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# The UMass/Boston Friday Report

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News and information about and for the  
Community from the Chancellor's Office

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**University Receives \$100,000 Gift** -- The Foundation for Litton Industries, Inc., last Tuesday presented to the University a \$100,000 check, the largest gift from a private source it has received since it was founded 28 years ago. Litton is a California-based Fortune 500 technology firm. The donation was made possible by **Alton J. Brann**, president and chief operating officer of Litton, who received his degree in mathematics from the University in 1969. On behalf of Mr. Brann and Litton Industries, **James H. Frey**, president of Litton-Itek Optical Systems, which is based in Lexington, presented the check to Chancellor **Sherry H. Penney** during a ceremony in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

In accepting the check, Penney said: "What is particularly noteworthy is that this gift comes from an alumnus of UMass/Boston who, because of the initial education and help he received at the University, was then able -- by dint of his own talent, intellectual powers and drive -- to attain a position as one of America's leading corporate executives." Frey said that Brann "very much appreciates this University and what it has done for him. He feels strongly that public higher education deserves support from private donors." Brann, who excelled in Russian language and calculus courses while a student at UMass/Boston, received the Chancellor's Medal last November at a breakfast for corporate executives sponsored by the University. Income from the \$100,000 gift will underwrite merit-based scholarship awards for two UMass/Boston students who are studying either mathematics or computer science. The first winners will receive their awards during the next academic year. The Litton gift also will be a keystone in the University's upcoming campaign to raise extensive support for the sciences.

**Researchers To Study Racial, Ethnic Attitudes** -- Researchers from UMass/Boston and UMass Lowell comprise one of three teams selected from a nationwide pool of applicants to receive funding for a series of studies on racial and ethnic attitudes, and how race, ethnicity and immigrant status are related to inequalities in housing and employment. The University of Massachusetts was awarded \$784,275 to conduct the surveys in several eastern Massachusetts cities beginning next February. The other winners are UCLA and the University of Michigan, which are conducting parallel studies in Los Angeles and Detroit respectively. At UMass/Boston the research project will involve the Gaston Institute, the Trotter Institute, the McCormack Institute, the doctoral program in public policy, and the Center for Survey Research. Support comes from the Ford Foundation (\$367,500), the Russell Sage Foundation (\$367,275), and the Boston Foundation (\$50,000). Political science Professor **Barry Bluestone**, one of six principal investigators from Boston and Lowell involved in the project, predicts that the research will provide public policy makers with valuable information for years to come. "The policy implications likely to follow from this research are quite profound," he says. "The total project involving three cities will permit a rich analysis of conditions in urban America both in this decade and into the 21st century."

In the first survey, staff from the Center for Survey Research will conduct in-person interviews with members of 1,800 white, African American and Latino households in Boston, Lawrence, Lowell, and in other cities and towns with sizable immigrant populations. Funding is currently being sought to add about 600 Asian American households to the survey. Interviewers will ask detailed questions focusing on personal work histories, job experiences, job search methods, and how people view the attitudes of their employers. Questioners conducting the survey also will probe people's attitudes toward their own and other racial groups, and explore stereotypes, perceptions, preferences and fears. Special attention will be paid to attitudes regarding housing and residential choices. A second survey will query young adults ages 18 to 34 who are

residents of the 1,800 homes to be used in the initial survey. These interviews will be conducted by telephone and will pose questions devoted solely to labor market issues. Two other studies will focus on employers and allow for a comparison of their attitudes with those of their employees. All of the surveys are expected to be completed by the fall of 1993.

According to **Miren Uriarte**, director of the Gaston Institute, the dramatic shift over the last two decades in Massachusetts' population has created a need for this type of study. Latinos in 1990 comprised 10.8% of Boston's population, up from 2.8% in 1970. For those same years in the city of Lawrence, the Latino population has grown from 3.5% to 41% of the total population. In Lowell, the number of Southeast Asian residents has increased from 100 in 1970 to approximately 20,000 today. "With the altered demographic profile of Massachusetts, it is more important than ever that we find out how people are feeling about each other," Uriarte says. "Racial and ethnic attitudes are so much related to the housing and employment issues." In addition to Bluestone and Uriarte, the other principal investigators are **James Jennings**, director of the Trotter Institute; **Michael Massagli**, a senior researcher at the Center for Survey Research; and Professors **Philip I. Moss** and **Chris Tilly**, who are faculty members of the Department of Policy and Planning at Lowell. Other members of the research team include **Ramon Borges**, research associate at the Gaston Institute; **Mary Ellen Colten**, director of the Center for Survey Research; **Peter Kiang**, professor in the Graduate College of Education; and **Edwin Melendez**, a professor of urban studies and planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### **Chancellor Writes Governor About Salary Increases** -- Chancellor

Penney has joined the leaders of other state colleges and universities in calling for Governor **William Weld** to honor the collective bargaining agreements reached in 1990 that would provide salary increases for faculty and staff. In her letter to the Governor, the Chancellor observed that "no amount of belt-tightening and creative management to provide an education of excellence to the Commonwealth's citizens can make up for the constant battering our faculty and staff have gone through." And she added: "Because there have been no salary increases since 1988, morale has sagged and we face a steady exodus of dispirited faculty and staff. At some point not too far off in the future, our best people will have disappeared, and it will be even more difficult for our campus to help the new University of Massachusetts system achieve national stature and recognition as a world class enterprise.."

### **Details on Education Doctoral Program Announced** -- The Graduate

College of Education is drawing up plans for a new doctoral program with tracks in higher education and urban school leadership. The higher education track will start in the summer of 1993, and will offer training in various administrative aspects of higher education. It is expected to attract as students those who are currently employed as college or university administrators. The urban school leadership track will begin in 1994. It is designed for teachers and administrators currently working at all grade levels in urban schools. The program will feature an in-depth analysis of the dynamics of teaching in urban schools, and will focus on developing innovative strategies for improved teaching practices. According to **William Dandridge**, acting dean of the college, the program annually will enroll about 10 to 12 students in each track. Course work for each track will take about two-and-a-half years to complete, and will require students to attend summer sessions at the University. Both tracks will also offer students training in completing their dissertations. "That is the stage where many students founder," Dandridge says. "That's when many of them really need special help."

**Campus Notes** -- At its last meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the granting of tenure to **Catherine Strachan Lindenberg** of the College of Nursing and **Julie Patricia Winch** of the history and black studies departments. Lindenberg's work has focused on primary and maternal health care and she has done extensive research on drug abuse prevention. Much of her career has focused on public health issues. Winch teaches courses and pursues research on slavery and on the challenges blacks in America have faced. She recently was awarded visiting research fellowships by both the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University and Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.