New Equipment Shows Promise as a Treatment for Schizophrenia

By Peter Grennen

The word schizophrenia comes from the Greek for “split mind.” As used by early psychologists, it was intended to be understood figuratively—that is, as a description of behavior and emotions so erratic they seem to be the product of contradictory impulses or a disintegrated personality. However, recent research into the physiological bases of mental processes—including a groundbreaking collaborative study undertaken here at UMass Boston—suggests that the word’s literal meaning may more accurately express the nature of the disease. The point has been a subject of scientific inquiry for some time. In a study published earlier this year, a group of investigators led by UMass Boston’s Paul Nestor demonstrated that brain imaging of schizophrenics often reveals neural networks that are so small they effectively isolate entire regions of the brain from one another. “When weak structural integrity reduces connectivity,” says Nestor, “different brain areas do not communicate as well—akin to an orchestra or band playing out of sync.”

This finding assumes added significance in light of older data that shows schizophrenics are susceptible to eye-movement irregularities. That condition seems far more common among people who have difficulty fixing their attention on objects—with good reason, as Nestor points out: “The ocular motor system maps onto the same brain structures as those that control attention spans.” So if a schizophrenic’s mind does indeed “play out of synch,” it is likely the problem is worsened by his inability to correctly interpret his environment’s visual stimuli.

Hence Nestor’s interest in the newest piece of equipment in the Computer Science Department’s Visual Attention Laboratory: a human-computer interface obtained by Professor Marc Pomplun called the EyeLink-II eye tracker. The device consists of a headrest on which are mounted infrared cameras that closely monitor the eyes’ response to a variety of visual signals. “The EyeLink-II detects pupil motion and gaze position while compensating for head movements, and translates this data into screen coordinates,” says Pomplun.

The result is a “gaze-contingent window paradigm”—a system that can be used not only to identify schizophrenics but to school the eyes and related brain structures to process visual cues more efficiently. Pomplun

Fallen Soldier, a UMass Boston Alumnus, Honored

By Lisa Gentes

Despite cold, blustery winds, family, friends, alumni, and veterans gathered on campus early last month to celebrate the life of a UMass Boston alumnus and soldier who died while fighting the war in Iraq.

“So many veterans have come here and found a home at UMass Boston,” Interim Chancellor J. Keith Motley told the crowd. “We never wanted to see any of them, students or alumni, lost in battle.”

On November 5, at Fox Point Gazebo, U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Kynan E. Kennedy was remembered as a seeker of peace; a dedicated soldier. A bench and plaque located along the Harbor Walk overlooking Dorchester Bay were dedicated during the morning ceremony in Kennedy’s memory. The 43-year-old West Roxbury native was killed last November when his Black Hawk helicopter was hit by enemy fire and crashed on the bank of the Tigris River near Tikrit. Kennedy served in the 5th Combat Aviation Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division.

Based at Fort Campbell, he lived with his wife, Kathleen, and his three children, Christopher, Kaitlyn, and Kevin, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Kennedy graduated from UMass Boston in 1983 with a biology degree and went on to serve in the U.S. Army. He was in his sixteenth year in the service when he was killed.

UMass Boston’s Office of Veterans’ Affairs, the Student Veterans’ Center, and the Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences helped organize the ceremony.

Motley said the event marks a sad day in UMass Boston’s history, but it was fitting that attendees gathered “as a family.”

The UMass community is honoring Kennedy’s life, as well as his death, with a special place on campus, Motley said.

Kevin Bowen, a Vietnam veteran and director of the Joiner Center, said he hopes the bench by the waterside will provide
Years of Service Event Celebrates UMass Boston Employees

By Anne-Marie Kent

The Years of Service event has become a Thanksgiving-season tradition at UMass Boston. On November 18, the Ryan Lounge filled with members of the UMass Boston family as they celebrated the annual homage to longtime university employees.

“This is a great opportunity for us to gather as a university community to express thanks to faculty and staff for many years of service,” said Chancellor Keith Motley.

“We have so much to be thankful for. We are thankful for our faculty, our staff, and the many valuable programs and services that you make possible,” said Motley.

He added, “Many of you have given the better part of your professional lives to the university and the university is better because of your service. And so today I am here to offer you my sincerest thanks on behalf of the university.”

Assistant by Human Resources staff, the Chancellor presented tokens of appreciation to 45 employees celebrating 10 years of service; 21 celebrating 15 years of service; 20 celebrating 20 years of service; 18 celebrating 25 years of service; 15 celebrating 30 years of service; eight celebrating 35 years of service; and one faculty member who celebrates 40 years of service.

Professor Robert Weiner, a forty-year veteran of the university, was delighted. Looking back on his career, he reflected on “the faces of the thousands of students” whose lives he has touched.

Weiner, who teaches political science, reports that former students will often approach him on the street or on the subway, proudly telling him about their achievements and thanking him for his influence on their lives.

“It is at that point that I know I made a difference improving someone’s life,” said Weiner.

Memorial (cont.)

“momentary peace” for Kennedy’s family and friends.

The group solemnly proceeded from the gazebo down to the bench, which was draped in an American flag, for the dedication. Family members carried yellow roses and held hands as student veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom presented Kennedy’s parents, Kevin and Geraldine Kennedy of West Roxbury, with the folded flag.

Amid the tears, the youngest members of the Kennedy clan hopped up onto the new bench, feet dangling as they smiled and sat upon the memorial. Various members of the Kennedy family, including five of his nine siblings, his parents, and cousins, attended the service, along with Gold Star mothers of alumni.

“This was truly wonderful,” Kennedy’s younger sister, Patricia Kennedy of West Roxbury, said after the dedication. “Kyran loved UMass Boston. He loved everything about it.”

New Department Builds on Strengths in Science

By Lisa Gentes

A new merger has combined the former Coastal and Ocean Sciences Department, the Earth and Geographic Sciences Department, and the Undergraduate Environmental Studies Program into the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department, or EEOS Department.

“It was a real bottom-up effort,” said Department Chair Bill Robinson. The idea for the merger came from the faculty and staff of the three departments, who presented the idea to the administration for approval, according to Robinson.

The faculty had a “vision of really addressing environmental issues,” the chair noted. “The goal is to combine a lot of our environmental faculty on campus in the same department and to better represent environmental issues and better project the goals of the campus,” Robinson said.

Robinson said the second half of the merger is the research component bringing together faculty of various disciplines to collaborate on new projects.

The new department consists of natural and social science professors, including biologists, geologists, chemists, social scientists, environmental lawyers, and economists.

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Linking Massachusetts, Canadian Students with Science and Technology

By Lisa Gentes

Students in the Canadian Arctic and Franklin, Massachusetts, are working together on a school project. They’re not in the same classroom, but thanks to a new Web exchange program that UMass Boston professor Juanita Urban-Rich helped create, they’re sharing information and culture.

Urban-Rich, assistant professor in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department, received a $250,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in July. Over the summer, she was part of a research team on the Mackenzie River and Beaufort Sea in the Canadian Arctic, where she worked with about 10 other scientists, taking zooplankton samples and creating an online diary.

The second part of the grant focused on education. Urban-Rich created a Web-based exchange program between the Helen Keller Elementary School in Franklin and two schools in the Canadian Arctic: the Angik School in Paulatuk and the Moose Kerr School in Aklavik. The two Canadian schools are located about two hours apart by plane.

In October, she returned to the Arctic to install Web cameras in the classrooms, and in November, the three schools began interacting. Students are collecting and exchanging data, including air temperature, weather conditions and light cycles.

“Getting students involved makes the data real; it makes it more exciting for them to learn,” Urban-Rich said.

She developed her program based on questions and ideas a group of Franklin elementary students had about the Arctic. Urban-Rich has worked in the Franklin elementary school, with kindergarten students, for the past three years, and she has two sons who attend the school, one in kindergarten and one in third grade. She said she wanted to help the Massachusetts students learn more about the northern Canadian environment.

Currently, teachers are implementing the Web exchange in various classroom projects, and students are using what they’re learning in science, math, social studies, and language arts.

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CNHS Announces RN-to-BS Program

By Catherine Gardiner

After two years of planning, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences has launched its new online bachelor of science degree program in nursing for registered nurses. It is the first undergraduate UMass Boston program to be offered entirely online.

Over the past seven years, the RN-to-BS program suffered a decline in enrollment of more than 40 percent. The college saw a correlation in third grade. She said she wanted to help the Massachusetts students learn more about the northern Canadian environment.

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The program’s first cohort of 17 students began in September with the first course in the program, Nursing 360: Professional Issues in Nursing. Kathleen Polley, RN, MSN, the online RN-to-BS program coordinator as well as the instructor for the course, has been amazed with how well the program is going.

“It is great,” Polley said, “when you are talking to nurses about ethical dilemmas, they— unlike regular undergraduates— have actually experienced the dilemmas and are able to relate the theory and practice from the course to their experiences.” The students are excited to “go” to class as well as to participate. When asked her opinion on why the program was doing so well, besides hitting a target population, Polley replied, “They are not doing this for a pay raise, they are doing it because they want the knowledge.”

Thanks to CENTRA, the online computer program designed for interaction in computer classrooms, and the Division of Corporate, Contin- tinuing, and Distance Education (CCDE), students are able to feel connected. “The students in the online program really feel like they are part of the University,” Polley concluded.

Lisa Gay Hamilton Visits Trotter Institute

By Leigh DiPuy

“If you speak it, it can happen,” said Lisa Gay Hamilton in an October 26 guest lecture on her experiences as an actor, director, and producer. Before an audience of students, faculty, and staff, at an event cosponsored by the Trotter Institute and the Vice Chancellor’s Office of Student Affairs, Hamilton spoke of accessibil- ity and the true nature of Hol- lywood, about living by one’s principles, and about finding truth in language.

A graduate of New York Uni- versity and the Juilliard School of Drama, Hamilton is perhaps best known by mainstream audiences for her role as attorney Rebecca Washington on the Emmy Awardwinning television show The Practice and for her roles in films such as Beloved and True Crime.

However, her first love is for the theatre— specifically, for the Euro- pean classics, which, she points out, can be a challenging role for a woman of color. She jokes that she is constantly wearing a corset in stage, having played several historical roles. She has received many accolades, including an Obie Award, the Clarence Derwent Award, and a Drama Desk nomination for best actress in a musical for her work in Athol Fugard’s play Valley Song.

Not one interested in compro- mising her principles for work, Hamilton was blunt but pragmatic in her opinions on Hollywood and race. “If you rely on Hollywood to be something it’s not, you will be dis- appointed,” she said. “Hollywood is not about quality, and I’m done asking mainstream institutions ‘how come you’re not, how come you’re not, how come you’re not...’” because they’re not.”

Instead, Hamilton focuses on finding roles that allow her to “navig- ate according to her principles.” This navigation led to her directo- tion sponsored by the Trotter Institute and the Vice Chancellor’s Office of Student Affairs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Lisa Gay Hamilton speaks to students, faculty, and staff at an event cosponsored by the Trotter Institute and the Vice Chancellor’s Office of Student Affairs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Lisa Gay Hamilton is currently playing the role of Black Mary in August Wilson’s Gem of the Ocean, which is enjoying a successful run at the Huntington-
New Book Examines Racial and Ethnic Identity

By Catherine Gardiner

At a time when American identity is a huge part of the public debate, a new book provides a provocative look at contested American identities during and after World War II. In Visions of Belonging: Family Stories, Popular Culture, and Postwar Democracy 1949-1960 (Columbia University Press, 2004), American Studies Professor Judith Smith depicts the time period from the late 1930s through the late 1950s as “a turning point in the way people understood the meanings of ethnic and racial identities.”

Smith’s book has three sections, each of which explores a set of stories using different narrative strategies for imagining ethnic and racial boundaries.

The first section, “Looking Back Stories,” focuses on stories that recount working-class ethnicity as American belonging. Smith explores Betty Smith’s A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, as well as Katherine Forbes’s Mama’s Bank Account.

In the second section, “Trading Places Stories,” Smith analyzes family stories from writers who “were consciously interested in writing works that would challenge racial and ethnic boundaries.”

“Every Man Stories,” the third section of her book, Smith analyzes family stories with claims to universality—that is, the family as representative of the nation. Here she contrasts Arthur Miller’s Death of a Salesman, its characters unidentified by ethnic location, with Lorraine Hansberry’s effort in A Raisin in the Sun to imagine a working-class family as simultaneously African and American.

Smith’s hope in Visions of Belonging is to reveal the significance of family stories calling attention to how implicit understandings of an “ordinary family” can shape understandings of citizenship and American belonging.

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Friends of Library Honor

On November 19, the Friends of the Library gathered to honor Bobby Robinson, founder of the Massachusetts Studies Project in the Institute for Learning and Teaching in the Graduate College of Education, a resource for public educators, librarians, and historians.

The evening was filled with music, a video presentation on the Massachusetts Studies Project, and remarks by renowned Boston historian Tom O’Connor. Attendees included members of the university community, representatives from local historical societies, and educators. “I want to commend Library Director Dan Ortiz and his staff for planning and hosting such a wonderful tribute to a well-deserved friend of UMass Boston,” said Chancellor Keith Motley.

Sandra “Sandy” Kanter, valued faculty colleague in the Graduate College of Education, passed away on October 21.

Kanter had been the chair of the Department of Leadership in Education for the past four years, director of the Higher Education Doctoral Program for the past seven years, and associate professor of higher education in the Graduate College of Education since 1993.

She began her professional faculty career at UMass Boston in the College of Public and Community Service in 1974, where she was associate dean from 1984 to 1987. She also served as an associate vice chancellor for planning for the 1987 – 1988 academic year.

Honored for her knowledge and leadership in higher education, Kanter was a senior fellow in the UMass Boston New England Resource Center for Higher Education, as well as a Loeb Fellow at Harvard.

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ON October 28 - 30, the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution held its biennial Conflict Studies Conference. The keynote speaker was the Right Reverend James Hope-Ross, a retired Canadian officer who commanded UN forces during the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Nan Zhang Hampton, associate professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented the paper “Gender: Efficacy, and Subjective Well-Being in Chinese College Students” at the 112th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association and “Quality of Life of Chinese Elderly with Disabilities in the U.S.” at the 28th International Congress of Psychology, held in Beijing.

On Sunday, November 14, Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, spoke on a panel at Boston College Community for the screening of Chico’s, a film about Shirley Chisholm’s 1972 presidential race.

Robert C. Hayden, lecturer in the College of Public and Community Service was the keynote speaker on November 13 at the 2004 New Bedford Historical Society’s kickoff series of lectures and seminars on family history. His presentation was entitled “American Chickens, Soup, Social, and Family Fortunes: Historical Notes from a Native Son.”

Professor Pamela Jones of the Art Department presented the paper “The Court of Humility: Cardinal Carlo Borromeo and the Ritual of Return” at the conference Possessions: Renaissance Cardinals—Rights and Rituals, held at The Open University in London on December 3.

Erika Kates, research director at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was a discussant at two sessions titled “Returns to Gender” and “Girls: The Next Generation,” at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APAM), held in Atlanta, Georgia, October 26-30.

In September, Professor Peter Kiang of the Graduate College of Education and Environmental Studies of the Asian American Studies Program, presented the paper “A Thematic Analysis of Persistence and Long-Term Educational Engagement of Southeast Asian College Students” at a national education roundtable in Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, Harvard Civil Rights Project, and National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. Kiang also presented a paper entitled the College Access Committee of the Education Resources Institute (TEER) in Boston.

William Kierman and a team from the Institute for Community Inclusion presented a poster on social networking with culturally diverse communities and volunteer groups at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities Annual Conference.

Scott Maiois, assistant professor of English, presented his paper “Remember the Tridents: Neither Fish nor Flesh in Josie Bissett’s A Sense of Blackness” at the annual conference of the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, held in Orlando, Florida, on November 20.

Joe Marrone, senior policy advisor and mental health expert at the Institute for Community Inclusion, co-organized and will speak at the Recovery with Results Not Rhetoric conference in Vancouver, WA, on December 9.

Sherry Penoyer, professor of psychology, presented the Center for Collaborative and Intercultural Action: The Promise, the Practice, the Challenges Facing Today’s Executives” at a College of Management Senior Executive Forum session.

On October 21, 2004, Lisa Cosgrove of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology in the Graduate College of Education was the keynote speaker at the PhD.C. Ellsworth Psychology and Justice Symposium in UMass Amherst. Dr. Cosgrove spoke on “The Errosion of Ethnicity: How Cultural Biases Threaten Forensic Psychology.”

Robert Chen, associate professor in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences (EEOs) Department, presented “Colored Dissolved Organic Matter Transport: Watershed to Estuary in the Natural Organic Matter—Fate and Transport” at the second annual Massachusetts Water Resources Research Center Conference, held on October 22 at UMass Amherst.

On October 27, Joan Guarity, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health, co-organized and edited “Ethical Challenges Through the Stages of Alzheimer’s Disease” for the Alzheimer’s Partnership of Bristol, North and East Counties and Orchard Cove. Guarity also participated in the five-year parish nurse recommit- ment ceremony, held on October 24 at St. Agatha’s Church in Milton.

On November 18, the Center for Social Policy sponsored the celebration for 40 Years of Community Action: The Promise, the Practice, the Challenges Facing Today’s Executives.”

University Snow Policy

Whether you relish the beauty of fresh-fallen snow or dread the shoveling and skidding of the season, winter in Boston inevitably brings with it snow, sometimes in large quantities. Not to worry! UMass Boston has a snow policy in place. Read the information below and when the weather outside is frightful, you’ll know what to do.

How do I find out if the university is closed?

Closing announcements will be available on the University web page, on-campus TV monitors, and the main switchboard (617-287-5000). Please do not call public safety. (They will not call you back. Evenings and on weekends, only certain faculty and staff will be available to handle this.)

For closings announced prior to the workday, the announcement should be made by 6:00 a.m. When the campus is closed during the workday, it is at all possible, the decision to close early will be made and announced by 2:00 p.m. or earlier and will close the campus by 4:00 p.m. or earlier. Staff on the second shift should not report to work unless they are snow day personnel.

When will I know?

For snow days announced prior to the workday, the announcement should be made by 6:00 a.m.

Where are the announcement carriers?

University web site and TV monitors: Consult the home page at www.umb.edu for weather-related announcements or details, or see the TV monitors throughout the campus for updates.

UMass Boston’s main switchboard: 617-287-5000 will carry a voice mail announcement that notifies callers if the campus will be open for operations. This is the only number you should call for closing-related information.

Radio and television broad-
casts: Tune in to WRZ TV-4, WCWB-TV 5, WBDH-TV 7, WUMB 91.9 FM, or WRZ 1030 AM after 5:30 a.m.

How does a closing affect campus operations?

University closed/courses cancelled: All classes are cancelled, all offices and the library are closed, and only designated and assigned snow day personnel will report at the regular time.

University closed/courses delayed opening/late opening/morning classes cancelled: All morning classes are cancelled and campus will open for classes at 11:30 a.m. Classes will resume per their regular schedule from 11:30 on and on. Snow day personnel will report at regular times. All other university staff will report to work at 10:00 a.m.

University closed/courses evening classes cancelled: All classes beginning after 4:00 p.m. will be cancelled. Snow day personnel will work their regular hours and all others will be allowed to leave by 4:00 p.m.

Other Snow-Related Issues

Transportation: The UMass Boston shuttle from the campus to the JFK/UMass train station will continue to operate in the event of a closing or late opening. Weather conditions may cause delays.

Food services: Every effort will be made to have some level of service available when the campus is open for operations.

Athletics and special events: For information regarding changes in athletics or special event schedules, Contact the Athletics Department, and the library.

SCHIZOPHRENIA (cont’d)

This is how it is done: “We show the same stimuli to schizophrenics, but we superimpose healthy scan patterns, attempting to direct and guide attention in a more ordered fashion. We expect that more regular scan patterns will lead to greater cognitive ability.”

So far, applications of the EyeLink-II have been made for the first time involved written text and other readily recognized images, but Nestor and Pompulin believe the device will also help schizophrenics respond appropriately to a variety of stimuli. “Schizophrenics are poor at social interaction and other activities that require an ability to gauge things like facial expressions. We want to construct models of brain processes that underlie these tasks and find a therapy that enables schizophrenics to perform them.” It’s a cutting-edge bit of research that tests some tried-and-true theories of cognition. “This work demonstrates the bridges that are possible between psychology and computer science,” says Nestor. Still, he and his research partner know there are no guarantees that the project will meet all their expectations. “No one has attempted this before, so right now we can only assume that our methods will work;” Pompulin cautions.

An old saying tells us that the eyes are the windows to the soul. But now the inspired work of two UMass Boston scientists, assisted by some cleverly conceived technology, has shown us that the eyes can also serve as valuable portals into the complex neural circuitry that makes up the human mind. An editorial, “The Worker in New England’s Future,” co-authored by Institute for Community Inclusion director William Kierman and New England Council CEO James T. Brett, ran in the Boston Globe on November 15. The Boston Herald covered the October 28 homelessness prevention summit sponsored by the Center for Social Policy.

Paul Watanabe, professor of political science, was quoted in the Bay State Banner on October 14 on the political participation and power of communities of color. James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, was interviewed by the Miami Herald and South Florida Sun-Sentinel regarding his collaborative research on COMPSTAT – an innovative technological and management system in policing.
The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. Check off campus, dial (617) 287 and the last four digits listed below each calendar event. Submit January calendar listings online at www.umb.edu/news/calendar/. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for complete calendar listings online.

**Wednesday 1**
An Afternoon with Glenn Lourey

 Noon - 2 p.m., Healey Library, 8th Floor, Provost’s Conference Room. Glenn Lourey, Director of the Institute on Race and Social Division at Boston University, will speak on the political economy of race. Contact: 7-5880 or email yoonne.gumes-santos@umb.edu.

**Thursday 2**
UMass Boston Becons: Women’s Basketball at Emerson College

 6 - 5 p.m. Contact: 7-7802 or email david.marsters@umb.edu.

Umass Boston Becons: Men’s Basketball vs. Suffolk University

 7 - 9 p.m. Contact: 7-7802 or email david.marsters@umb.edu.

Laughter on the 23rd Floor, by Neil Simon

 8 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2nd Floor, 008 (McCormack Theatre). Contact: 7-5640 or email mark.vaz@umb.edu.

**Friday 3**
Seminar: Climate Change and Ecosystem Stoichiometry in Alaskan Arctic Tundras

2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, 4th Floor, Room 006. Contact: 7-5640 or email maria.mahoney@umb.edu.

Umass Boston Becons: Women’s Ice Hockey at Manhattanville College

3 - 5 p.m., Purchase, NY. Contact: 7-7802 or email david.marsters@umb.edu.

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**Monday 6**
Study Abroad in Part Information Session

1:30 - 3:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 4th Floor, Room 233. For more information, email brian.thompson@umb.edu.

International Students Discussion Group

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. All international students invited. Contact: 7-5640 or email edna.pressler@umb.edu.

**Wednesday 8**
The Atium Goes Wireless: Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Join us as we celebrate the Campus Atium’s Atium going wireless. Light refreshments will be served. Visit www.umb.edu/wireless for more details.

6th Annual Helping Hands Gift Wrap Party

2:30 p.m. Come wrap the gifts our community is giving to foster and homeless kids. Cookies and cocoa! Contact: 7-9555 or email jovidich-biggins@umb.edu.

ECO-Tours of UMass Boston

3 - 3:40 p.m. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. Contact: 7-5083 or email umbe.green@umb.edu.

Annual Helping Hands Gift Giving Party

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Gifts that members of the university community have purchased are distributed to homeless and foster children. Contact: 7-5083 or email umbe.green@umb.edu.

**Thursday 9**
Water Watch General Meetings

2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor, Room 156. We meet to discuss upcoming events and projects. Contact: 7-3866 or email teresa@waterwatchonline.org.

**Friday 10**
UMass Boston Becons: Men’s Basketball at Western Connecticut State University

3 - 5 p.m., Danbury, CT. Contact: 7-7802 or email david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Jazz Band Fall Semester Concert

7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1st Floor, Snowdon Auditorium. Requested donation: $5.00 ($3.00 students and seniors); Reception to follow. Contact: 7-5640 or email mark.vaz@umb.edu.

Laughter on the 23rd Floor, by Neil Simon

8 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2nd Floor, 008 (McCormack Theatre). Contact: 7-5640 or email mark.vaz@umb.edu.

**Saturday 14**
University Chorus and Chamber Singers: Fall 2004 Concert

7:30 p.m., 4th Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston. Jeffrey Rink, conductor; Terry Halos, piano/organ. Works by Victoria and Woolen, plus holiday favorites. Sponsored by the UMass Boston Department of Performing Arts Music Division. Requested donation: $5.00 ($3.00 students/seniors). Contact: 7-5640 or email mark.vaz@umb.edu.

International Students Discussion Group

2:30 - 4 p.m. All international students are invited to participate. Contact: 7-5640 or email edna.pressler@umb.edu.

**Monday 13**
Performances and Compositions by UMB Students

2 - 4 p.m. A joint recital of original compositions by students of UMB music faculty member David Patterson, and performances by UMB music majors. This event is free and open to the University Community. Contact: 7-5640 or email mark.vaz@umb.edu.

Multicultural Movie and Discussion Club

2:30 - 4 p.m. The film inter-cuts skinned African Americans and inter-racial interviews with darker skinned African Americans, lighter skinned African Americans and inter-racial children of black and white parents. Contact: 7-5640 or email edna.pressler@umb.edu.

**Wednesday 15**
ECO-Tours of UMass Boston

3 - 3:40 p.m. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. Contact: 7-5083 or email umbe.green@umb.edu.

**Friday 17**
UMBC Dance Kaleidoscope

8 - 10 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2nd Floor, 008 (McCormack Theatre). A presentation by students and faculty of the UMass Boston Performing Arts Dance Division; Liz Lapuj, Director. Ticket Prices: $10.00 ($5.00 students, $15.00 seniors). Contact: 7-5640 or email mark.vaz@umb.edu.

International Students Discussion Group

2:30 - 4 p.m. All international students are invited to participate. Contact: 7-5640 or email edna.pressler@umb.edu.

**Wednesday 22**
ECO-Tours of UMass Boston

3 - 3:40 p.m. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. Contact: 7-5083 or email umbe.green@umb.edu.

Water Watch General Meetings

2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor, Room 156. We meet to discuss upcoming events and projects. Contact: 7-5640 or email umbe.green@umb.edu.

**Thursday 23**
ECO-Tours of UMass Boston

3 - 3:40 p.m. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. Contact: 7-5083 or email umbe.green@umb.edu.

**Saturday 25**
Christmas Day - University Closed.

**Wednesday 29**
WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Hour

Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6901.

**Thursday 30**
Water Watch General Meetings

2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor, Room 156. We meet to discuss upcoming events and projects. Contact: 7-5640 or email teresa@waterwatchonline.org.

Miscellaneous

teresa@waterwatchonline.org.

Graduate Student Assembly Meeting

3:45 p.m. The GSA is the Graduate Student Government for UMB. We welcome all new members Contact: 7-9757 or email gaussembly@umb.edu.

Beacon Fitness Center

Olympic Triathlon (Mondays, 11:30 a.m.), total upper body class (Mondays, 11:30 a.m.), total lower body (Mondays, 12:30 p.m.), total body sculpt (Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.), 50-50 kick class (Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m), cardio kickboxing (Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.), abs and flex (Fridays, 11:30 a.m.), abs/elb (Fridays, 12:30 p.m.), “On the Ball” (Fridays, 12:30 p.m.). Open to all members. Hours: Monday through Thursday: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Yoga classes are also offered. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Clark Athletic Center

Open Monday through Friday: 10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. See www.athletics.umb.edu for schedules, scores, rosters, coaches, building hours, community member program, Beacon Fitness Center membership, etc. Contact: 7-7801.

Campus Ministry

Offerings include Interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, justice coalition workshops, etc. Contact: students/campusministry@umb.edu.

Clark Center Ice Rink

2004 - 2005 Ice Rink Season


Healy Library Hours

Fall 2004

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)

Interested in expanding your technol-
ogy horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.itc.umb.edu or call 7-2990.

Writing Proficiency Workshops

Writing Proficiency Exam workshops to help prepare students for the exams are available throughout the month. Contact: 7-6330.