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News & Views

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Briefly.

Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan hosted a visit to the Renoir exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts for alumni the other day, among them recently-appointed Boston Municipal Court Judge Sally Kelly, Class of 1973; MBTA General Manager James O'Leary, Class of '70, and State Auditor John Finnegan and his wife Elizabeth (He's UMass/Amherst).

In the group was Alumni Director Joseph O'Brien and Boston Police Dept. Supt. Albert J. (Al) Sweeney, Class of 1969 and his wife Wendy who were celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary.

"Why would you spend your anniversary at an alumni affair?" asked Chancellor Corrigan.

"Well," said Sweeney, who is in charge of Special Affairs, "we met at the Downtown Campus in pre-registration for the very first class at UMass/Boston. We thought this would be fitting."

Sherry Thomas, Director of Student Information Services, sends word that the Info Holiday Crafts Fair '85 was highly-successful. It was held in the lobbies of the first two floors of McCormack Hall in conjunction with the WBZ-TV Children's Hospital Fund Drive. There was a concentrated effort to raise funds for the largest pediatric health care institution in the United States, serving 14,000 in-patients each year.

Contributions were presented live on Channel 4 on a Telethon from Fanueil Hall.

UMass/Boston joined with Harvard, Tufts and the Boston Conservatory to honor Vincent Persichetti, American composer, pianist, conductor, teacher, publisher and author, at a series of

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Boston Globe scholarships create new opportunites at UMB for Boston grads



Boston Globe Publisher William O. Taylor, center, is flanked by Boston Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Laval Wilson, right, and UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan at announcement of \$200,000 scholarship program donated by the Boston Globe Foundation. Program will offer full-tuition scholarships to UMass/Boston from 17 of Boston's public high schools.

The Boston Globe, in concert with UMass/Boston and the Boston Public School system, has established a scholarship program that will annually offer financial help to two graduates for each of 17 Boston public high schools.

Announcement was made jointly by William O. Taylor, Publisher, Boston Globe; UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and Dr. Laval S. Wilson, Superintendent, Boston Public Schools.

"We offer a strong commitment to the city we love and believe in", said Mr. Taylor, who announced a \$200,000 pledge from the Boston Globe Foundation.

Noted Dr. Wilson: "As a relative outsider to this area, one who has lived in Illinois, California, Philadelphia, Detroit and twice in New York State, there is no school system in the country that receives the collaboration as the City of Boston's...I thank the Boston Globe very much for its generosity."

"This scholarship program," said Chancellor Corrigan, "represents the best cooperation between public schools, public educational institutions and private enterprises... It is an investment in faith, trust and good will.

"These are people who would not have the opportunity for a four-year college were it not for a scholarship program like this."

Two graduates annually from each of 17 Boston public high schools are to be selected by each school's headmaster to receive four-year full tuition scholarships to UMass/Boston.

Students attending part-time will receive an equivalent award, spread over a long period for as long as they maintain continuous enrollment.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis

of both academic and citizenship potential.

Eligibility requirements:

 Recipients will be graduates of Boston public high schools.

•They will have demonstrated a high level of student citizenship during their high school years.

 They will have shown, in their high school academic records, a strong potential for academic success at the college level.

•They will have applied and been admitted to, and will attend, the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

"The importance of these scholarships is unbelievable."

Delia Duggan of Roslindale, a junior in the College of Management and a graduate of Boston Latin School, was a student representative at the announcement of the Globe Foundation scholarships to Boston Public School high school graduates.

Ms. Duggan is currently on a Chancellor's Scholarship. She is cocaptain of the women's varsity basketball team.

She delivered the following address:

My role here is to give my impressions of UMass/Boston, having graduated from one of the Boston public high schools. I graduated from Boston Latin School and came to UMass/Boston for a couple of reasons.

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Associate Judge at Boston Municipal latest step for alumnus Sally Kelly



Judge Sally Kelley

UMass/Boston graduates are getting more and more recognition these days. One of the latest is Sally Kelly, 33, of Charlestown, who recently was sworn in as Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court by Governor Michael S. Dukakis.

Kelly, UMass/Boston 1973, had served as administrative counsel for Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti. She identified and developed cases on issues of national interest, such as patient abuse, nursing home care, annuity fraud and oil overcharge.

One of the highlights of her career was a case that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Kelly filed against powerful insurance companies in 1979. The Commonwealth charged states have the legal right to compel insurance companies to provide patients with minimal coverage in a number of treatment areas.

"Presenting an argument before the Supreme Court was a wonderful, thrilling experience in itself. Of course, having the justices vote in the Commonwealth's favor is indescribable," says Kelly, in a characteristic understatement.

Kelly's oral argument before the High Court, in February, resulted in a landmark decision; the high court voted 8-0 in The Commonwealth's favor. The result is the "Mandated Mental Health Benefit Law".

"Laws of this type clearly have impact for all people," said the Judge.

The Court's decision benefits all states. Insurance companies must make at least minimal payment for treatment of mental illness, such as psychotherapy, alcoholism, neonatal care and kidney dialysis.

She admits she never imagined herself before the High Court during her undergraduate years as a political science major at UMass/Boston.

"During my junior and senior year at UMass, I worked for the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. It was part of UMass's project, 'University Year for Action', a kind of national Vista program. Students were placed in community projects,' said Kelly, who entered UMass/Boston after graduation from St. Gregory's in Mattapan.

The Institute dealt with law reform issues, lobbying and it worked with numerous community legal service agencies. Kelly worked with low-income people and helped them traverse the political process. She discovered she liked working with social justice issues.

"I was at UMass during the anti-war period. The faculty was supportive of students who wanted to become involved in issues and programs for the public good. That helped reinforce my goals," said Kelly.

From UMass/Boston's Harbor Campus, Kelly enrolled at Northeastern University's Law School. She joined Bellotti's Office in 1976 after graduation from law school, worked with Paula Gold, chief of the Consumer Protection Division, on issues concerning the law and the elderly.

To recognize needs and issues facing the elderly, Kelly made a list of "10 eminent people in the Greater Boston area, from all professions whether in the public or private sector. I was young and felt people in government and industry had a broad base of knowledge and experience," said Kelly.

"I asked them if they were hired to work on issues concerning the elderly where would they start? Nursing homes and patient abuse were the most frequent responses," she said.

Her investigation revealed mistreatment, inappropriate drugs, neglect, not enough staff and other abuses at many nursing homes. Although it was Kelly's first major litigation, her well-documented and prepared case against nursing homes led to the passage of Massachusetts' Patient Abuse Law.

Kelly lives in Charlestown and generally walks to her office. She's a sort of workaholic—her avocations are woven with the same thread of public interest. She is involved with the Boston Food Bank, A Woman's Shelter, the advisory board of the Boston Women's Fund and is a member of the Ford Hall Forum.

"The Forum is a part of history...Boston's and the nation's," she adds.

Kelly is also Vice President of the Fellsway Inn, a halfway house for alcoholic women whom she says "need people to care about their recovery".

"My code, if you want to call it that, is preparation and hard work are the criteria to make any project successful. When you feel strongly about what you're doing and enjoy it, you don't consider it hard work," said Kelly.

Joan Becker elected president of MEOA



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Joan Becker, Director of the Urban Scholars Program at UMass/Boston, was elected President of the Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association.

MEOA is dedicated to preserving and expanding educational opportunity in the Commonwealth.

Featured at the recent meeting were Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Charles Desmond, Senator Gerald D'Amico and Rep. James Collins.

Ronald Inniss, also with the Urban Scholars program, was elected Treasurer. Mr. Desmond was appointed chair of the Governmental Relations Committee.

Institute for Study of Black Culture's first publication creating local news

First publication of The Institute for the Study of Black Culture received considerable notice, including a lengthy story in the *Boston Globe* and pieces on local television.

A monograph entitled "The Emerging Black Community of Boston" was released by Dr. Wornie Reed, Director. The 343-page study contained articles by Dr. James Jennings, Dean, College of Public and Community Service; Professor Philip Hart, Professor James Blackwell, and Professor Edward Strickland.

The publication contains insights into many critical aspects of the community from the works of eight accomplished black scholars and authors.

At the same time, the Institute honored the Black Legislative Caucus.

The major study concludes that Boston's black citizens are being left out of the city's economic boom, despite the fact that the city will have 50 percent minority population by the year 2000.

The study called on "white Boston to make major changes in the way it treats blacks and in the way decisions are made."

The eight-part study had a chapter on jobs and poverty by Dr. Blackwell; racial



Dr. Philip Hart

demographics by Dr. Hart; Boston's black artist community by Dr. Strickland and on black political developments by Dean Jennings.

Also contributing were Charles Willie of Harvard; Michelene Malson of Radcliffe, Dr. Philip Clay of MIT and Dean Hubert Jones of Boston University.

There is "telling evidence that racial problems remain," wrote Dr. Blackwell,



Dean James Jennings

who noted that despite a recent decline in overt racial violence, much must be done.

Dr. Blackwell noted non-residents of Boston hold 75 percent of the jobs downtown. He singled out several businesses in which blacks have significant underrepresentation.

"Blacks in this city have come of age politically," wrote Dean Jennings.

A UMB student talks about opportunities at her public university

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Since my freshman year here, I have taken advantage of the many opportunities the University offers. I am a junior in the College of Management and am majoring in Management Information Systems. This major requires a lot of time in the computer labs, but I enjoy working the IBM, PC's, Apple and other computers available to students here.

Another aspect of school life I enjoy is being on the women's varsity basketball team. This is my third year on the team. I have met a lot of really nice kids and have made some strong friendships.

UMass/Boston also has an excellent co-op internship program with many of firms in the Boston area. I have been consulting with faculty and administrators. They have been very helpful letting me know about different internship positions available. I hope to secure an internship when the basketball season is over.

UMass has so much to offer students that it's impossible to take advantage of it all. I am very glad I came to UMass/Boston. I enjoy many aspects



Delia Duggan, a junior in the College of Management, spoke at the announcement of Globe Foundation scholarships to UMass/Boston. (Carlos Castro Photo)

which I don't think I would have taken advantage of elsewhere.

I encourage the headmasters here to choose good students for the *Boston*

Globe Scholarships. The importance that these scholarships have for students is unbelievable. I realize the importance because my headmaster at Latin, Mr. (Michael) Contompasis recommended me for the William Bulger Scholarship when I first contemplated coming to UMass. I didn't win the scholarship, but just being a runner-up provided a great incentive to start my college career.

It was a difficult choice at the time, having been accepted at Boston College, but acceptance in the UMass Management Program plus the tuition factors helped make that decision easier.

UMass/Boston is an excellent university. Deserving students from the various public schools should be given the encouragement to come here.

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lectures and concerts. There are few more universally admired contemporary American composers than Persichetti. His contributions have enriched musical literature. He is the recipient of three Guggenheim Fellowships, two grants from the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, and one from the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

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New floor for Clark Center's basketball courts

A new hardwood maple basketball floor has been installed in UMass/Boston's Clark Athletic Center. The surface covers four regulation-sized basketball courts.

Some 28,000 square feet of surface (200 x 140 feet) was laid by the Mari Flooring Company, Somerville, at a cost of \$135,000. Installation took nearly 10 weeks. Each board is slightly over an inch (33/32nds) in width.

"I'm very pleased with the new flooring," said Athletic Director Charlie Titus, who also coaches the varsity basketball team.

"A wooden floor reduces the number of knee and ankle injuries. The floor will be used by all our varsity teams, intramural athletes and by the community which makes extensive use of our facility."



Athletic Director Charlie Titus and sophomore scoring whiz Paul Dooley post on the new hardwood basketball floor at the Clark Athletic Center.

Prof. Richard Hogarty of CPCS receives Commonwealth Citation

UMass/Boston Professor Richard Hogarty of Marblehead has been chosen as a recipient of the Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance.

Dr. Hogarty was feted with other state-wide winners by Governor Michael S. Dukakis at a dinner at the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, on December 10.

He was the only UMass/Boston representative.

"Dr. Hogarty's choice reflects long and outstanding service to the University and the respect by which he is held by colleagues," said Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

This has been an award-winning year for Professor Hogarty, who lives on Green St., Marblehead. Earlier he was presented an award for distinguished teaching at the University's College of Public and Community Service. He also was presented a special "Teacher of the Times" award by a group of minority alumni for his "deep sensitivity and understanding of the problems of minority students and consideration and devotion on the part of such students."

Professor Hogarty was graduated



Dr. Richard Hogarty

from Dartmouth. He earned a master's at University of Pennsylvania and a Ph. D. from Princeton. He joined the UMass/Boston faculty in 1968.

Elaine Guiney named Coordinator of Community Services at UMB

Elaine F. Guiney has been appointed Coordinator of Community Services at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Ms. Guiney, a life-long Dorchester resident, has served in a number of community-related public service roles. Significiant among them were positions as Commissioner for Elderly Affairs for the City of Boston, Administrator of the George Robert White Fund and Director of the Office of Housing.

Guiney is a graduate of UMass/Amherst and the Program for Senior Managers in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard.

She lives on Carruth St., Dorchester, with her husband Terrance and son Peter. Terry is currently President of Dorchester Youth Hockey.



Elaine F. Guiney

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Material Manager Joe Bloomstein raised \$600 for the Red Cross by swimming 50 lengths in the Clark Center Pool—and tapping colleagues around the campus for a contribution per length.

Joe doesn't exactly resemble Mark Spitz, but he's a champion in many ways, including good works. Dorchester, Secretary to David Stockton, was married recently to Frankie Kelley of South Boston at St. Ann's Church. The couple lives in Dorchester. Belated congratulations.

Incidentally, Marianne McKenna of

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