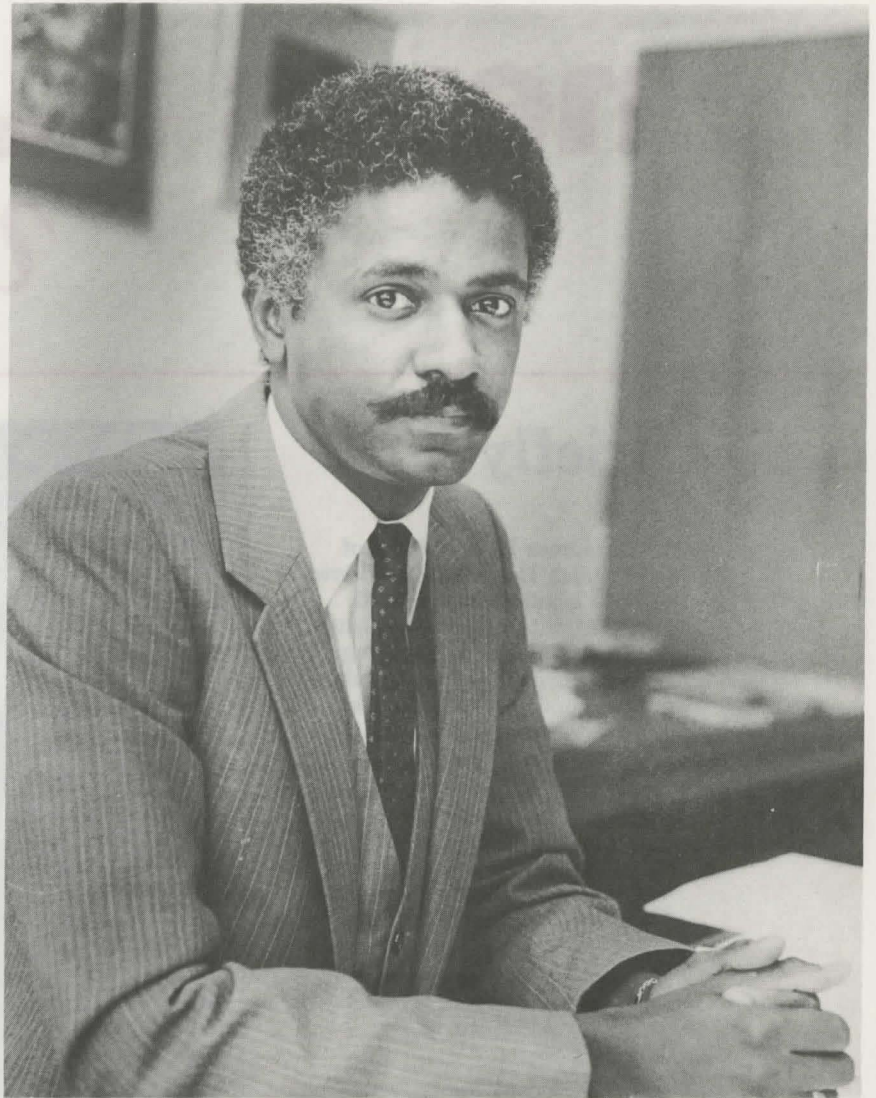
Of the two years Desmond spent in the service, one year involved combat duty in Vietnam, where he won both the silver and bronze stars for heroic action. He attained the rank of sergeant.

Upon his return to the United States, Desmond entered Northeastern University. He graduated with a BS in sociology in 1972 and went to work for the school in its African-American Institute.

In November of 1972, Desmond joined the administration of UMass/Boston as the director of the College Preparatory Program in the Department of Pre-Freshmen Programs, where he remained until 1974.

From 1974 to 1977, he was director of the Department of Pre-Freshmen Programs.

In 1977, Desmond was appointed an Assistant Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs. In 1980 he became



Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Charles Desmond

Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and in May of 1981 became Vice-Chancellor.

At present, Desmond is attending Northeastern University as a part-time student working toward a PhD in Sociology.

He serves on numerous local, state and national public service boards and committees including: Board of Trustees, Massachusetts Cultural Alliance; Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, Boston Zoological Society; President of the Fort Hill Association, and Chairman of the Education Committee of Madison Park Community School, Roxbury.

Also: Board of Directors, Massachusetts Pre-Engineering Program; a Commissioner of the American Council on Education, and Board of Directors, National Council of Educational Opportunities Association.

At UMass/Boston, Desmond sits on the University Assembly which is made up of students and faculty; chairs the University's radio station policy committee; was appointed by the Chancellor to the University's Affirmative Action Committee; is on the Executive Committee of the Black Faculty and Staff Council; and sits on the Chancellor's Executive Council.

Briefly Cont. from front page

The University lost a valued employee when Vera Beswick retired after sixteen years of service in Health Services. More than 200 friends and co-workers bid adieu to Vera at a farewell party last month.

Two UMass/Boston biologists have been awarded a grant of \$29,815 for the acquisition of high pressure liquid chromatography equipment. Dr. William G. Hagar and Dr. Michael P. Shiaris, both of the Biology Department, received the grant from the National Science Foundation.

On the maternity beat, Eileen Walker (Personnel) had a baby girl on November 7; Lana Jackman (Enrollment Services) had a baby boy on January 8; Christine Moy (Academic Affairs) gave birth to a baby girl on January 18. . . Pass the cigars. . . And pass along best wishes to Carl Finn (Grants and Contracts) who will wed lovely Susan Sprague (Alumni Office) on June 26.

Two UMass/Boston officers cited for heroic rescue effort

Fast work by sergeant and patrolman saved woman trapped in burning automobile

Two UMass/Boston policemen received the Commendation for Valor from Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan for rescuing a woman from a burning automobile on the Southeast Expressway.

"It was a heroic act and doubtless saved the woman's life," said Chancellor Corrigan.

Sgt. John Sullivan and Patrolman Richard Coughlin, the officers honored, are both Quincy residents.

The UMass/Boston policemen were on routine patrol when they saved a young Waltham woman from her burning automobile.

The incident occurred as the two officers were returning from the Dorchester Field Office. Sgt. Sullivan was alerted to an auto burning on the off ramp of the Southeast Expressway near Columbia Circle in Dorchester.

The veteran officers acted quickly. Sgt. Sullivan ordered Coughlin to alert the Boston Fire Department and the MDC Police by the car radio through the dispatcher at control.

When Sullivan raced to the burning auto, he found the doors locked, indicating someone was

inside. It was 2:32 a.m. The veteran knew that a woman traveling alone at that hour would likely have her doors locked.

It was impossible to see into the vehicle through the thick and acrid smoke that filled the passenger compartment and apparently rendered the occupant unconscious.

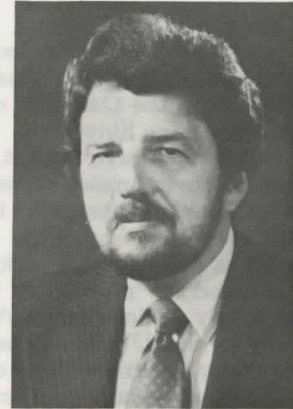
While Patrolman Coughlin, who had joined Sullivan beside the flaming car, returned to the squad car for a Hallogan bar, a device used by firemen to open locked doors rapidly, Sullivan heard a weak cry for help coming from inside.

The policemen smashed a passenger window with the bar. The officers gently lifted the semi-conscious Ellen M. LeBlanc to the pavement. Ms. LeBlanc was taken to the Boston City Hospital where doctors, who had been alerted by the message to control, were waiting to treat the victim.

As a result of their quick action, Ms. LeBlanc survived the ordeal.

In bestowing the Valor Award on the pair, Chancellor Corrigan said their heroism was a credit to the men, their training, and to the University.

chancellor's corner



by Dr. Robert A. Corrigan

Now that the University is emerging from the extended period of crisis management occasioned by the consolidation with Boston State College, one of the most critical items on our institutional agenda must be to upgrade the campus' image in the communities we serve. Interestingly, one of the first comments made by the accreditation team which visited the campus briefly last fall was that they were astonished at how much better a university we are than we are publicly perceived to be.

I have recently appointed Robert Palmer, formerly Vice President for Corporate Relations at Polaroid and an experienced and energetic hand at public relations, to fill the vacant post of Director of Institutional Relations. Mr. Palmer will be coordinating a concerted campaign to inform the public of what we are about as a comprehensive public university.

I might also note briefly that in recent months we have seen a distinct upturn in the occurrence of positive press about the University. Articles in the *Globe* about the CAS Developmental Studies Program and the new Environmental Science Ph.D. program are only two examples. And, finally, the January celebration of the newly-announced William M. Bulger Scholarship to be awarded by the University was attended by many leaders of State government, including Gov. Dukakis, and signals a cooperative effort by the University and government to call the public's attention to the University's commitment to meet the needs of the people of the Commonwealth.



UMass/Boston Patrolman Richard Coughlin, left, and Sgt. John Sullivan.

New PhD program reflects UMass/Boston's commitment of service to local communities

by Ian Menzies

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Dr. Joseph J. Cooney looked out across the sweep of Boston harbor from the 11th floor of the UMass/Boston library.

"It's impressive, isn't it," said the environmental scientist who will direct the university's first PhD program.

"Yes, but did you also know it's also called the 'toilet bowl' for some frequently obvious reasons?"

"I've heard," said Cooney, only recently arrived from directing a biological research station on Chesapeake Bay, run by the University of Maryland.

Cooney, a microbiologist widely known among those in his specialty, was asked if it was true that one of the first projects in the university's new Environmental Science program would be a major study of pollution in Boston harbor.

"That's right," he said, "we've given water a priority," and with a nod toward the harbor "you start where you perceive the needs to be."

Cooney's arrival on the UMass campus could be called, if one could be pardoned, another water mark in the growth and development of UMass/Boston.

Not only does this give the university, founded in 1965 and on its present Dorchester site since 1974, its first PhD program, but a program particularly appropriate to a congested metropolitan area—environmental science.

To Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, it is "a service program," meaning that it will be of service to the metropolitan Boston community.

And to Corrigan, any additional PhD programs (American Civilization is being considered) will have the same "service" emphasis.

That the university now has its first doctoral program does not mean that UMass/Boston is about to be transformed into a "Harvard on the harbor."

To Chancellor Corrigan, the new PhD program is "a service program," meaning that it will be of service to the metropolitan Boston community.

Obviously the program will add academic and research depth to the university, but Corrigan makes it quite clear that it won't change the university's goals, which he describes as "being accessible to an urban undergraduate body that doesn't have other alternatives."

To Corrigan, UMass/Boston, with its 11,800 students—8000 full-time—has to be far more "personalized" than other universities, and provide, as it does, tutorial help to those with high school weaknesses in English and math.

"At the same time," he says, "we have to be a university," adding, "but I don't see a conflict between high-grade graduate and professional programs and being accessible to low-income and minority students."

Corrigan feels the new PhD program is a "research and service mission" compatible with the aims

of the university "and one that will provide a unique community resource."

Even the new MBA (masters in business administration) program, which Corrigan says will start next September, has been designed with the urban, working class student in mind.

"If you're employed in Boston," says Corrigan, "you can't run off to Amherst for an MBA or expect an employer to pick up the tab for a degree from a private school."

"What we'll provide is access, somewhere an employee seeking middle-management advancement can go."

And "access," of course, means affordable cost. And where else but UMass/Boston can a student go to a four-year-school with multiple degree choice for \$1200 in tuition, \$1500 with fees and books?

And, incidentally, attend a school where, as of last January, there were more Harvard PhDs on the faculty than in any university outside of Harvard itself—25 percent.

Will UMass/Boston, because of price, quality, and new programs (a master in human services may be added) start attracting more middle-class suburban students.

"It may," says Corrigan, although he sees it as a "fall-back choice, but it won't change the university's mission."

Nor, evidently, will it be changed by the new environmental science program which, through research, could produce the needed political stimulus to clean up Boston harbor.

UMB colleagues speak of Prof. Bunselmeyer's work at memorial service

A memorial service for Prof. Josephine Bunselmeyer was held at the Episcopal Theological School Chapel, Cambridge, on January 29.

UMass/Boston was represented at the service by three speakers and by the Chamber Ensemble, directed by Professor David Patterson of the Music Department.

Prof. Bunselmeyer, a member of the English Department since 1975, died at the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute on January 9.

At the service Maggie Browning-Shelton, a former student of Prof. Bunselmeyer, and two colleagues spoke of her achievements as a teacher and scholar.

Ms. Browning-Shelton spoke of Bunselmeyer's strength in eliciting from students their best work. Prof. Susan Horton spoke of Bunselmeyer's scholarly work which she had continued almost to the end of her life. Prof. Mary Anne Ferguson, Chair of the English Department, described the acclaim achieved by Bunselmeyer's last scholarly paper which was presented by a colleague at a professional convention in Los Angeles on December 29.

Those who wish to make a memorial contribution to Prof. Bunselmeyer are asked to contribute to the Jimmy Fund.

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