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The UMass Boston Friday Report

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

Enrollment Increase Includes Growth in Doctoral Programs

Enrollment has increased from a year ago. The student headcount stands at 12,130 -- a 3% increase from last year's total of 11,775 for the fall semester. The five doctoral programs in particular exhibit strength; enrollment has risen from 93 students last year to 134 this fall, a 45% boost. Enrollment in each doctoral program has gone up. The University's new doctoral program in education has admitted a first class of 13 students.

Campus Notes -- Urban Harbors Institute director **Richard Delaney** has been appointed to a Presidential Task Force responsible for converting from gasoline to cleaner fuels all vehicles that are operated by the federal government. Delaney will focus on water transportation vessels. • **Frances Cooper-Berry** and **Cathy Spence** (Institute for Learning and Teaching) received \$12,000 from the federal Nellie Mae Fund for Education to support a program that encourages parents to become involved in reading initiatives at their children's schools. • Correction: Fellowship winners **Barbara Roberge** and **Barbara Maloney** are enrolled in the Ph.D. program in gerontology, not, as reported September 10th, in the Graduate College of Education. • *Publisher's Weekly* recently reviewed English professor **Martha Collins's** poetry collection, *A History of Small Life on a Windy Planet*, stating: "With a few deft strokes, Collins endows the merely topical (the Gulf War, the news story about a woman whose intestines were torn out) with universal dimensions ... The intensity of all of Collins's poems might be their most memorable quality, but such fervor could not be realized if she did not have impeccable facility with language."

Carol DeSouza, coordinator for grant development and responsible for ensuring that University facilities are accessible to the disabled, received the Ronald E. Blosser Award for Distinguished Service at the annual meeting of the Association on Higher Education and Disabilities. • Assistant Chancellor **Mary Lou Roberts** was chosen as a member of the board of trustees of the Institute for Professional Marketing Education, a recently established subsidiary of the American Marketing Association. • The McCormack Institute is accepting nominations for the John Joseph Moakley Award for Distinguished Public Service. The award recognizes "service rendered above and beyond the call of normal duty, as distinct from those people who have achieved professional recognition in their particular fields of endeavor." Nominations should be sent to Institute director **Ray Torto** by December 1. • CPCS professor **Constance Chan** has received an achievement award from the American Psychological Association. • **Barbara Buchanan**, director of field education at CPCS, spent two weeks this summer in Great Britain at universities in Glasgow, Liverpool, London, Newcastle and Portsmouth, where she presented seminars on competency-based education.

French language professor **Brian Thompson** was in Poland lecturing at the University of Lodz. Thompson has been awarded \$4,800 in grants to coordinate a festival of French language song that will take place at the Harbor Campus next spring. • Music professor **Jon Mitchell** was in Spain in July conducting research on the Spanish dance genre *pasodoble*. He also lectured and presented a paper on English composer Gustav Holst at a conference of the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles. • Tickets are available for the October 2

performance of *Miss Saigon* at The Wang Center in Boston to benefit the University. Members of the University communities from five campuses are invited to attend. The evening begins with a reception at 6:45 p.m., followed by the show at 8 o'clock. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased through the our Alumni Affairs office at 7-5330. • The College of Management fall lecture series begins on Monday, September 27, with an address by **Lawrence Dwyer**, newly appointed chief of the city's department of health and hospitals. All series lectures will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Wheatley building's Snowden Auditorium.

Faculty to Assist in Developing Project Tech Prep

Faculty members from the departments of math and computer science, English, and the Graduate Program in Critical and Creative Thinking will participate in workshops at the Harbor Campus this year for Tech Prep, a national project designed to prepare young men and women for careers in emerging technical fields. As one of the leading members of the Southeast Massachusetts Tech Prep consortium, the University is working in partnership with other consortium members to enhance curricula and teaching strategies so that high school students enrolled in nine local school districts and vocational high schools can take the first step toward launching careers in such areas as health care, business and computer information systems, drafting and design technologies, and graphics and commercial drawing. Students begin the four-year Tech Prep program as high school juniors and complete it at a community college. Tech Prep's mission is to prepare students for professional careers while also building academic skills that enable them to pursue four-year college degrees. Two hundred high school juniors in southeastern Massachusetts are currently enrolled in Tech Prep. The Commonwealth was allotted \$1.75 million this year from the U.S. Department of Education to operate 11 Tech Prep consortia.

Walkers Sought To Raise Money for Battered Women

UMass Boston faculty, staff and students are being asked to walk six miles around the Charles River on Sunday, October 17th, to raise money for shelters that support women who are victims of domestic abuse. **Terry Delehanty**, a University public safety officer, is recruiting members of the campus community for the second annual Walk for Women's Safety, sponsored by the Jane Doe Safety Fund, an organization that provides financial assistance to 32 shelter programs for battered women in Massachusetts. Pledges obtained by walkers will be donated to the Jane Doe Safety Fund. The noontime walk begins and ends at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade and follows a course along Storrow and Memorial drives.

Delehanty, who is studying criminal justice at the University, became interested in helping battered women several years ago while he was employed as a public housing safety officer in Chelsea. "I dealt every day with cases of women who were battered, and sometimes it seemed like it was happening every hour," he says. The Jane Doe Safety Fund reports the following facts concerning battered women in Massachusetts last year: a domestic violence murder occurred on average every eight days, more than 70,000 women contacted shelter hotlines, and more than 2,500 women spent time living in shelter facilities. Members of the University community interested in walking can obtain pledge sheets and registration cards at the Office of Student Life, the Women's Center, the bookstore and any campus cafeteria. The goal of the walk is to raise \$50,000. Some 60% of that sum will help fund shelters, with the remainder supporting the Jane Doe Safety Fund's domestic abuse awareness program.