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UMB honors 8 at Seventeenth Commencement this Sunday

Northern Ireland political leader John Hume, Channel 5 news co-anchor Natalie Jacobson and United States District Judge Joseph L. Tauro will be among eight recipients of honorary degrees at UMass/Boston's Commencement on Sunday, May 19 at the Harbor Campus.

This marks UMass/Boston's 17th Commencement and 21st year.

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Also feted will be Stephen J. Sweeney, 57, of South Hamilton, president and chief executive officer of Boston Edison; The Reverend Msgr. Eugene P. McNamara, 56, executive director, Catholic Charitable Bureau; Mrs. Dorothy West of Oak Bluffs, Mass., the lone survivor of the Harlem Renaissance literary movement; Dr. Clifton Wharton, 58, Chancellor, State University of New York, and Dr. Alvan S. Ryan, 73, of Brattleboro, Vt., professor emeritus of UMass/Boston and among the founding faculty members.

Mr. Hume, 48, will deliver the Commencement address.

UMB student Patricia A. Brady awarded Truman Scholarship



UMass/Boston Provost Robert A. Greene poses with Patricia A. Brady, Woburn mother of three, who has been awarded a Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the third for UMass/Boston in five years.

A Woburn mother of three, UMass/Boston student Patricia A. Brady of Munroe St., has been awarded a Harry S. Truman Scholarship. She is the third UMass/Boston student in five years to be so honored.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress as the official federal memorial to honor the 33rd President of the United States. It is awarded on the basis of merit to students who will be college juniors in the 1985-86 academic year and who have outstanding potential for leadership in government.

Mrs. Brady is an Extended Day student, majoring in management, at the Harbor Campus. She attends classes after working days as the first full-time director of conservation in the city or Woburn.

Daniel J. Brady, Jr., her husband of 21 years, is Assistant Director of Materials Management at the New England Medical Center. They have three children, daughters Maureen and Susan, both students at UMass/Amherst, and son Thomas, an 11th grader.

"I'm a non-traditional student in the College of Management," said Mrs. Brady. "I came to the University at the time my oldest child was preparing to enter college.

"As a student in (Proctor) Vermont in the 1950s, I finished second in my high

school class. My plans for entering the University of Vermont, however, changed when my parents died during my senior year."

Mrs. Brady attended secretarial school in Boston, then married and had three children in five and a half years. More than a decade was spent raising those children.

"I fought off occasional bouts of cabin fever by joining the League of Women Voters," she said.

In 1979, she was appointed director of conservation in the city of Woburn.

"When I first came to the University, I took one course. Then I took two courses for a few semesters. Now I take three courses on the extended day schedule. I am anxious to complete my Bachelor's and then earn a Master's degree. Learning excites and fulfills me even more than it did when I was a young girl. My family supports my efforts as a student despite a hectic schedule at times.

"As a Truman scholar, I derive great pride and pleasure from honoring the memory of a man who brought government the kind of strength and character and conviction which is needed today," she said.

Previous Truman Scholarship winners from UMass/Boston were Rick Barros of Mattapan in 1980 and Cynthia Lynn Quense of Somerville in 1982.

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John Hume



Northern Ireland political leader John Hume, left, poses with Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and Hon. Robert H. Quinn, Chairman, University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees on an earlier visit. Mr. Hume will deliver the Commencement address

Northern Ireland political leader John Hume, 48, was born in Derry, Northern Ireland. He studied briefly for the priesthood, later attended Maynooth College, where he received degrees in French and History. He was a high school teacher for a while.

Hume became active in politics in 1967, first as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement, which sought to end the discrimination to which Catholics in Northern Ireland have been subjected to since the partition of Ireland in 1920.

In 1970, with three former civil rights leaders, Hume founded the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) which has since spoken on behalf of the

majority of Catholics in Northern Ireland.

Hume was elected a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly in 1973. He served as a Minister for Commerce in the short-lived power-sharing Executive in 1974.

In March, 1983, Hume was the moving force behind the establishment of the New Ireland Forum, a body comprised of SDLP and the three major political parties in the Republic of Ireland. In June, 1984, Hume was overwhelmingly re-elected to the European Parliament.

He continues to live and work in Derry's Bogside.

Dr. Clifton Wharton



Dr. Clifton Wharton, Chancellor, State University of New York, was born in Boston. He was graduated from Boston Latin School in 1943 and from Harvard University, cum laude, in 1947.

An Economist, Dr. Wharton is a leading specialist in economic development, higher education and U.S. foreign policy. Prior to coming to the State University of New York, he was President of Michigan State University (1970-78). The son of a career diplomat, Dr. Wharton spent six early years in the Canary Islands, Spain, where he learned fluent Spanish.

While Dr. Wharton is receiving his degree on the Harbor Campus, his father, Dr. Clifton Wharton, Sr., 86, will receive a re-issue of his Law degree from Boston University on the 55th anniversary of that occasion.

Dorothy West

Mrs. Dorothy West of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts is the lone survivor of the Harlem Renaissance literary movement. Born and raised in Brookline, she spent most of the years after World War I and before World War II in New York's Harlem, one of a score of young black writers who lived there. Together they would talk about the state of the world and the struggles of being black in a white country. Best-known of the group was Langston Hughes.

Dorothy West now lives on Martha's Vineyard and writes a weekly column for the Vineyard Gazette.

Natalie Jacobson



Natalie Jacobson of Needham, co-anchor on the Channel 5 news, and her husband Chet Curtis have presented the WCVB-TV 6p.m. and 11p.m. weeknight news since 1982.

In addition to her duties on the news desk, Jacobson has anchored live coverage of special events, including the visit to Boston of England's Queen Elizabeth II, the parade of Tall Ships in Boston Harbor and the annual Boston Marathon for which she shared a regional Emmy in 1984.

Judge Joseph L. Tauro

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph L. Tauro, 54, of Marblehead, was appointed to the Federal bench in Massachusetts in 1972. His decisive handling of a class action suit against Massachusetts institutions for the Mentally Retarded, Belchertown and Fernald schools, resulted in the Commonwealth deciding to settle and negotiate a major remedial program.

The judge is described by colleagues and defense attorneys who plead at Tauro's bench as tough, hard-working and efficient. He has been singled out by the judiciary for his expeditious case-management methods.

UMass/Boston dedicates John W. McCormack Hall

Led by Speaker of the U.S. House Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr., top political figures, nationally and locally, converged on UMass/Boston for the dedication of John W. McCormack Hall in honor of the late Speaker of the U.S. House who represented South Boston and Dorchester.

"The tremendous turnout today shows the great esteem we had for John W. McCormack, my mentor," said Speaker O'Neill before an overflow audience.

"When John W. McCormack went to Congress, only two percent of Americans went to college. When he finished, more than 50 percent went on to higher education...He was a man of integrity."

Speaking on the program chaired by UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan were former Massachusetts Attorney General Edward J. McCormack, Jr., the Speaker's nephew; State Senator William M. Bulger; Boston's Mayor Raymond Flynn; City Council President Joseph M. Tierney; Hon. Robert H. Quinn, former Attorney General and current Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Massachusetts; U.S. Congressman John Joseph Moakley; UMass President David C. Knapp and Ruth M. Batson, Director, New England Television Corporation.

In attendance were Senator Claude Pepper, D. Fla., one of the veterans of Washington, D.C. politics and longtime advocate of the elderly; Edward M. Kennedy, Jr., son of the U.S. Senator; former Gov. John Volpe, U.S. Congressman Brian Donnelly, Edward Boland, Chester Atkins and Sylvio Conte.

A large contingent of local political figures was on hand.

Highlights of the talks:

- Speaker O'Neill: "Six members of the U.S. Congress are here. It shows the love and esteem we had for John W. McCormack."

- Senate President Bulger: "For 42 years, John W. McCormack rendered exemplary public service for his district...Despite his rise to great stature in Washington, D.C., he always remained "our Congressman."

- Edward McCormack: "He'd be so proud today...He was a great man, a good man."

- Mayor Flynn: "It's fitting that McCormack Hall is dedicated in the shadow of his district...John W. McCormack improved the quality of life for many people."

- Councilor Tierney: "John McCormack was the epitome of the self-made man."

Vice-president George Bush sent a telegram, lauding the dedication and extolling the memory of the late Speaker of the House.



Displaying portrait of late Speaker of the House John W. McCormack are former Attorney General Edward McCormack, Jr., the Speaker's nephew, his wife Emily and, at left, Robert H. Quinn, Chairman of the UMass Board of Trustees.



Dignitaries on hand at dedication of McCormack Hall included, left to right: former Massachusetts Attorney General Edward J. McCormack, Jr., the late Speaker's nephew; Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, Speaker of the U.S. House Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr., Congressman John Joseph Moakley and Massachusetts Senate President William M. Bulger.



Venerable U.S. Senator Claude Pepper, left, was a surprise visitor to the dedication of McCormack Hall. Here he chats with Congressman John Joseph Moakley, center, and UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

UMB Nursing seniors inducted in honor society

Twenty-nine senior nursing students at UMass/Boston have been enrolled in Sigma Theta Tau, the National Honor Society for Nursing.

From a beginning of six members and one chapter in 1922, the organization has grown to more than 75,000 members and 191 chapters. Sigma Theta Tau is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Chapters exist on 199 colleges and universities with nationally accredited programs.

UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan presided over induction ceremonies at the Harvard Club.

The inductees:

Allston-Brighton, Leslie Richardson; Mary E. Czczot; Andover, Sandra Poleatewich; Arlington, Laurie Sickles; Boston, Kathleen Maney-Planeta, George Hurley; Braintree, Regina M. Sullivan; Brookline, Elizabeth Kennedy; Cambridge, Cindy Broholm; Amy L. Berkovitz; Heather H. Milliron; Charlestown, Lucille E. Tanenbaum; Chelsea, David J. Hannabury; Dorchester, Diane G. Peck; Mary E. Duffy; Frank O'Sullivan; East Boston, Edward Twohill; Jamaica Plain, Mary Lou Mellin; Barbara R. Sherman; Marshfield, Nancy Wheeler; Milton, Dorothy Clancy; Natick, Karen Sullivan; Plymouth, Gail E. Schober; Roslindale, Kevin Maloof; Somerville, Alexandra Melzar; South Boston, Mary Ellen Costa; Winthrop, Barbara Wiseman; Wollaston, Jeannine Casey.

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U.S. House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, Jr. was the featured speaker at the McCormack Hall dedication.

John W. McCormack, a native of South Boston and a resident of Dorchester, was a member of the House of Representatives from 1928 to 1970, representing the Congressional District in which the Harbor Campus is located. He was Speaker of the House from 1962 until his retirement.

The official dedication was by UMass President David Knapp. A painting of the late Speaker, drawn by Cambridge artist Mel Robbins, was unveiled. It will hang in McCormack Hall.



Irish Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald (center) was featured guest at a Parker House luncheon hosted by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan (left). Also in attendance was Padraig O'Malley (right) of UMB's McCormack Institute and a noted author on Irish topics.

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Dr. Alvan S. Ryan

Dr. Alvan S. Ryan, 73, of Brattleboro, Vt., joined UMass prior to the opening of the Boston campus. UMass wooed Ryan from Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, to be chairman of the Humanities Department at the new campus and to help recruit faculty.

Born in Needham Heights, Ryan graduate from Needham High School in 1929, the year of the Stock Market Crash. He entered Mass State College, the forerunner of UMass, graduating cum laude in 1934. He earned a Master's degree at Harvard (1938) and Ph.D. from the State University of Iowa (1940).

His long personal connection with the institution, as a student and member of the faculty, makes him an unofficial historian of UMass.

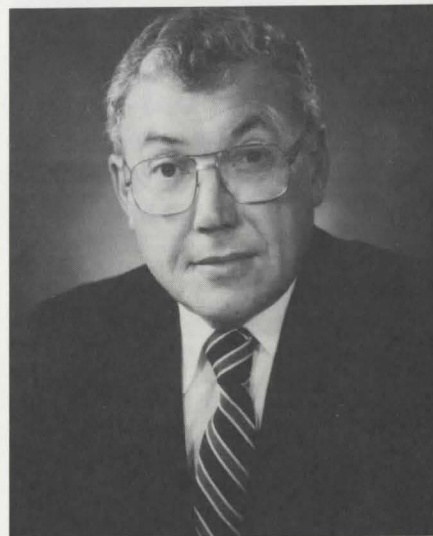
Rev. Msgr. Eugene P. McNamara

Rev. Msgr. Eugene P. McNamara, executive director, Catholic Charitable Bureau, was one of 12 children of James and Mary McNamara and was raised in Waltham.

He was ordained a priest in 1953 and was appointed chief executive of the Catholic Charitable Bureau of Boston 1966. He is its longest-serving director.

He was appointed an Honorary Prelate to Pope Paul VI in 1969 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the New England School of Law.

Stephen J. Sweeney



Stephen J. Sweeney, 57, president of Boston Edison, joined Edison 31 years ago as a testman in Edison's Engineering and Construction Division. He joined the management team as assistant division head in 1962. Since then he has handled nearly every company job from chief of system operation to vice president of steam and electric operations before becoming president in 1984.

He is active in several community service organizations including the museum of Science, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Mass PEP (Pre-Engineering Program), a plan to prepare minority high school students in math, science, physics and computer subjects, through the Humphrey Occupational Center, Boston Tech and UMass/Boston, for pre-engineering courses and college entry.