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## Guggenheims awarded to four UMass profs

Clive Foss and I. Linda Gordon, two UMass/Boston historians, have been awarded Guggenheim Fellowships for 1983. Fellowship awards totaling \$5,540,000 were announced for 292 scholars, scientists and artists.

The University of Massachusetts received four Fellowships; other Guggenheim grants were given to UMass/Amherst professors, George Cuomo, English, and Dr. Virginia P. Scott, Associate Professor of Theatre.

"We are very pleased our UMass/Boston scholars were chosen and especially happy to see confirmed that we rank with the very best of American Universities," said Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

The 59th Guggenheim competition awarded Fellowships on demonstrated accomplishment in the past and strong promise for the future. There were 3,571 applicants from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. The leading institution was Cornell University with 11 winners.

Dr. I. (for Irene) Linda Gordon, Associate Professor of History, UMass/Boston, is a Cambridge resident who was graduated magna cum laude from Swarthmore College in 1961. She earned M.A. degrees in Russian Studies (1962) and History (1964) from Yale University and a Ph.D. in History from Yale in 1970.

Dr. Gordon came to UMass/Boston's faculty in September, 1968. She has written several books, the most popular being *Woman's Body, Woman's Right: A Social History of Birth Control in America*. It was a finalist for the National Book Award in History and was published in Penguin paperback in 1977.

Dr. Gordon's grant will enable her to continue research in family violence and social control, 1880-1960.

Dr. Clive Foss, 44, born in London, England speaks six languages,



Left to right: Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan; Guggenheim Fellowship recipient Dr. I. Linda Gordon; Dr. Richard Freeland, Dean of the College of Arts and Science; and Dr. Robert Greene, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Italian and Hungarian, and reads a half-dozen more including Greek (ancient and modern) and Arabic.

His field of research under the Guggenheim will be Urban life in the Byzantine Empire. Two of his books are *Rome and Byzantium*, and *Byzantine and Turkish Sardis*.

A graduate of Harvard College 1961, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Foss took an A.B. in Classics. He studied in Athens from 1961-62, and returned to Harvard University for an M.A. in History, 1965, and a Ph.D. in History and Classical Archaeology, 1973.

Dr. Foss taught at Emerson College and Boston College and came to UMass/Boston in 1969. He also taught at University of Lyons, France.

During its history, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation has granted over \$100 million in Fellowships.

## Briefly . . .

The College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a series of events that started April 29 at 100 Arlington St. Jean McGuire, Director of METCO and a member of the Boston Public School Committee, presented the keynote address. Other events will take place in the Fall.

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## profile

# Management students want jump on jobs, says Dean Elam



Houston Elam, Dean of the College of Management

There has been a veritable explosion in the enrollment of college students at schools of business administration.

According to Houston Elam, 49, of Brookline, dean of the College of Management at UMass/Boston, where the explosion is most evident, young people are responding to fear.

Fear that:

- The historic liberal arts, broad-knowledge approach to education in this country will no longer result in attaining employment in today's specialized, mechanized and technized society.

- They will not have the time or the money to go beyond undergraduate training to get graduate degrees they believe guarantee a job today, and so they are looking for a compromise education that will capsule their efforts from six or more years of study into four.

The fear is normal during times when the economy and politics of the world appear to be unsettled, according to Elam who said that, in response to a great need among working people, UMass/Boston will launch a business administration masters' degree program in September.

It will be the first such program available in a public school in Boston history.

UMass/Boston's management school, following the national trend, is teeming with undergraduate business students. There are currently 2400 men and women enrolled in management courses at the university; in 1975 when the business school started, 10 years after the university first opened its doors, only 700 students were studying in a limited business program.

The UMass/Boston management program today offers the kind of job-guaranteeing study compromise young people and industry are demanding, according to Elam who

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said his own son, Douglas, 23, is enrolled at the Harbor Campus after getting an associate degree at Northeastern University.

"Only recently, most major corporations made the decision that, in a very large proportion of their new hires for managers, they wanted those who are broadly trained in business administration," Elam said.

Up to then, and for a very long period of time before, those running large corporations hired liberal arts graduates or others with only narrow business training for management positions, he stated.

The UMass/Boston dean believes problems in many U.S. industries today, the decline in American-made auto sales, as well as the rise of Japan as a leader in the manufacture and marketing of cars, computers, calculators and television sets, can be attributed in part to this country's failure to educate enough of its young people in broad-based business career programs.

Schools like UMass/Boston are trying to meet the new needs of the country's industry. The College of Management offers students balanced exposure to both liberal arts and the skills and knowledge of business.

And, startlingly, a glimpse of future corporate management, as seen in today's classrooms at the Harbor Campus, reveals a majority of those in attendance are women.

"If our records are any illustration, our better students are women," said Elam. "Most of our awards are won by women."

The business college head said that women also make up about 40 percent of all present enrollment in MBA programs throughout the country.

Probably the largest individual group of male or female business majors is studying accounting, or the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) approach to success where, Elam said, the future is bright.

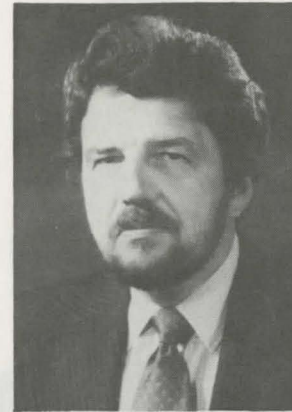
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## chancellor's corner



by Dr. Robert A. Corrigan

As we approach another exam period, I want to voice as strongly as possible my disapproval of the practice of scheduling final examinations at any time other than that officially assigned by the Registrar.

This practice is in flagrant opposition to College and University policy. Although reminders of the policy are regularly circulated by Provost and Deans, we continue, just as regularly, to hear reports of violations.

The scheduling of final examinations on the last day of class or during the reading period is the most severe infraction. However brief our reading period is, it does offer our students a study period uninterrupted by the necessity for regular class preparation and attendance. This "breathing space" gives students time not only to catch up if they are behind, but to review the semester's coursework and, we hope, achieve a kind of academic overview that is difficult during the day-to-day progress of classes.

Why do faculty schedule exams in violation of oft-repeated policy? Is it for their own convenience? Some may believe honestly that in doing so they are suiting the needs of their students' busy schedules. Faculty members should realize, however, that even if students request a rescheduling, to comply with their request is not necessarily in their best *academic* interests. And by scheduling to meet the desires of a few students, a faculty member inevitably will violate both the wishes and academic rights of others, who keep their opinions (and their resentment) quiet in deference to their professor.

I firmly believe that the vast majority of our faculty respect the rights of students, and it is the isolated instance that is being brought to our attention. I call upon all faculty to ensure that University policy and students' rights are honored.

## UMB offers new program for high school "Urban Scholars"

UMass/Boston has created the Urban Scholars Program to help gifted public high school students. In the summer of 1983, it will initiate a pilot program for talented juniors at Dorchester High, Jeremiah E. Burke High School and South Boston High School.

Five of the most talented juniors from each school will be selected to participate.

Cooperating in the inaugural program are Albert Holland, Headmaster, Jeremiah E. Burke; Stanley Swartz, Headmaster, Dorchester High School and Jerome Winegar, Headmaster, South Boston High School.

The pilot program will consist of three components: A one-day assessment workshop, a six-week Academic Institute and a four-week career internship.

In addition, students will have opportunities to attend program-sponsored cultural events and to utilize the University's recreational facilities, including the Clark Athletic Center.

Students will receive a \$750 stipend for participation in the pilot program. Those who complete successfully the 10-week pilot program will be eligible to participate in the Urban Scholars Program during the 1983-84 academic year.

The Academic Institute will be held June 27 through August 5, Monday through Friday. The purpose is to help students to develop new skills and to enhance their present ones.

Joan Becker and LeRoy M. Romero are Associate Directors of the Urban Scholars Program.

## Chancellor Corrigan hosts meeting of Alumni presidents



Alumni presidents gathered at a recent breakfast hosted by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan to discuss upcoming 20th anniversary of UMass/Boston. Left to right: John Comerford '70; Julianne Walsh '73 (representing President Jim Samuels '69); Andy Warren '73 (representing President Kevin Kirrane '71); Lane Jackman '69; Chancellor Corrigan; Mike Ventresca '69; and Al Russell '70.





Ron Ancrum, Director of Admissions

## Services for handicapped lure Darryl Williams to UMB

Facilities for handicapped students are so exceptional at UMass/Boston that Darryl Williams, the 19-year-old former high school football player who was paralyzed by a rifle bullet will start his freshman year at the University in September.

Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Charles F. Desmond and Director of Admissions Ron Ancrum made arrangements with Williams' family and the youth who attended Jamaica Plain High School at the time of the shooting.

Williams is quadriplegic, but is able to operate a motorized wheelchair.

On Sept. 28, 1979, Williams, then a 15 year-old sophomore, was struck in the neck by a rifle bullet when he was standing on the field with teammates

at halftime of a game played in Charlestown. The shot was fired from an adjacent housing project.

"Darryl hopes to major in mathematics and, looking ahead, is thinking about eventually studying law," said Vice-Chancellor Desmond. "Our excellent facilities for handicapped persons attracted him to the Harbor Campus."

There are approximately 100 handicapped students at UMass/Boston, according to Andrea B. Schein, director of the Disabled Student Center. This includes about 35 in wheelchairs.

The center has three fulltime members and uses students on work-study programs.

## Briefly . . .

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Carl S. Finn, profiled last issue, has been named Director, Office of Grant & Contract Administration. Congratulations! . . . Kudos also are in order for Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, recently named a Director of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's Executive Club. He'll serve two years.

During the spring vacation, Prof. Robert Evans of the Arts Dept. produced a short film, *The New England Story*, on location at Concord and Stockbridge, Mass. Cast and crew averaged 30 people daily, overseen by cinematographer Bestor Cram of Northern Light Productions, Boston. The director was Ted Davis; the host William Gibson, noted playwright and critic. Five UMass/Boston students interned during the shoot. The script was written by Prof. Evans.

Upcoming seminars in the Environmental Science Program: May 19, Dierdre M. Kimball, UMass/Boston; Alkaline phosphatase; May 26, William F. Allen, UMass/Boston; Analytical techniques for measuring the rates of transformation of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. Seminars are held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 063, Bldg. 010. Phone 929-8255 to confirm.

Dr. Norman Rabkin of University of California at Berkeley, one of the world's leading authorities on Shakespeare, delivered the second Bluestone Memorial Lecture here on May 2. The annual affair is dedicated to the memory of Max Bluestone, for 16 years a member of the UMass/Boston English faculty, who died in April, 1981. At that time, family, friends, colleagues and former students established a fund for an annual memorial lecture. Professor Rabkin and Bluestone were close personal friends and professional associates.

Currently underway is an eight-week program teaching English and mathematics to AFDC mothers who are preparing to enter a General Electric Apprentice Training Program. CAS Academic Support Services is coordinating the instruction in alliance with the International Union of Electrical Workers. IUE has expressed a desire to make this an ongoing program beyond the first eight weeks.

Classes are conducted on-site at the IUE Program offices, Saugus. Instruction is conducted by UMass/Boston personnel. The program runs through May 20.

Dr. Neal Bruss' program for Technical Writing is paying off. Two seniors already have been placed — Bernie Buelow at Wang Laboratories and Susan West at McCormick-Dodge.

Dr. Robert W. Guimond, professor

## Oops!



That wasn't Mary Winslow of Career Services on Page three of our last issue, as hundreds, it seems, let us know. It was Bonnie Meehan, Mary's trusty aide, and here she is again, just to set the matter right. What it proved to us is that Mary has many friends. Bonnie, too. Sorry, ladies.

of Biology and Department Coordinator at the Huntington Campus, recently appeared before the Subcommittee on Administrative Law of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C. He was invited to testify on behalf of House Bill H.R. 1942 which, if passed, would overrule a 33 year old Supreme Court decision known as the *Feres* doctrine.