By Lissa Harris

If you’ve been wasting energy, Apurva Mehta can tell.

“We’re scanning the network to see how many computers are left on at night,” says Mehta, the director of client services and educational technologies. And not just how many computers, but which—so if you haven’t turned yours off since summer vacation, you might want to start doing it now.

Why? Turning a computer off at night instead of leaving it in sleep mode saves 15 kilowatts of electricity—about two dollars—a year, which adds up on a campus with roughly 4,500 computers, printers, and other networked devices.

This high-tech penny-pinching is part of an effort to find a silver lining—and maybe a green one as well—as UMass Boston adjusts to the campus’s nearly $8 million annual utility bill, a savings which could save jobs.

“It was our desire to save money without impacting programs on campus, and without harm to students and faculty,” said Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Ellen O’Connor.

“The way to do that is with the cooperation of the campus community.”

While the campus has a long way to go, the effort is already under way: The IT department has put new energy-saving measures in place in the student computer labs. Instead of leaving computers on all night to update their software, lab managers are now shutting them down at night and doing software updates in the wee hours of the morning, before students come in.

The bulk of the savings will most likely come from heating and cooling. Assistant Vice Chancellor for facilities management Dorothy Renaghan is analyzing energy use across campus, monitoring temperatures throughout all the buildings through the central computer system that controls the campus’s heating and cooling schedules. By analyzing how students and staff use the buildings, they hope to tailor the schedules so they aren’t wasting heat on empty spaces.

“You can see what’s happening in a particular space. It’s fairly sophisticated,” said Renaghan.

“We are now reviewing all those schedules to see how they relate to building occupancy.”

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Expert Entrepreneur Guides Others with Big Ideas

By Geoffrey Kula

In 2005, Josh Anyaosah was a refugee from Sierra Leone pursuing a liberal arts degree at UMass Boston. He wanted to further his studies and become a nurse, but with limited resources and support, he wasn’t sure he’d be able to pursue his dream.

But the way became clear after a meeting with entrepreneur-in-residence Dan Phillips—whom Anyaosah referred to as “an angel in disguise”—led to a merit-based scholarship. Today, Anyaosah works at Children’s Hospital Boston and is also the founder of United for African Growth Organization (UAGO), a non-profit that aims to improve health care and social welfare in Africa.

Anyaosah is just one of the many students whose careers and lives have been transformed by Phillips through his multifaceted work with the school over the past 15 years. And with aggressive plans to expand an internship program, launched in October, which places graduate and undergraduate students in paid, part-time internships at venture-capital-funded technology start-ups throughout the state, Phillips is just getting warmed up.

A former executive at four venture-capital-backed software firms which were either acquired by Fortune 200 companies or went public, Phillips has privately funded scholarships for UMass Boston students, lectures about starting businesses at the College of Management, and will consult at the school’s new Venture Development Center, slated to open in February, with a grand opening celebration being planned for this spring. What Phillips finds at UMass Boston is a student population that mirrors the profile of his former hires: a hardworking, creative, professional group that is used to handling adversity.

“The UMass Boston student culture and personality are a perfect fit for a start-up entrepreneurial venture,” he explains. “People are already doing this for MIT, Harvard, and Babson students, but no one’s doing this for UMass Boston, where I’ve found the stuff...

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Energy-Saving Campaign Launches

By Anne-Marie Kent

A heart attack victim falls to the ground clutching his chest. Someone calls 911. Then what?

Years ago, precious minutes were often lost while waiting for expert responders equipped with defibrillators, machines that deliver a jolt of electricity to the heart. To be most effective, defibrillation must occur as soon as possible after the onset of sudden cardiac arrest. Increasingly installed in high-traffic areas from airports to shopping malls, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) mean lifesaving help may be just seconds away.

“Unlike manual defibrillators that are still sometimes used in hospitals, the AEDs that are installed throughout the campus are extremely easy to operate. The devices use clear graphical and spoken instructions in English,” explains Assistant Vice Chancellor.
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But there are energy problems on campus that can’t be fixed with software. In underground parking lots, the facilities department is waging a perpetual battle with software. In underground parking lots, the facilities department is waging a perpetual battle with software. In underground parking lots, the facilities department is waging a perpetual battle with software. In underground parking lots, the facilities department is waging a perpetual battle with software.

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For over two years, UMass Boston has been equipped with AEDs in athletics areas such as the Beacons Athletics and Clark Center exercise and gathering areas. Additionally, Public Safety and Health Services have their own defibrillators. Now, with the addition of the 19 new units, there are a total of 27 defibrillators available on campus.

Although AEDs talk you through the process, Golden McKandrew adds that CPR can be important to know when using an AED. If the AED delivers an electric shock, the device will then prompt you to administer CPR. CPR classes are available through American Red Cross and American Health Association chapters.

By Emily Sullivan and Jim Mortenson

Led by UMass Boston, a partnership that includes the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Roxbury Community College, the Department of Education, the HORIZON Center and the Black and Italians Coalition (COHS) of Roxbury, is making important progress in reducing socioeconomic-based health disparities.

The effort is based out of the HORIZON Center in Roxbury, a community which is 51% African-American and 23% Hispanic. Funding for this community-based and multidisciplinary project comes courtesy of a $7.7 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health.

“We have worked successfully to get people on campus who are doing research in health disparities to submit ideas,” explains Celia Moore, professor of psychology and the project’s co-principal investigator.

Although the Center is only halfway through its first year of funding, faculty members are already making progress, most notably on the “Heart and Sole” project, which studies the efficacy of a risk-prevention program aimed at African-American adults in Roxbury who are at risk for cardiovascular diseases.

“People think you can’t do this kind of work in the community. That really hasn’t been our experience,” says Dr. Eileen Stuart-Shor, associate professor at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the study’s co-principal investigator. “There’s a real sense of companionship among the members.”

Participants attend 12 weekly three-hour sessions that combine education with active engagement in exercise, nutrition and cooking demonstrations, relaxation techniques, and stress reduction that is culturally sensitive and tailored to community issues.

“What’s unique about the program is it’s not just about exercise or diet but really helps people understand the connection between the two,” explains Stuart-Shor. The aim of the program, she continued, is to help participants understand these connections so that the progress made will extend beyond the end of the study’s 12 weeks. Currently, 28 patients are enrolled, but Stuart-Shor expects the number will grow to 64; future participants will include those who are feeling more empowered by the program and possibly implementing a similar program in Kenya.

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“Our project focuses on a segment of the population that is quite neglected—adults who can’t read or write,” says Rivera. As her study notes, there are about 98 million people in the U.S. who have basic or below-basics literacy skills, most concentrated in minority communities. Health literacy is especially low, which is particularly alarming because, as Rivera explains, “We know that there is a very strong correlation between literacy and your health. So such programs have a lot of potential to make a difference.”

By examining which models are most effective, Rivera hopes to help these programs make even more of a difference for participants. Though still in the data-collecting stage, Rivera and her team have already noticed changes happening: “Participants are feeling more empowered by what they are learning.” Regardless of the outcome of her study, it is clear that such programs are making a big difference in the community: “It’s very inspiring to see these positive changes taking place.”

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When Dorchester probationers first encounter Taylor Stoehr, the English professor who will lead them in the “Changing Lives through Literature” program, many are dubious—not just about Stoehr, but about teachers and classrooms in general. For many of them, school is a distant and unpleasant memory, and the program represents time off probation more than any promise of life change.

But Stoehr isn’t daunted. Aided by a team that includes a judge, probation officers and volunteers, he has seen attitudes—and lives—change among the nearly 300 students he’s taught during his 14 years of involvement in the Dorchester District Court’s chapter of the program, which was founded in New Bedford in 1991 and is now practiced nationally.

Last month, Stoehr was presented with one of six 2008 University of Massachusetts President’s Public Service Awards, but like any good teacher, he prefers to talk about his students. In doing so, he engages the full range of issues which affect their lives, including poverty, racism, family breakdown, addictions, and the considerable social and economic repercussions of having a criminal record.

“The effect of such discussions can be profound,” Stoehr said. “I have seen a lot of changes, just by having conversations with my classmates, seeing and hearing people talking positively about the program and how it has brought some changes to their lives.”

In “School on Probation: Teaching That Saves Lives,” published in the fall 2008 issue of The Higher Education Journal, Stoehr writes, “[CLTL] students profit most of all from the simple act of coming together to talk about their own plight….Struggling to understand what the world offers, demands, owes, or withholds from them, and sharing their opinions with growing respect for other voices and views, they can learn to take themselves seriously in a new way. If they do, their lives will have changed.”

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cause the companies are young and lean,” he continued, “they see how decisions are made and they see the impact of these decisions.”

That UMass Boston also has such a large international presence among its student body is another asset for these companies to mine, according to Phillips. “All start-ups would love to have interns who could help them move into international markets,” he said. “It’s expensive for start-ups to hire people that have an understanding of the verbal skills and customs of a foreign country like China or across Europe,” he said, “so these students are a great value proposition for start-ups.”

Recognizing that opportunities abound in other fields of study, part of Phillips’s plans to expand the program include finding internships for students in health care, science, and other programs. “We’ve gotten it off the ground, now we need to make it a university-wide program,” he said. “Our aim is to market this university-wide because there are opportunities for all.”

One student benefiting from the internship program is Wararat Sam.” Tipimolratchai, who will graduate from CM in May with an MBA in finance. Currently an analyst intern at Brighton House Associates—an intermediary between fund managers and potential investors—she provides database support for the analyst team. Tipimolratchai took a class on portfolio management to learn about hedge funds, and the industry exposure she’s had at BHA has reinforced the difference in strategies behind running a hedge fund and a mutual fund, as well as providing valuable firsthand insight into the industry. “I know the class theory, but I know the market changes every day; if you’re not in the market every day, you don’t know what’s going on,” she said. “Working there helps me keep track of industry trends in real time, and I get to learn what investors really want.”

Another Brighton House associate intern is accounting graduate student Wei Tang, who also helps maintain databases for the analysts. Her favorite part of the internship is the Friday communal lunches where all sides of the company come together—senior managers, analysts, and technical personnel—to discuss what’s going on in the company, and at which interns are encouraged to talk about what they’ve learned as well. “It’s a good, open culture; a comfortable environment where I feel I’ve developed a close relationship with people in all departments of the company.”

The nascent internship program, Venture Development Center director William Brah said, came about as the answer to the question: How do we introduce the innovation economy to UMass Boston? “No matter what field of study, students can develop entrepreneurial skills,” he said. “Without providing an entrepreneurial education, we’re not serving the long-term career goals of the student body. Our plan is to have the start-up firms, and internships, located right here on campus in the Venture Development Center.”

Brah predicted the program will attract more students to UMass Boston. “If I knew there was a guy like Dan around, I’d be asking questions such as what are the words of those who have benefited from Phillips’s mentorship. “Dan is giving our students something more valuable than money—he’s providing them with the opportunity to gain real-world experience needed to secure a good job in the future.”

Working alongside Phillips to expand the program, Brah noted that once it reaches 50 to 100 students, the school will seek a foundation grant or ask VC firms to contribute financially or with personnel to help screen resumes. He and Phillips also aim to make the program regional, eventually involving other state and community colleges. More immediately, however, Brah plans to expand the program to the College of Science and Mathematics, the first step on the way to making the internship program—and Phillips’s ideas—university-wide.

“Hey, that’s a person’s goal to help the university evolve to its potential,” Brah said. “That will be his legacy at UMass Boston.”

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CLOCKWISE: Moonrise over the plaza. | Former Vice Chancellor Arthur Bernard; Vice Chancellor for Athletics, Recreation, and Special Programs Charlie Titus; and “Virtual Arthur.” | Veterans Upward Bound graduation ceremony.

CLOCKWISE: Freedom and the press: American Studies Department chair Lois Rudnick and WBZ Radio’s Dan Rea (Boston State College, Class of 1970). | At the launch party for WUMB’s new logo, a camera-shy Dylan, son of Kim Howard and husband Scott. | Associate Provost Peter Langer points two students in the right direction (onward and upward) during opening week. | One of many happy reunions at the State Teachers College at Boston Class of 1958 Reunion.

through the lens of Harry Brett
Just a few of our favorite photos out of the thousands taken by University Photographer Harry Brett in 2008.

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: The Chancellor, the Mayor, and the Governor celebrate the signing of the Commonwealth Compact. | Interim Provost Winston Langley at the Alpha Lambda Delta Society induction ceremony. | Singer in silhouette at WUMB’s Mockingbird Festival.
On December 19, Donna Haag Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy at the McCormick School of Policy Studies, spoke at the 2008 Workshop on Humiliation and Violent Conflict representing the Twentieth Annual Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies Conference at Columbia University in New York on December 11 and 12. The papers were titled “Integrating Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies into Graduate Programs in Global Disaster Studies” and “The Role of Dignity and Humiliation for Addressing Global Challenges.”

On December 19, Professor Samuk Movahedi of the Sociology Department was one of four invited speakers in a national conference on Sex and Psyche, held in New York City on December 6.

Professor Mark Pawlak has published a selection from his memoir about poet Denise Levertov in the Australian literary magazine Jacket.

The Institute for Community Inclusion has their StateData project recently published the book StateData: The National Report on Employment Services and Outcomes. It provides statistics over a twenty-year period from several national data sets that address the status of employment and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Professor Marilyn Frankenstein of the College of Public and Community Service as one of three times a year for British journal Numeracy Briefing, and is also on the editorial panel for a special issue on Mental Illness, Homelessness and for Social Policy, presented a paper titled "Casinos: Creating Another Injustice." The piece commented on the environmentally racist citing of a proposed casino next to a Native tribe. Leong co-authored, with attorney Zenobia Lai, a law review article titled “From the Community Lawyers’ Lens: The Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities and Challenges to Securing Civil Rights for Asian Americans,” which was published in volume 15 of the Asian American Law Journal, published by the Asian Pacific American Law School of the University of California, Berkeley.

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synthesis of quinoxaline derivatives.” These papers are part of a research collaboration on free radical chemistry and heterocyclic chemistry with Sichuan University in China.

Assistant Professor Melissa Pearrow of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology published the article “A critical examination of an urban-based youth empowerment strategy: The Teen Empowerment program” in the Journal of Community Practice.

Michael Keating, associate dean and senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Democracy and Development, had an article titled “Nigeria’s Enduring Fault Line” published in the December 11 edition of World Politics Review on the civil unrest in Nigeria following recent elections.

Assistant Professor Scott Crouter of the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences observed “Walking, cycling and obesity rates in Europe, North America and Australia” for the Journal of Physical Activity and Health.


Associate Professor of Nursing Haesok Lee wrote “Hepatitis B infection among Korean Americans in College of Nursing and Health Sciences” for the Journal of Nursing Practice and “Curriculum need for Serologic Testing and Vaccination” for the Journal of Hepatitis Monthly, and “Spirituality, Depression, Living Alone and Perceived Health Among Korean Elders in the Community” in Archives of Psychiatric Nursing.

Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Eileen Smart-Shor coauthored “Prevention of Heart Failure: A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Associa- tion” in the journal Circulation.

Associate Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences McColley coauthored “Smoking trends in the Nurses Health Study (1976-2003)” for the November-December issue of Nursing Research.

Interim Chair of the Department of Nursing Lois Haggerty coauthored “Academic Visitor” at Hong Kong College of Public and Community Affairs.


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Barbara Lewis, Director of the Trotter Institute, interviewed novelist Terry McMillan and John Edgar Wideman in front of a live audience at the Schomburg Library in New York City on November 20. The event was part of the Writers on the Cutting Edge series curated by poet and journalist Quincy Troupe. From left: Quincy Troupe, Barbara Lewis, and novelist John Edgar Wideman and Terry McMillan. (Photo by Bob Gore)

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IN THE NEWS

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and Associate Professor of Political Science, has been named the next commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

Senior instructional designer Eileen McDonald has received the Mary K. Becker Award for Excellence in Teaching on the American postsecondary system.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Alan Clayton-Matthews was quoted in the Boston Globe on December 4 in a story about a report by the Donahue Institute which states that the Massachusetts economy is falling into a recession, again in the Globe in November 26 about companies which are making preemptive workforce cuts, in the Tacoma, Washington News Tribune in a November 21 story about a potential appointee to the Federal Reserve, in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Boston Globe, on WBUR in November 21 in stories about unemployment figures in Massachusetts, in the Bos- ton Globe and the Ipswich (Massachusetts) Chronicle on December 16 about possible budget-cutting moves by Massachusetts governor Deval Patr- ick, in the Patriot Ledger on Novem- ber 18 in an article about the stock market, and in the Boston Globe on December 26 story about companies which are making preemptive workforce cuts, in the Tacoma, Washington News Tribune in a November 21 story about a potential appointee to the Federal Reserve, in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Boston Globe, on WBUR in November 21 in stories about unemployment figures in Massachusetts, in the Bos- ton Globe and the Ipswich (Massachusetts) Chronicle on December 16 about possible budget-cutting moves by Massachusetts governor Deval Patr- ick, in the Patriot Ledger on Novem- ber 18 in an article about the stock market, and in the Boston Globe on December 26 story about companies which are making preemptive workforce cuts, in the Tacoma, Washington News Tribune in a November 21 story about a potential appointee to the Federal Reserve, in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Boston Globe, on WBUR in November 21 in stories about unemployment figures in Massachusetts, in the Bos- ton Globe and the Ipswich (Massachusetts) Chronicle on December 16 about possible budget-cutting moves by Massachusetts governor Deval Patr- ick, in the Patriot Ledger on Novem- ber 18 in an article about the stock market, and in the Boston Globe on December 26 story about companies which are making preemptive workforce cuts, in the Tacoma, Washington News Tribune in a November 21 story about a potential appointee to the Federal Reserve, in the Worcester Telegraph & Gazette, Boston Globe, on WBUR in November 21 in stories about unemployment figures in Massachusetts, in the Bos-
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**Monday 5**
**Winter Session begins**

**Monday 19**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
University closed.

**Friday 23**
**Winter Session ends**
Teaching for Transformation
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Ryan Lounge and other locations.
Annual Conference on Teaching for Transformation, sponsored by the Center for the Improvement of Teaching (CIT). The conference will include 22 sessions, with presenters from UMass Boston and other colleges and universities. Details at www.cit.umb.edu.

**Monday 26**
Spring semester begins

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**Moukley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, was noted in the December 4 Cape Cod Times. Chanceller J. Keith Motley was the subject of a November 21 Boston Globe column, “A Perfect Fit for UMass,” and spoke with News-Center 5 on December 3 about the growing popularity of public colleges such as UMass Boston. Also, a speech by the Chancellor to members of the Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association was noted in the November 26 Dorchester Reporter.**

Senior Statistician in the Center for Survey Research Anthony Roman was mentioned in a BostonChannel.com story in December about a survey of the health of local seniors on which the CSR took a prominent role. Director of the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network and the Minority Business Center at UMass Boston Mark R. Allio was quoted in the Los Angeles Business Journal in a November 28 story about the limited credit currently available to small businesses.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Lisa Johnson was quoted in the Patriot Ledger on December 2 in a story about the increasing popularity of state schools such as UMass Boston.

Marc Prou, associate professor and chair of the Africana Studies Department, was quoted extensively in an article titled “Haitian Abroad Working Tirelessly to Rebuild Ravaged Country” in the November 27-December 1 New York Beacon.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Christian Weller was quoted in the Atlanta Journal Constitution on November 28 and in the magazine Pensions & Investments. He also appeared on Bloomberg television and CNN.

A letter to the editor about the positive effect of federal deficits, written by Arthur MacEwan, senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy and professor emeritus in the Department of Economics, was published in the December 1 Boston Globe.

Professor of Economics and senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy Randy Abhala wrote an op-ed column for the November 27 Boston Globe that called for an economic stimulus plan which would enhance the nation’s social infrastructure, and was quoted released by the Institute of Asian Studies in December 22 about an effort to help college students restructure their financial aid packages to include work-study jobs.

The New England Ethnic Newswire (www.ethnicnews.org), a project of the Center on Media & Society at the McCormack School, was mentioned in a November 26 Boston Globe magazine feature about the best local Web sites. The project’s first annual NEENA Awards were mentioned in the November 26 Dorchester Reporter, an India Currents magazine, the Danbury, Connecticut newspapers Tribuna and Tribuna Times, and on the Web sites of the Jewish Journal, O Jornal, New America Media, and TalBoston.

Assistant Professor of Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences Allan Gontz was quoted in a November 23 Boston Globe story about an archaeological dig at the site of what was once Great Pond in Dorchester.

Professor of Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences Robert Chu, and Associate Professor of Public Policy and Welfare Rights Ann Withorn was quoted in a November 21 Boston Herald story about a bribery allegation against former state senator Dianne Wilkerson.

UMass Boston was the setting for a PBS NewsHour feature story on December 8 on the rising costs of higher education, and the debts incurred for many who go to college.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology Patrick Clarkin was quoted in a December 21 New York Times article about a group of Hmong refugees who now live in French Guiana.

Associate Professor of Psychology David Lisak was quoted in a December 18 Colorado Springs Ga-

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**In the Community: Chancellor Cheer**

Chancellor J. Keith Motley visited the Mason School for an early holiday celebration, and to meet with the top three finishers in his holiday card contest, including runners-up Marisol (left), Denise (back), and winner Loriana (right), whose design appears below. (Photo by Harry Brett)