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

Officials from Nations on the Black Sea Receive Two-Week Urban Harbors Institute Training Course --

Officials from Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey have just concluded a two-weeks visit to the U.S. under the auspices of the Urban Harbor Institute to study coastal zone environmental and management issues. The eleven-member team from nations bordering the heavily polluted Black Sea toured various waterfront areas and met with business, government and environmental leaders. They visited the shoreline regions of Cape Cod, Rhode Island and North Carolina, and finished their program earlier this week with a working session at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D.C. According to Institute Director **Richard Delaney**, the Black Sea and many of its tributaries are now contaminated by near-catastrophic levels of pollution. He arranged for the officials to attend lectures and presentations aimed at helping them develop strategies to protect the Black Sea coastline. Delaney, a former official with the state's Environmental Affairs Department, was one of the architects of Massachusetts' coastal zone management program, considered to be among the most stringent in the nation.

New Library Director Appointed -- Sharon L. Bostick, director of the bibliographic instruction/reference division of the University of Toledo's Carlson Library, will assume the post of director of the Healey Library this November. Bostick is the author of a number of articles and has lectured to professional groups, especially with regard to the uses of CD-ROM and computers in libraries. She received a B.A. degree from Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan; an A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan School of Library Science; and a Ph.D. in educational administration from Wayne State University. Her dissertation research focused on library anxiety among students. She has held the following posts: adult services librarian (1977-79), Troy, Michigan, public library; coordinator of the reference hotline and interlibrary loan service (1979-87), Kresge Library, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan; and head of the reference department (1987-89), Ablah Library, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas. Bostick joined the Carlson Library in Toledo, Ohio, in 1989 as assistant director of the bibliographic instruction/reference division. She was named its director last year.

Campus Notes -- Classics Professor **R. J. Schork** will deliver the first of the 1992-93 Distinguished Lectures on Wednesday, September 30, at 4 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room, third floor, Quinn Administration Building. In his lecture, Schork will discuss the richly significant impact of Roman Catholic ritual on the works of James Joyce, especially the author's *Finnegans Wake*. • CPCS Professor **Richard Hogarty's** article "UMass/Boston Comes of Age," which originally appeared in *The Boston Globe*, has been published in slightly revised form in the fall issue of *Metropolitan Universities*. • CPCS/Trotter Professor **Herman Hemingway** was recently appointed to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Commission on Juvenile Justice Task Force on Care and Protection. • Physics Professor **D.V.G.L.N. Rao** attended the eye and sensor protection meeting of the

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency at the end of August in Washington, D.C. He presented a talk titled "Mechanisms of Optical Third Order Nonlinearity."

- The Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning is holding its seventh annual conference on Friday, October 23, at the Radisson Inn in Marlborough to help public school teachers and administrators learn more about grant opportunities that will benefit their schools and students. The day before, there will be a seminar held by the Field Center on how to write successful grant proposals. This session will take place at the Park West Hotel.

- Philosophy Professor **Arthur B. Millman** has received the McCormack Institute's fall '92 research grant. He plans to focus on conflicts of interest in university/industry research partnerships.
- The Council on Rehabilitation Education has granted accreditation to the Rehabilitation Counselor Education program offered by the Counseling Psychology Department in the Graduate College of Education. **Rick Houser** directs the program and was its chief architect.
- The Ventresca Scholarship has been awarded to two students who entered the University through the Developmental Studies Program. They are **Dawna McCormick**, South Boston, and **Victor Ortiz**, Uphams Corner.
- The Center for the Improvement of Teaching is holding a series of brown bag (bring-you-own-food) lunchtime discussions for faculty, staff and students to discuss the University's diversity requirement. The place: Women's Studies Conference Room (room 054), Wheatley 5th floor. The time: 12:30 p.m. The dates: Wednesday, September 23; Thursday, October 8; Wednesday, October 21; Thursday, November 5; Wednesday, November 18; and Thursday, December 3.

Cafeteria Recycling -- Cafeteria patrons are being asked to separate their polystyrene plastic dishware from the food and paper they use in order to support an expanded recycling program. Working with Daka Corporation, the food service company, UMB has chosen Conigliaro Industries of Framingham to recycle all clear foam plastic waste generated in the three cafeterias. The separation program should recycle more than 13 tons of polystyrene plastic each year -- enough to fill ten tractor trailers.

MBA Program for Cape Codders -- The University is offering its MBA program through the Cape Cod Center for Graduate Education on the campus of Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable. Applications are now being received for spring enrollment. The MBA program, begun in 1983 by the College of Management, has grown from a beginning class of 48 students to its current roster of over 300 students. The program at Cape Cod Community College is directly modeled after the one offered at the Harbor Campus. It requires students to complete 19 courses for 57 graduate credits to earn an M.B.A. degree.

Academic Exchanges with China -- The University has signed an interinstitutional agreement with Zongshan University, in Guangdong, the People's Republic of China, that will establish a framework for the development of cooperative academic ventures. The agreement will encourage faculty and student exchanges, foster study programs at both institutions with an international perspective, and promote cooperative research initiatives and the sharing of information on teaching and research. A delegation from Zongshan University met with Chancellor **Sherry H. Penney** last Tuesday, September 15, as well as with members of the science faculty, including Dean Christine Kibel.