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

University To Provide Viewing Area, Entertainment And Harbor Tours As Part of Week-Long Tall Ships Celebration

Live music, food, games and entertainment for children as well as a prime vantage point from which to view the Tall Ships as they enter Boston Harbor are all part of the University's Grand Parade of Sail celebration which will take place at the Harbor Campus from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11th. The University Community is urged to attend. Tickets for faculty, staff and students will be on sale June 29th and 30th at the information booth in the upper level of the Quinn Administration Building. Those who buy tickets ahead of time can do so at the special price of \$5 apiece; the charge for buying a ticket on the day of the Grand Parade of Sail is \$6. Advance ticket purchasers may park on the campus at no extra charge, and there will be shuttle service by bus between the subway T-stop and the campus. For more information on the Grand Parade of Sail events, or to reserve tickets, contact the Office of Special Events and Community Service at (617) 287-5310.

Beginning Sunday, July 11th, and continuing through Wednesday, July 16th, the Captain John Boats company will make available their tour vessels from the UMass/Boston docks. The boats will take passengers on two-and-a-half-hour cruises around the harbor to provide an up-close view of the various Tall Ships. The tour boats will run continuously from Sunday through Wednesday. More information on the exact departure times and ticket cost may be had by telephoning Captain John Boats at 1-800-242-AHOY. Also, from Monday, July 13th through Wednesday, July 15th, the University will host the Cadet Games, a series of athletic events in which the crews of the Tall Ships will compete. Basketball, soccer and rugby are among the sports that will be played. Spectators will be able to watch the games free of charge. The Cadet Games are scheduled take place each day from noon to 4:00 p.m. "All of these events are an inexpensive, fun way for families in and around our community to share in the beauty and excitement of the Tall Ships," says **Gail Hobin**, the University's director of special events and community services. "The variety of activities is designed to provide something for everybody."

Grant of \$40,328 Enables 15 More Youths To Participate In University's Highly Acclaimed Urban Scholars Program

A grant from the U.S. Department of Energy will allow an additional 15 talented Boston middle school students to participate in a University program that provides accelerated training in mathematics and science. The grant will furnish a total of \$40,328 over each of the next two years to our Urban Scholars Program for high school and middle school students. The funds come from the department's Pre-Freshman Enrichment Program. According to program director **Joan Becker**, the additional funding will allow the middle school component of the program to expand from 25 to 40 students. The new students will join the program this summer and will have the opportunity to remain through their middle school careers. They can continue in upper grades if they attend one of the Urban Scholars programs at the Jeremiah Burke, Dorchester or South Boston High Schools. In

addition to paying for the cost of the additional students, the grant will enable the program to establish a permanent course in physics. "This grant is a welcome addition to our middle school program," Becker said. "Not only does it provide a wonderful opportunity for 15 worthy students, but it also allows us to offer physics courses on a regular basis in addition to our courses in environmental science and mathematics." Middle school students participating in the program either attend or are graduates of schools located in Boston's east zone district, covering the Dorchester, South Boston, Mattapan and Hyde Park communities.

In addition to taking courses this summer, the Urban Scholars students will spend a week in August at the UMass-Amherst campus to take part in various field activities related to their classroom studies. The Urban Scholars Middle School Program receives most of its financial support, about \$80,000 annually, from the U.S. Department of Education's Jacob Javits grant program. An additional \$10,000 each year comes from private sources, including Gillette, New England Telephone Company, State Street Bank, The New England, and Polaroid. Last year the Department of Education allocated \$225,000 of a \$900,000 grant awarded UMass/Boston to fund the replication of the Urban Scholars Program at City College of New York, San Francisco State University, and in Orlando, the University of Central Florida.

Members of South Africa's ANC To Visit University During Six-City U.S. Tour

McCormack Institute Senior Fellow **Padraig O'Malley** has organized a symposium on President Roosevelt's New Deal for a delegation from the African National Congress (ANC) which will be visiting the campus on June 24th. The day-long event for members of the ANC's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee will take place in the Troy Colloquium Room on the second floor of Wheatley Hall. Among those scheduled to address the delegation is **John Kenneth Galbraith**, the Paul M. Warburg Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Harvard. Members of the ANC's Legal and Constitutional Committee are developing constitutional proposals for a democratic, non-racial South Africa that will be negotiated with the South African government. The delegation visiting UMass/Boston is on a three-week, six-city tour to study the way American government works. In the morning session, starting at 8:30 a.m., the delegation will view "The Great Depression," a documentary film on the experience of the United States between the 1929 stock market crash and the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as president in 1932. The film is the first of an eight-part series scheduled to air on PBS stations next year.

At 10:15 a.m., **Susan Ware**, a history professor at New York University, will make a presentation on the role that Eleanor Roosevelt played in the New Deal, and how gender issues influenced some of its programs. The South Africans will meet with Chancellor **Sherry H. Penney** from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. From 1:45 to 3:00 p.m., presentations will be made by Galbraith and UMass/Boston political science professor **Tom Ferguson**, a senior fellow at the McCormack Institute. They will present their views on the institutional and legal changes that must be made in South Africa to balance the economy, stabilize markets, create more jobs and increase participation in political processes. O'Malley will moderate a discussion on the topic. A final session from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. will focus on social protections, and will include remarks by **Ruth McCambridge**, director of The Boston Foundation's Fund for the Homeless. Those in the University who are interested in attending the symposium should contact **Margery O'Donnell** at 7-7865.