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# News & Views

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## Anrig lauds UMB faculty at 20th anniversary kick-off dinner



Chatting at 20th Anniversary dinner, left to right: Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, Dr. Gregory R. Anrig, keynote speaker, and Hon. Robert H. Quinn, Chairman of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees.

### Briefly . . .

Dr. Rosalyn (Ros) Barron of the Art Department was invited to the University of Colorado recently as a visiting artist. She gave a series of lectures and video presentations.

Dr. Barron both paints and works in video. Her work can be described as a surreal juxtaposition of space, scale, objects and environment.

A Boston native, she received her B.F.A. from the Massachusetts College of Art. She and her husband, Harris Barron, founded and direct "Zone," a performance art group.

Dr. Barron has received several grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and from The Rockefeller Foundation, and is the only person twice honored with video fellowships from the Massachusetts Council for the Arts and Humanities.

Two new faculty in the Environmental Science program are Dr. Robert P. Eganhouse, an environmental chemist, and Dr. Eugene D. Gallagher, an environmental biologist. Dr. Gallagher has an N.S.F. grant dealing with animals on the bottom of Boston Harbor and what they tell us of pollution in the harbor.

UMass/Boston's Thomas McNeil was presented a special plaque by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis at a recent seminar at the State House involving energy conservation. The University was one of six operations cited state-wide.

Since 1975, discloses McNeil, UMass/Boston has saved over 8 million dollars in energy costs, reducing consumption by some 40%.

McNeil, a Weymouth resident, has been Energy Manager at UMB since 1973. He was graduated from Suffolk University as an Electrical Engineer.

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Dr. Gregory R. Anrig, President of the Educational Testing Service, lauded the UMass/Boston faculty in his address at a dinner opening the celebration of the University's 20th anniversary.

Indeed, Dr. Anrig once was a UMass/Boston faculty member involved with the Institute for Learning and Teaching.

"Back in my days," said Dr. Anrig, "the University didn't have such beautiful buildings and environs. When touring the downtown campus then, you had to tell guests to 'look up' or more often 'look out'. The architecture was pre-urban renewal or middle-vintage decay.

"Who can ever forget the basement cafeteria in Sawyer Building or the congeniality of packed elevators lumbering between floors at 100 Arlington Street? Or our neighbors in the nearby Combat Zone? Or our one claim to Ivy-like grandeur—the National Guard Armory that was our library?"

Extolling the faculty, Dr. Anrig stated, "One of my fondest memories of UMass/Boston is of its faculty. In my time here, the faculty combined strong scholarly and research strengths with an intense interest in students and in teaching.

"Faculty went the extra mile to help their students and involve them in the governance of the University. They respected the financial and family sacrifices most students were making to attend the University.

"The faculty was a caring group of scholars who made the University a very

special place of learning. Of course, there were some exceptions, but the rule was a strong commitment to teaching and to students that met my criterion for the good public servant.

"I marveled, too, at how the powers of government were shared among administrators, faculty, staff and students. No experts in organizational management would ever devise such a governance system, but somehow it worked.

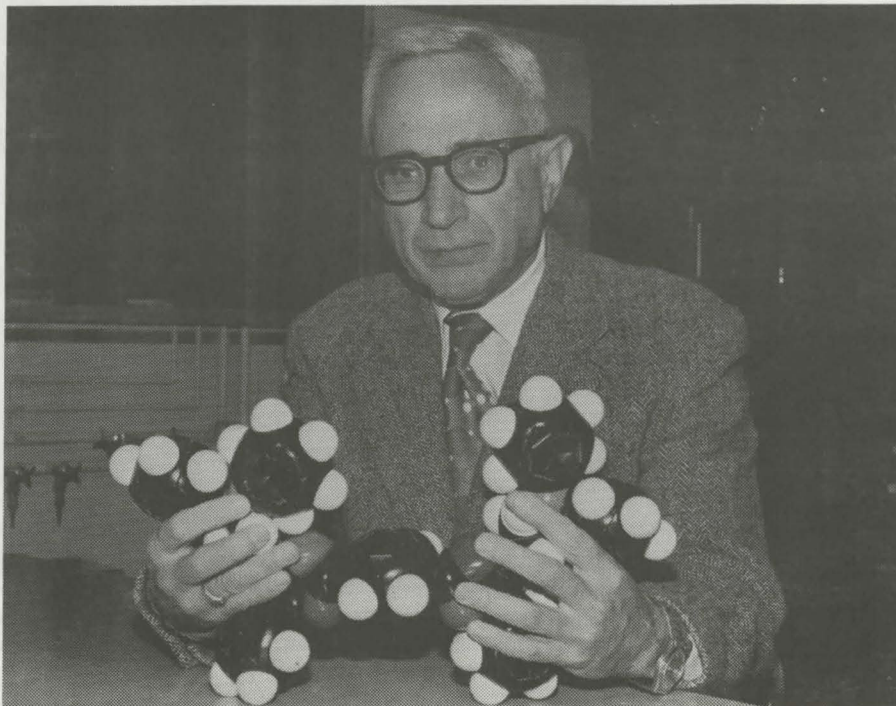
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Dr. Gregory R. Anrig addresses UMass/Boston's 20th Anniversary kick-off dinner at the Clark Center.

## 20th anniversary profiles

# Committed faculty, eager students highlights of Dr. Becker's tenure



**Dr. Ernest Becker**

Dr. Ernest Becker, a nationally recognized scientist in the field of chemistry, came to UMass/Boston in 1965 from the Polytechnic Institute in New York because "it gave me a chance to have a hand in the University's development."

Dr. Becker has seen the University's Chemistry Department grow from 5 faculty members and 12 majors in 1965 to its current faculty membership of 18. Over the years he has guided the research of 27 Ph.D. and 50 M.S. candidates, as well as that of countless undergraduates.

Becker recalls that lab facilities were very limited at the Park Square Building, the University's first home, in 1965. In spite of this, faculty carried on their research as best they could. "Research was a given," recalls Becker. "We were committed to it from the start;" that commitment, he noted, continues with the present UMass/Boston faculty.

"We had to be creative," he said with a smile. "We were blessed then with a faculty that was really excited about teaching, as is today's. There were no teaching assistants, so there was a great deal of contact with the students.

"The students," added Becker, "have been the shining thing of my 19 years here. We have students of quality; they are eager to work."

Becker talked about one of his first Chemistry majors at UMB who worked in a mop closet until more lab space was added. The student later worked as a

courier between the Boston and Amherst campuses. Up at 5:30 a.m. to drive to Amherst, he took graduate courses there in the morning and was back in Boston in the afternoon. He received an M.S. and now heads the American division of a German chemical company that does 1.6 billion dollars in business.

Over his years of teaching, Becker has seen many of these dedicated, highly motivated students become very successful in medicine, science and industry. "Many of my students have surpassed me," he claims.

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That is a difficult task in light of Becker's distinguished career, which includes consultant to private industries, book reviewer, editor of numerous articles and author of nearly 100 research publications. Dr. Becker also created and organized, within the American Chemical Society, the 1200 member Division of Chemical Health and Safety, an area of particular interest to him.

For the future Becker feels that UMass/Boston is ready to "form its own destiny" after its first 20 years of "infancy." UMass/Boston seems assured of doing so if it continues to recruit faculty of Dr. Becker's caliber.

## Gant appointed new Director of Affirmative Action at UMB

Jocelind Gant has been appointed Director of Affirmative Action.

"Ms. Gant brings to the position an impressive set of academic credentials and rich experience in the field of affirmative action, as well as an intimate knowledge of this institution," said Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

A graduate of Boston State College, Ms. Gant earned a master's degree in English Literature from Boston College. She is completing her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration, also at BC.

Ms. Gant is a native of Barbados and was a long-time Mattapan resident. She came to UMass/Boston after serving as Director of Affirmative Action at Boston State College.

Ms. Gant also taught at Boston State College, Roxbury Community College and Bentley College. She currently resides in Newton.



**Jocelind Gant**

# Public policy research to be focus of UMB's McCormack Institute

The John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs has been established at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

The McCormack Institute was approved by the University's Board of Trustees at a recent meeting.

The Institute is named for the late Speaker of the United States House of Representatives who was born in South Boston, less than a mile from the Harbor Campus.

McCormack lived most of his life in Dorchester and represented Massachusetts' Ninth Congressional District, in which the Campus lies, for 43 years.

"The McCormack Institute has several complimentary goals," said Chancellor Corrigan. "Through sponsorship of applied research in public policy, the Institute will marshal and expand a wide-ranging educational outreach program in cooperation with the John F. Kennedy Library, our neighbors on Pleasure Bay.

"The Institute will promote informed debate and encourage active participation in governmental affairs. It will serve as home for the Master of Science in Public

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— Chancellor Corrigan

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Chancellor Corrigan noted the Institute will build upon resources already existing on the Boston Campus. "The Institute will also help join University resources with those of its neighbors on Columbia Point, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library and the Massachusetts State Archives, currently under construction.

"It will be a living tribute to John W. McCormack's life dedicated to public service," said Chancellor Corrigan.

## Beard named Institute's first director; says new program will work with JFK Library

Edmund Beard, director of the new John W. McCormack Institute for Public Affairs at UMass/Boston, said plans call for the Institute to absorb the University's Boston Urban Observatory, the Center for Survey Research and the Center for Studies and Policy in the Public Interest, which have been responsible for a number of outstanding studies done over the years on the effectiveness of public service.

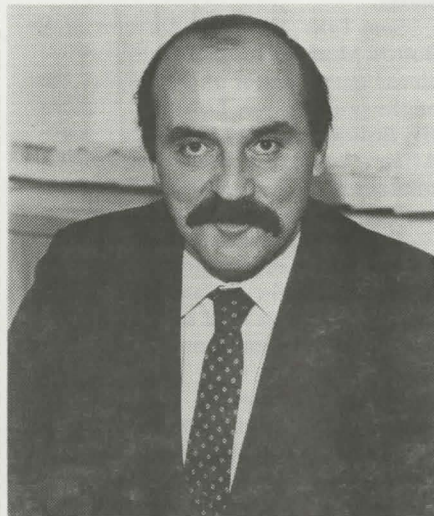
"The University decided to merge these independent programs, together with a growing joint cooperation with the John F. Kennedy Library, and an educational outreach enterprise, into one, single, applied policy research and public service unit," said Beard of the Institute named after the late Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

The Report on "Boston's Fiscal Future: Prognosis and Policy Options for 1984 to 1986," by Joseph S. Slavet and Raymond G. Torto, represents the first effort of the fledgling McCormack Institute.

Beard said the Slavet and Torto paper "is a good example of the kind of applied policy research that we'll try to make available to the policy-making community on a regular basis."

Beard, 39, married and father of an 8-month old son, lives in Braintree.

He came to UMass/Boston in 1973

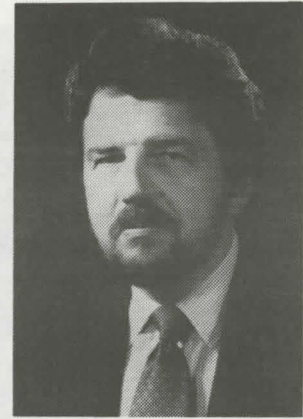


**Dr. Edmund Beard**

from the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C. In Boston he has been a professor of Political Science and, for the past three years, chairman of the Political Science Department.

Born in Northville, Michigan, he graduated from the University of Michigan and received a Master of International Affairs degree from Columbia University, followed by a Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia in 1973.

## chancellor's corner



by Robert A. Corrigan

I am very pleased to report that the initiatives which we have taken over the last year to attract new students and to retain matriculated students have been very successful. An increase of 325 full-time equivalent students and 400 head-count students over Fall of 1982 is reflected by this year's reported enrollment figures of 8,425 full-time equivalent and 11,500 head-count students.

These significant increases in the number of enrolled students fly in the face of dramatic national and local demographic drops in the 18-21 year-old cohort and attest to the success of the policy of active intervention adopted last Winter.

We owe a special debt in this regard to Associate Chancellor of Planning Donald Babcock and his staff, to Dean Douglas Hartnagel and the staff of Enrollment Services, to the University Relations and Publications area, and to the Deans or Directors of each academic unit.

As we continue with active enrollment planning, I feel confident that we will continue, even in difficult times for higher education in general, to draw on an ever larger and more broadly-based student applicant pool, in order to build this University into a truly great public University serving the citizens of the City of Boston and of Eastern Massachusetts.

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# UMass/Boston sponsors mayoral debate between King and Flynn



Mayoral candidates Mel King, left, and Ray Flynn flank Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan at the recent debate held in the 020 Student Lounge.

UMass/Boston, the city's only public university, was deeply involved in the mayoral race between candidates Mel King of the South End and Ray Flynn of South Boston, and sponsored two recent candidate debates, one in the 020 Student Lounge on the Harbor Campus, the other, sponsored by the Alumni Association, at the Park Plaza Hotel.

The Harbor Campus debate drew some 300 spectators—plus all the local TV, radio and print media—and was widely publicized. It was held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau and followed up the first report from the University's newly founded John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs.

The 72-page report, by UMass/Boston's Dr. Raymond G. Torto and Joseph S. Slavet of the University's Urban Observatory, was critical of

Boston's fiscal condition and noted that the city's disposing of facilities such as the recent sale of four garages was "like selling the family jewels" to balance the books.

Sam Tyler, Executive Director of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, served as moderator of the debate. Also on the program was Lowell L. Richards III, Boston's Deputy Mayor of Fiscal Affairs. Leaders of Boston's financial community and, of course, supporters of both candidates were in attendance.

George M. Lovejoy, Jr., of the Research Bureau accepted a Public Service Award from Chancellor Corrigan. Also in head table attendance was Boston School Committeeman Kevin McCluskey.

John P. Comerford, chairman of the Alumni Association, moderated the debate held at the Park Plaza Hotel.

## Faculty's commitment to students, research recalled by Dr. Anrig

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"While admiring this result, I also concluded that to be an effective Chancellor one had to approach sainthood in terms of patience, diplomacy and political astuteness. . . .

"... the accomplishments of this

University have not come easily. Its personality has been shaped by internal and external debate over all its 20 years. This is appropriate, for a university by its very nature is the most collegial of public enterprises."

## Briefly . . .

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Dr. James E. Blackwell, nationally-acclaimed Professor of Sociology, is the author of *Networking and Mentoring: A Study of Cross-Generational Experiences of Blacks in Graduate and Professional Schools*, a major research monograph recently published by the Southern Education Foundation.

Dr. Blackwell presented a paper based upon this research at the recent annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Detroit. He also made a presentation during the plenary session on "Have We Turned The Corner on Testing?" at the National Forum of the College Board meeting in Dallas on October 23-25.

MBTA officials have pledged an "open-minded review" to consider both a second platform at the Red Line's JFK-UMass (Columbia) station and a new "flyover" that would enable South Shore trains to stop there and at Savin Hill Station. The MBTA already has begun a preliminary engineering study on a project to bring the South Shore branch to JFK-UMass.

Associate Professor William W. (Bill) Hansard of the Art Department recently appeared in a Brookline forum at Urban Psychological Associates. Filmmaker Hansard presented two short films and discussed the films and the process of filmmaking. Dr. Hansard teaches film and video production.

Prof. Hansard began his career in films in New York City at the United Nations and later in commercial TV. He came to Boston in 1964, where he has produced and directed programs at Channels 2 (WGBH) and 5 (WCVB) and been nominated for several awards.

Dr. Peter Ott of the German Department was one of 35 Germanists world-wide who participated in an International Conference on Contemporary German Literature in Berlin, October 5-10, at the invitation of the German Academic Exchange Service.