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Chancellor Corrigan speaks out against AIA tactics



Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan

A group called "Accuracy in Academia" is making "a direct and unwarranted attack on one of the most vital elements of our Republic—academic freedom," said UMass/Boston's Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, who supported a statement from the Association of Urban Universities who met recently at UMass/Boston's Harbor Campus.

Mr. James Harrison, President of the Association of Urban Universities, released a statement concerning the new conservative group that, it has been

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Accreditation team praises UMB faculty, students, and administration

The commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges voted recently to continue its accreditation of UMass/Boston and to extend that accreditation to the doctoral degree-granting level.

Dr. Edward J. Kormondy, Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles, was Chairperson of an eight-person evaluation team that focused on the campus.

The report spoke with glowing terms of the faculty, administration and noted:

"We found students to be open, serious, committed, hard-working, aspiring and, most importantly, supportive of the University...Students repeatedly testified to team members that much more was demanded of them at UMass/Boston than was required of their friends in similar programs at other institutions in Boston."

About faculty, the report stated:

"The faculty is conscientious, dedicated and highly competent with excellent reputations as teachers and, for many, recognition of national or international stature. The faculty has received Guggenheims as well as other prestigious awards.

"Faculty are strongly committed to undergraduate teaching: from the founding of the University this has been a high priority and a major strength. Small classes mean active engagement and personal contact between students and faculty.

"The faculty in the Institute for Learning and Teaching (ILT) has, collectively, had many years of experience with the Boston Public School System, experience which has helped the

Institute to expand its already extensive in-service and collaborative programs."

About administration, the report found:

"The administration is committed, highly competent, hard-working and devoted to the institution. The entire University is blessed with a bold, visionary leadership that has advanced the institution considerably in recent years...

"From an affirmative action standpoint, the University is to be commended. It has made considerable progress relative to under-represented groups. Approximately 11% of the faculty of about 520 are minority and 30% female. The professional staff consists of 240 individuals, some 43% female and 25% minority including several at senior administrative levels.

"A major factor in the organization and governance of the University has been the stability in the senior administrative offices over the past five or six years. This stability has provided a coherent and consistent set of driving forces, steering a common cause."

About academic programs, the report stated:

"The team was impressed with the balance in the curriculum between liberal education and career/professional education...

"The curriculum of the Environmental Sciences Program is broad in concept and, as needed in a new developing program, priority has been given to study of urban harbor pollution, an area of expertise of the six full-time faculty of the ES program and of collaborating scientists of the MS track in Marine Ecology in the Biology Department."



Teddy bears galore were on hand at the Annual Teddy Bears and Friends Picnic at UMass/Boston. Here Patricia Monteith, general manager of WUMB-FM, the campus radio station which sponsored the event, is flanked by Dottie Binns of Jamaica Plain and Denise Strother of Dorchester. The event drew some 2000 participants to the campus.

Dr. Donald Babcock named Vice Chancellor for Planning at UMB



Vice Chancellor Donald D. Babcock

Dr. Donald D. Babcock of Centre Street, Newton, was named Vice Chancellor For Planning at UMass/Boston at a recent meeting of the University's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Babcock has served in many roles during his 17 years at UMass/Boston—Associate Professor of English, Director of Freshman English, Faculty Co-Chair of the University Senate, as Executive Assistant Chancellor for two Chancellors, as acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and, most recently, as Associate Chancellor for Planning.

He was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1959. Following military service, he completed his Ph.D. in English at Stanford University.

Dr. Babcock completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

Dr. Pula elected vice-president of PLT



Dr. Marilyn M. Pula of South Natick, a professor at UMass/Boston, was elected national vice-president of Pi Lambda Theta, a national honor and professional association in education.

Professor Pula teaches at UMass/Boston's Institute for Learning and Teaching (ILT) and is director of the M.Ed. Program in Instructional Media.

She was installed at the 34th Biennial Council held at the University of California at Irvine where representatives of the 106 PLT chapters nationwide had gathered.

Dr. Pula has served on numerous national and regional committees. She has also been appointed to the Publications Advisory Board of *Educational Horizons*, the organization's official publication.

Chancellor Corrigan calls AIA plans an attack on academic freedom

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reported, has begun secretly monitoring 110 campuses nationwide.

Said Chancellor Corrigan:

"Recent tactics announced by a group calling itself 'Accuracy in Academia' set the stage for applying political tests of the accuracy of information taught in the nation's classrooms.

"On the surface, this is a direct and unwarranted attack on one of the most vital elements of our Republic—academic freedom.

"However, what is far more insidious, is that it debases one of the founding principles of that Republic where in truth and freedom are the strongest allies in the pursuit of happiness for all citizens.

"I heartily endorse the remarks of Mr. Jim Harrison, President of the Association of Urban Universities."

The topic already has stirred spirited debate. Noted conservative columnist Don Feder in the Boston Herald:

"For the past 16 years Reed Irvine has waged unremitting guerrilla warfare on media bias, through his organization Accuracy in Media. Not content with incurring the great displeasure of media moguls, Irvine has another sacred cow in his sights—higher education.

"Years of fighting slanted reporting led Irvine to the conclusion that the genesis of the problem lies with the

education of journalists and other opinion makers. Liberal-left indoctrination in the classroom has produced a generation of collectivist leaders.

"From this realization came the impetus for Irvine's new group, Accuracy in Academia. The organization proposes to use student volunteers to monitor classroom discussion in disciplines such as political science, history and economics. The monitors will report instances of bias to AIA, which then will request equal time for opposing views. If this isn't forthcoming, they'll publicize the bias among students, alumni and the general public..."

The official statement of the Association of Urban Universities is printed below.

The Board of Directors of the Association of Urban Universities unequivocally rejects efforts by any group, whether of the left or the right, to seek to apply its own ideological tests of the "accuracy" of the exchange of ideas in our university classrooms.

As Presidents and Chancellors of major urban universities, both public and independent, and as scholars, teachers and citizens, we are irrevocably committed to the proposition that the advancement of knowledge is forever linked to freedom of inquiry, thought and expression.

We have witnessed other attacks upon academic freedom, at other times and from various points on the ideological spectrum. We remain convinced that these attacks are hostile to the preservation of a free society.

We view the announced plans by those behind "Accuracy in Academia" to be nothing more than an attempt to intimidate American higher education.

Any group which seeks to apply ideological tests in the name of intellectual accuracy demonstrates not only its own incompetence to do so, but also its fundamental misunderstanding of the intellectual enterprise. We welcome questioning, controversy, and open debate. We reject anything that threatens the pursuit of truth and the advancement of knowledge.

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O'Malley named Associate Vice Chancellor



Edward C. O'Malley has been appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for External Relations at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

"Mr. O'Malley comes to us with a rich and varied history in legislative and public policy areas," said Chancellor Corrigan. "He will be a great asset to the University."

A Dorchester native, O'Malley was graduated from Boston State College in 1968 and served in the U.S. Navy. He is married and has a daughter.

Joiner Center sponsors women vets conference

Washington Post correspondent Myra MacPherson will be a keynote speaker on the two-day conference on the concerns of women veterans to be sponsored by UMass/Boston's William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, November 8th and 9th.

Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker (D.-Ohio), sponsor of the bill for a national women veterans memorial will be on the Friday, November 8 program with Ms. MacPherson, author of *Long Time Passing: Vietnam and the Haunted Generation*.

The conference will be held on UMass/Boston's Harbor Campus on Friday, November 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be panel discussions and workshops on health issues, benefits,

McCormack Institute sponsors program on John McCormack



A JFK Library program on "the Leadership of John W. McCormack, co-sponsored by UMass/Boston's McCormack Institute, drew a top audience. Participating in various roles were, front: Judge Francis Larkin; JFK Library Director Dan Fenn; ex-Governor Foster Furcolo; Judge Joseph Feeney. Rear, left to right: James Quigley, president, Association of Former Members of Congress; John Monahan, Speaker McCormack's aide from 1960-71; Martin E. Glavin, president, Dorchester Historical Society; Msgr. Francis Lally, editor, *Boston Pilot*, 1951-71; Wilfred Rodgers, *Boston Globe* Washington correspondent, 1961-65; UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan; Joseph A. Langis, Chairman of the program; McCormack Institute Director Edmund Beard, and U.S. Congressman John Joseph Moakley.



Tales of the late John McCormack, former speaker of the US House, were spun by Judge Joseph Feeney, left, to UMass/Boston's Dr. Edmund Beard, Congressman John Joseph Moakley, and UMB Associate Vice-Chancellor Edward C. O'Malley.

post-traumatic stress disorder, sexism and the role of minority women in the military.

Conference fees are \$25, \$10 for students. Child care and Saturday luncheon will be provided.

UMB vets fundraise for memorial



Check for \$1000 raised by the UMass/Boston Student Veterans Union was presented to Dorchester veterans leader Ted Coakley at recent ceremony. This donation, plus \$2500 raised earlier at JFK Library, will help defray the cost of the Dorchester Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be erected on Morrissey Boulevard next to University Drive. Left to right: Kevin Bowen, co-director of the Joiner Center; Kenny Walters, president, Student Veterans' Union; Coakley and Thomas McGonagle of the SAC. Money was raised at a barbecue attended by staff, students, and faculty.

B r i e f l y . . .

In recent weeks, research and publications by Dr. James E. Blackwell, Professor of Sociology, have received substantial media attention. His research and publications on mentoring and networking; the production of black professionals; black faculty in predominantly white universities, and desegregation of higher education were cited, and he was personally interviewed, for articles in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Ford Foundation Newsletter*, the *Washington Post* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

In addition, Dr. Blackwell was interviewed live by the National Public Radio and by the Black Radio Network.

UMass/Boston's Associate Athletic Director Mary Barrett, newly-elected President of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) officiated over her first annual meeting recently in Centerville, Cape Cod with 180 member institutions on hand.

South Africa's Dennis Brutus, an internationally-known poet, spoke on "Current Turmoil in South Africa" recently on the Harbor Campus.

Brutus has been banned from writing, teaching and speaking in public in South Africa. He was imprisoned and exiled from his native country in 1966. He gained public attention in the United

States by winning a successful fight for political asylum in 1983.

Brutus' appearance was sponsored by the Lecture Series of the Student Senate, the Institute for the Study of Black Culture and the South Africa Support Coalition of Massachusetts.

Professor Mark A. Schlesinger of the College of Management's Essential Skills Department has published an article entitled "The Road to Teaching Thinking: A Rest Stop." It appeared in the *Journal of General Education*.

UMass/Boston sophomores interested in a career in government service at the federal, state or local level are invited by Prof. James F. Ward of the Political Science Dept. to apply for a 1986 Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

UMass/Boston has been highly-successful in Truman Scholarship competition with three winners in the last five years. The award covers expenses up to \$5000 per year for the junior and senior year and two years of graduate study.

Deadline is November 1, 1985. Dr. Ward is in 5/069, Wheatley Hall.

Delores Miller of Dorchester, long-time stalwart in Grants & Contracts, was featured recently in a lengthy *Boston Globe* article.

Panel discussion opens '85-86 Distinguished Lecture Series

UMass/Boston Provost Robert A. Greene and Dr. Ernest Lynton inaugurated the 1985-86 Distinguished Lecture Series with a panel discussion recently in the Faculty Club on the Harbor Campus.

The program was moderated by Professor Joan Liem and entitled: "400 Research Universities? The Definition of Scholarship and Research in the Contemporary University."

Dr. Greene has been Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost at UMass/Boston since 1980 after 20 years of distinguished service at the University of Toronto. He received his baccalaureate preparation at Boston College and doctorate at Harvard.

A native of Berlin and a product of European and American educational systems, Professor Lynton received his doctorate in Physics from Yale University. After a distinguished research and teaching career at Rutgers University, Dr. Lynton served as Dean of Livingston College at Rutgers, 1965-73. He joined UMass/Boston in 1973 as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Commonwealth Professor. Since 1983, he has been a Senior Fellow of the McCormack Institute.

Professor Liem joined the UMass/Boston Psychology Department in 1973 and from 1981-83 served as Associate Provost.

Higher Education Awareness Week was held Oct. 13-19 with Ron Ancrum, UMass/Boston's Director of Admissions, deeply involved in a program to increase the participation of Boston-area youths and adults in higher education. He served as a spokesperson of a 20-member committee.

On the calendar is Asian-American College Day, October 27, at the Downtown campus, 1-4 p.m., sponsored by the East Coast Asian Union.

Internationally-acclaimed pianist Phyllis Moss will appear at UMass/Boston's McCormack Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, October 30, 1985 at 12:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Sponsored by the UMass/Boston Department of Music, Ms. Moss' music will include Schubert Sonata in B flat Major, D. 960, and 32 variations in C minor by Beethoven.

A reception will follow the performance.