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News & Views

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Briefly . . .

The MBTA has authorized remodeling of the Red Line station, ending a two-year battle to allow South Shore riders easier access to UMass/Boston, the JFK Library and other Dorchester areas. Within 24 months, South Shore riders will be able to enter and leave Red Line trains at the JFK/UMass station. A \$13.5 million contract was awarded to J.F. White Contracting Co. for the remodeling of the station.

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Former Chancellor Francis Broderick, now retired in New Hampshire, will be honored by St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N.H. at its commencement.

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Kirk Johnson, research associate at the William Monroe Trotter Institute, has received widespread publicity, including a lengthy story in *The Boston Globe*, with the results of his recent study which analysed local news coverage of Boston's black community and the images resulting from that coverage.

In assessing the fairness of this coverage, he monitored news reports from a sample of newspapers and radio and TV stations and noted the roles blacks played, the activities blacks were shown to be engaged in, and the events that brought blacks into the news.

Johnson's conclusion: Blacks were not portrayed fairly and many positive stories were bypassed.

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An exhibit, "Black Women In The Military", sponsored by UMass/Boston, will appear through March 13 at the Cambridge Multi-Cultural Arts Center, Second St., East Cambridge.

Dr. Joan H. Liem appointed acting Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs



Dr. Joan H. Liem

Dr. Joan H. Liem of Brookline has been named acting Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, it was announced by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

She succeeds Dr. Robert A. Greene, who had served in that position since 1980. Dr. Greene will assume his faculty position as Professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Liem, who had served previously for two years (1981-83) as Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, stepped down as Chair of the Department of Psychology to assume her new position.

"I'm looking forward to working with Chancellor Corrigan, the other Vice Chancellors, the Deans, the faculty and the Academic Affairs staff to make the next six months as smooth and productive as possible," said Dr. Liem.

"I hope to draw on my past experience in the Provost's Office to minimize the disruption that understandably occurs in any transition and to contribute to the academic development which is so important to UMass/Boston at this critical point in its history."

Dr. Liem received a B.A., with honors, from The University of Rochester in 1968, an M.A., also with honors, from Boston

University in 1969 and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Boston University in January, 1973. She did two years of Post-doctoral work at Harvard Medical School, September, 1972 - August, 1974.

Chancellor Corrigan stated: "I am delighted that Dr. Liem has agreed to serve as Provost. She brings an enormous amount of talent and energy to this important office. Her vigorous and sensitive academic leadership is widely respected by her colleagues."

Dr. Liem also spent a year as a Clinical Fellow in the Psychiatric Service at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She joined UMass/Boston as an Assistant Professor of Psychology in 1974.

She won national recognition from the American Psychological Association in 1975 for her research on communication in families with schizophrenic offspring and has continued to publish in that area. In 1984 she was selected to participate in the American Council on Education's National Identification program for promising women administrators.

Dr. Liem's husband, Dr. G. Ramsey Liem, is a Professor at Boston College. They have nine year-old twin daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, and live on Greenough St., Brookline.

The photographic exhibit is sponsored by the William Joiner Center for The Study of War and Social Consequences. Featured are photographs documenting the role of black women in the military from World War II to the present.

A luncheon was held in their honor at the Harbor Campus last spring.

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The College of Management and the McCormack Institute, under the direction of Professor Joe McHugh, has launched "The New England Government Financial Managers' Roundtable" at the World Trade Center, Boston.

First speaker was The Honorable Charles A. Bowsher, U.S. Controller General.

Subsequent sessions are slated for March 10, April 21 and May 12.

Interested parties can contact Prof. McHugh at 8044 or 8030.

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Laurel E. Radwin, RN, of the School of Nursing, participated in the National League for Nursing's Research in Nursing Education's fifth annual conference in San Francisco.

She presented a paper: "Cues and Strategies Used in the Diagnosis of Pain Conditions."

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ACCESS's support services aid disadvantaged students at UMB

Vietnamese students from Greater Boston colleges helped celebrate the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, at UMass/Boston's Harbor Campus; it's the Vietnamese Year of the Cat.

The celebration featured Vietnamese music, dancing, traditional costumes and food. It was part of the University's ACCESS Program, a Federally-funded special services project mandated to provide support services for economically disadvantaged and first generation college students. ACCESS is a part of the Department of Educational Support Programs in the Division of Student Affairs.

"The goal of the program is to help these students stay in school. The concentration is on freshmen," says Carol DeSouza, director of ACCESS, an acronym meaning Advising, Counselling, Coordination of Educational Support Services.

The UMass/Boston ACCESS Program has served over 1000 students since 1984. Over 65 percent of those students have continued at UMass/Boston after their freshman year. This project is an outgrowth of the Freshman Studies Program begun in 1980 at Boston State College. Because of its high retention rate, the program was nominated for a Commonwealth Citation in 1985 and it is a model for other states launching student support services.

The New Year's Celebration is just one of the many events—varying from ethnic festivals, movies, sports programs and participation in community events to help these students adjust to and feel a part of the college experience.

"We arrange for tutoring for those students who need it, provide counselling, help students determine courses, and we have continual follow-up to be sure they're



Carol DeSouza

keeping up with their studies. This way, we're able to catch students who are having study or personal problems or failing before the end of the semester," she said.

DeSouza's department follows up on students in the Veterans', Athletic, ESL (English as a second language) and Developmental Studies programs. It intervenes with problem-solving solutions such as helping to arrange financial aid, day care services, academic tutoring or counselling.

She says economically disadvantaged students, frequently minorities and immigrants, as well as first generation college students, need and benefit by support services. She points to a national study which found "students who received the full range of Special Services were 2.26 times as likely to complete their first year of college as students who did not receive these services."

Learning Disabled students, accepted at UMass/Boston through the regular admission process, are offered the same support services.

"Learning Disabled students have no special classes here at the University; they are mainstream students from day one. However, we provide whatever ACCESS support services necessary to insure these students academic achievement in their regular courses," says DeSouza.

A Belmont resident, DeSouza was graduated from Harvard University with a degree in Administration, Planning and Social Policy.

Barrett completes term at ECAC



Mary Barrett, Associate Director of Athletics, recently completed her term as the 37th President of the Eastern College Athletic Conference. She was the first female athletic administrator to preside over the largest athletic conference in the country (249 member institutions).

Above, Ms. Barrett, outgoing ECAC president, was feted recently by ECAC Commissioner Robert "Scotty" Whitelaw, right, and ECAC Associate Commissioner Clayton Chapman.

Commissioner Whitelaw said, "The ECAC, under Mary's leadership, continued to make progress across the board and in its diversified areas of services and programs." Ms. Barrett continues to serve on the NCAA Executive Council.

In addition, Ms. Barrett recently served on a committee which evaluated the Mt. Holyoke College Athletic and Physical Education Departments.

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Dean Kibrick participates in AIDS conference



Dr. Anne K. Kibrick

Dr. Anne K. Kibrick, Dean of UMass/Boston's School of Nursing, participated in the "International Conference on AIDS in Children, Adolescents and Heterosexual Adults" in Atlanta.

Dean Kibrick is a founding member of the International Interdisciplinary AIDS Foundation, the chief sponsor of the conference.

She moderated and participated in a workshop dealing with the nursing aspects of individuals with AIDS.

Hon. Paul Garrity donates papers



Attorney Paul Garrity, former Superior Court Judge, has donated his papers concerning the receivership of the Boston Housing Authority to the Healey Library at UMass/Boston.

Garrity is best known for his judicial efforts to push the clean-up of Boston Harbor, for which he was dubbed "The Sludge Judge" by local news media.

Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, who accepted what he termed "The Garrity Papers" at a reception held in the Healey Library, said, "We see the papers as a most valuable resource to be used by scholars engaged in research on housing and land use in Boston."

Above, former Judge Garrity, left, makes official his donation of papers to the UMass/Boston library. Accepting, center, is Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan while Librarian B. Donald Grose looks on at right.

Prof. Siperstein awarded new grant

UMass/Boston Professor Gary N. Siperstein has been granted a National Institute of Health Merit Award which, in effect, grants him almost \$2 million in research monies over a 10-year period.

Earlier, Professor Siperstein had been awarded over \$500,000 for a three-year study for the National Institute of Child Health and Development. This is his second three-year award from the NICHD.

Dr. Siperstein is Director of the Human Services Center at UMass/Boston's College of Public and Community Services.

"This is an astounding accomplishment for Professor Siperstein and UMass/Boston," said Dr. Fuad Safwat, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. "In monetary terms, this grant should amount to almost \$2 million.

"This major award focuses national attention to Gary's research. It has made Dr. Siperstein's continuing efforts to make the Center for the Study of Social Acceptance a nationally-known and respected institute.

"To my knowledge, this is among the very first NIH Merit Awards ever given. It brings honor and prestige to the University's research community."

The award automatically extends Professor Siperstein's present three-year award to five years of continuing support without requiring submission of a proposal through the normal peer review competitive process.

In his research, Dr. Siperstein and his team are determining how the social acceptability of mentally-retarded children among non-retarded and retarded peers is affected in laboratory and natural situations by their own characteristics, those of their non-retarded peers and other variables.

Famed author Maya Angelou delivers lecture at UMass/Boston

Maya Angelou, famed author, producer and playwright, lectured at UMass/Boston's Lipke Science Auditorium.

Her appearance was sponsored by the Monroe Trotter Institute, the Black Student Center and the Senate Lecture series.

Ms. Angelou is the author of five autobiographical best-sellers, four books of poetry and numerous articles in such publications as the *New York Times*, *Redbook*, and *Cosmopolitan*.

She has made over 150 television appearances and was the subject of an hour-long interview by Bill Moyers on PBS. Her autobiographical account of her youth, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, was aired as a two-hour TV special for CBS.

Ms. Angelou, with just a high school education, has been a singer, educator, dancer, author, historian, actress, editor, songwriter and playwright.

In the 1960's, at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., she became the Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian



Maya Angelou

Leadership Conference. In 1981 she was appointed the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.

Harbor Point groundbreaking marks new housing on Columbia Point

Briefly...

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Mark Pawlak of the CAS Office of Academic Support & Advising, and Dick Lourie of the Publications Office were featured recently in a Boston Globe article. It concerned their Boston-based poetry group appearing in Somerville.

Pawlak and Lourie are co-editors of the magazine, "Hanging Loose."

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First Municipal Leasing Corp. is now accepting 1987 Scholars Program scholarship applications. For the fourth year, FMLC will award \$500 scholarships to 20 young men and women. Write FMLC at 857 Grant St., Denver CO 80203.

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Boston Running News had a major article by Jon Lorway highlighting the UMass/Boston women's track team and its three NCAA championships. It highlighted, among others, national 800-meter champion Genesis Eddins.

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Attention also focused on Larry Quintiliani and competition for wheelchair athletes. A major Boston Globe article featured photos of Quintiliani and quoted Nils Jorgensen, the coordinator of adaptive sport and recreation at UMass/Boston.



UMass/Boston's newest neighbor soon will rise from the dilapidated 1504-unit Columbia Point housing project into 1283 units of mixed-income, private rental luxury apartments.

Thus the University, first on the scene, will be joined by later arrivals, the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library and, most recently, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Archives.

Harbor Point is the name the Quincy-based developers, Corcoran, Mullins, Jennison, Inc., have placed on the \$190 million project.

Talk of redeveloping Columbia Point began more than 10 years ago, soon after the Harbor Campus started rising from what once was a dump and hobo jungle. Fewer than 300 families remained before the long-awaited transformation started a few weeks ago.

The new development will keep 400 units of low-income housing when completed in 1990. There will be a mix of 903 elevator apartments, 214 townhouse units and 166 garden apartments.

Plans also call for recreational facilities and a 6.5 acre waterfront park.



As Columbia Point buildings come down, above, the \$190 million Harbor Point (top photo) will rise.

Groundbreaking ceremonies drew the attendance of Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, State Senate President William M. Bulger and UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, among a host of dignitaries.



Blanket of snow descended on the Harbor Campus on several occasions in recent weeks.