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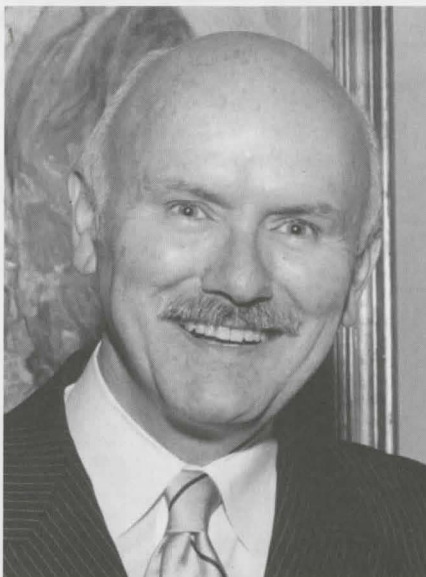
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UMB names honorary degree recipients for Commencement '87



Briefly...

UMass/Boston's Physical Education Program will hold an Open House at the new Exercise/Science Sports Medicine Lab on the Harbor Campus on Wednesday, May 6, 1987, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It is free and open to the public. It will be held in Wheatley Hall, 01-01-034.

The purpose is to introduce and demonstrate its potential as an educational and service facility to the University family and the community at large.

Light refreshments will be served on the patio outside the lab.

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Irish writer Bernard MacLaverty, author of the highly-acclaimed novel "Cal", read from his works at the Harbor Gallery recently.

A native of Belfast where he took his degree at Queen's University, MacLaverty has lived most of his recent years in Scotland. He has had a number of stories televised by the BBC. MacLaverty now lives in Glasgow.

The program was sponsored by the Irish Studies Program.

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A Fair Housing Seminar was held at the Downtown Campus. Representatives from the Fair Housing Commission discussed Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing, Testing and Enforcement. The program was sponsored by UMass/Boston's College of Public and Community Service and the Fair Housing Commission.

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Macondo, a unique and unforgettable theatre production, was recently held at Wheatley Auditorium.

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Honorary degree recipients, clockwise from top left: Dr. A. Bartlett Giamatti, Dr. Laval S. Wilson, William V. Shannon and Edward E. Phillips.

A. Bartlett Giamatti, President of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, will deliver the featured address at UMass/Boston's 19th Commencement on Saturday, May 30, 1987, at 1 p.m. on the Harbor Campus.

The Boston-born Dr. Giamatti retired as President of Yale University, his alma mater, in June, 1986, after serving eight years in the post.

Dr. Giamatti is one of four who will receive honorary degrees marking the University's 23rd academic year. The others:

• Edward E. Phillips of Weston, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.

• Dr. Laval S. Wilson of Jamaica Plain, Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools.

• William V. Shannon of Brookline, former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland (1977-81), Professor at Boston University and Boston Globe editorial page columnist.

Dr. Giamatti received his Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in English in 1960 and his Ph.D. degree in Comparative Literature in 1964, both from Yale. As a graduate student he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow (honorary) and held a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship. He taught Italian and Comparative Literature at Princeton.

Dr. Giamatti, an avid Boston Red Sox fan, even though he now heads the "rival" baseball league, has written many books, essays, articles and reviews on Renaissance literature and baseball.

His baseball writings include: "Tom Seaver's Farewell", *Harper's Magazine*

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Dr. Robert W. Guimond testifies in Washington in support of federal bill

Dr. Robert W. Guimond, Professor of Biology, and an attorney, recently appeared before the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Guimond was invited to testify in support of House Bill 1054, which would grant to members of the Armed Forces the right to sue the Federal Government for instances of military medical neglect. The current law prohibits all servicepersons from pursuing such claims.

Dr. Guimond has researched extensively the law in the area of military medical neglect and has been before the U.S. Supreme Court in an effort to change the law.

His cases have been the subject of a number of newspaper and magazine articles, radio talk shows and have been



Dr. Robert W. Guimond

featured on the Today Show and NBC Nightly News.

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Macondo is based on Garcia Marquez' surreal, Nobel prize-winning novel of Latin America, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*.

It was performed by the Chicago-based Dreiske Performance Company, formerly known as the Facets Performance Ensemble and renamed this year by Nicole Dreiske, founder and artistic director.

It's the story of the larger-than-life Buendia family and combines death and fantasy, danger and sensuality.

The Dreiske Performance Company is a year-round professional theatre company whose work aims at developing a new means of actor training.

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Stephen G. and Mary Anne Q. Wood of Brigham Young University spoke on "Genetic Screening in the Workplace" at the Healey Library. The program was sponsored by the GTE Educational Foundation.

Stephen G. Wood is Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young. He is co-author of *Fair Employment Practices and Standards* (1982) and chairs the Committee on Civil Rights and Employment Discrimination of the section of the Administrative Law, American Bar Association.

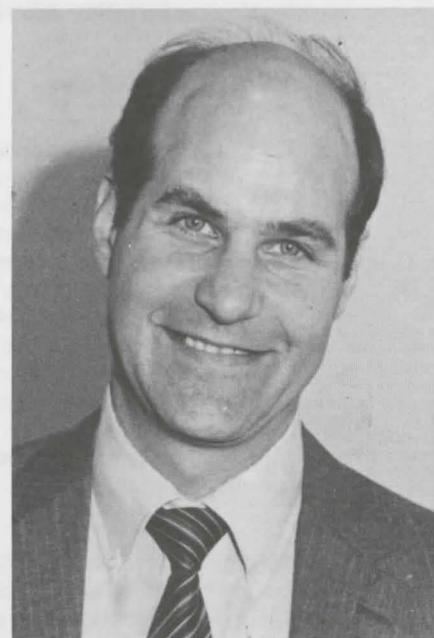
Mary Anne Q. Wood was Professor and Associate Dean, J. Reuben Clark Law School, and a White House Fellow (1981-82). She is co-author of *A Lawyer Looks at Abortion* (1982) and *Fair Employment Practices and Standards*.

Dr. Scott Bass honored with fellowship by GSA

Dr. Scott A. Bass, Associate Professor in the Community Planning Center, has been made a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.

Dr. Bass is Director of the Gerontology Program and Institute at the University's College of Public and Community Service.

His fellowship represents the highest academic affiliation one can have in the scientific society.



Dr. Scott Bass

Dr. Bass was nominated by professional colleagues in the Social Research, Planning and Practice Section of GSA.

Fewer than 15 individuals nation-wide will be awarded such status in 1987.

Said the notification: "It recognizes you as an outstanding and continuing contributor to the advancement of gerontology."

Dr. Bass has served as Director of the Gerontology Department since 1980. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1971, received his M.A. in Clinical Psychology there in 1973 and his Ph.D. from Michigan in 1976.



Colleen Lopes, recently elected student-trustee at the UMass/Boston campus, is shown with Rev. Jesse Jackson on a recent visit to the Hub. Ms. Lopes is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in psychology. She is the recipient of the Chancellor's Merit of Excellence Scholarship.

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UMass/Boston honors two at Neighborhood Breakfast

State Representative James T. Brett and Dorchester owner-publisher Edward W. Forry were honored at the first annual Neighborhood Breakfast held recently in the Faculty Club. The purpose of the breakfast was to strengthen ties with the community.

Rep. Brett, who represents the Fourteenth Suffolk District, in which the University is located, was presented the prestigious Chancellor's Medal by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Mr. Forry was the recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award for Distinguished Community Service. The award is named in honor of Quinn, a native of Savin Hill, who became Speaker of the House of Representatives and Attorney General.

Mr. Quinn was instrumental in the founding of the Boston Campus of the University of Massachusetts.

"This medal," said Chancellor Corrigan, "has been presented in the past to distinguished leaders, both in the public and private sectors and to outstanding members of our campus community in recognition of meritorious



Senate President William M. Bulger, right, huddles with honorees Edward W. Forry, right, and Rep. James T. Brett at first annual Neighborhood Breakfast.

service to the University and the Commonwealth."

"The presentation to Rep. James Brett, a distinguished member of the Dorchester community, is particularly appropriate since UMass/Boston strives to be an integral part of that community."

Mr. Quinn lauded Dorchester native

Forry who has served the community for nearly two decades. He has published and edited *The Reporter* for four years and has become a key Dorchester figure in many areas.

The Neighborhood Breakfast was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Edward C. O'Malley, a Dorchester native.



Representative James Brett accepts Chancellor's Medal from Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.



Dorchester editor-publisher Edward W. Forry, left, accepted plaque in name of presenter Hon. Robert H. Quinn.

Dean James Jennings to speak at Faculty Club on May 5

Dean James Jennings of the College of Public and Community Service, will speak on "The 'New' Black Neo-Conservatism: A Critique" on Tuesday, May 5, 1987, in the Faculty Club, Healey Library, Harbor Campus, at 4:00 p.m.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

This is the fourth of the 1986-87 Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

Dr. Jennings will examine and critique several ideas associated with black neo-conservatism. He will provide historical as well as racial and political commentary regarding the emergence of black neo-conservatism and its impact on public policy for urban America.

Dr. Jennings has been Dean of CPCS since February, 1983. He holds two masters degrees and a Ph.D. from Columbia University where his research

focused on public policy issues relating especially to minority politics and leadership patterns.

He has taught at several institutions including Boston College and Harvard. He has been called upon often to serve the University and the State on various committees and task forces dealing with public policy issues.

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(September 1977); "The Green Fields of the Mind," *Yale Alumni Magazine*; "A Magic Game and an End to Innocence," *Boston Globe*, 1985; and "Baseball and the American Character," *Harper's*, October, 1986.

Edward E. Phillips has been Chairman of the Board and CEO of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company since November 1978. He joined the firm in 1969 and was elected a Director in 1973. He served as the Company's eighth President, 1974-81.

Phillips serves as New England Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Action Center for Educational Services and Scholarships (ACCESS). ACCESS, which assures that any academically qualified student not be denied a higher education because of financial circumstances, is a compact between public schools and the business community.

Mr. Phillips served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was graduated from Amherst College, cum laude, in 1952 and from Harvard Law School in 1955.

Dr. Laval S. Wilson became Boston's Superintendent of Schools in 1985 after serving in similar positions in Rochester, N.Y. (1980-85) and Berkeley, California (1974-80).

Dr. Wilson, a resident of Jamaica Plain, serves on a number of local boards, among them the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and Boy Scouts of America.

He received a B.Ed. from Chicago Teachers College in 1958, an M.A. from the University of Chicago, 1962, and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1967.

He and his wife Constance Ann have four children, Laval Jr., Holly, Shawn and Nicole.

William V. Shannon holds professorships in the Departments of History and Journalism at BU, as well as writing a column on the editorial pages of the *Boston Globe*. He was Washington correspondent for the *New York Post*, 1951-64, where he wrote a thrice-weekly column on national and international affairs. Later he worked for the *New York Times* and then served as U.S. Ambassador to Ireland.

Mr. Shannon, a native of Worcester, attended the public schools in that city and was graduated from Clark University. He did graduate study in history at Harvard University.

He is the author of four books, including *The American Irish* (1964) and *The Heir Apparent (Robert F. Kennedy)*, 1967. He is the author of numerous magazine articles.

Shannon and his wife Elizabeth and their three sons reside in Brookline.

Shirley Chisholm named to speak at Gerontology Program graduation

Former U.S. Congressional leader Shirley Chisholm will be the keynote speaker at UMass/Boston's Gerontology Program graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 27, at 6 p.m. in the John F. Kennedy Library, Columbia Point.

A native New Yorker, Ms. Chisholm was the only woman and the only Black American to sit on the powerful House Rules Committee and she was a leading member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Congresswoman Chisholm served in the Congress from 1969 and in February 1982 announced she would not seek reelection.

In 1972 she made history by seriously campaigning for the Democratic Party nomination for President, the first Black woman to seek the nation's highest office.

Said UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan:

"If there is a more energetic, caring and humane individual in America than Shirley Chisholm, I have yet to hear of that person. She has visited our campus in the past and thrilled us with the



Shirley Chisholm

strength of her commitment to a just and equitable society. It is an honor and a pleasure to add her name to the list of distinguished honorary degree recipients at UMass/Boston."

She is the author of two books: *Unbought and Unbossed*, her autobiography, and *The Good Fight*, the story of her 1972 bid for the presidency.

UMB Health Services sponsors non-smoking conference

Health Services sponsored a non-smoking conference in the Faculty Club.

The purpose of the conference was to provide an overview of the current status and trends of smoking policies and program development in colleges and universities.

The keynote address was delivered by Stephen Haras, Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

There were two panel presentations. One involved John Pinney, Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of Smoking Behavior and Policy, John F.

Kennedy School, Harvard University, William Christmas, Director of Health Services, University of Vermont, and Cynthia Ferguson, Chairperson, Coalition for a Smoke-Free Massachusetts.

Panel II was chaired by William Christmas and included David Kraft, Health Service, UMass/Amherst; Robert Saltonstall, Jr., Associate Vice President, Harvard University, and Stephen Larson, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, Northeastern University.



Ms. Ellen Williams, center, an aide in the Washington D.C. office of U.S. Congressman J. Joseph Moakley, was a recent visitor to the Harbor Campus where she has been most helpful to the Grants & Contracts Dept. Left to right: Carl Finn, Grants & Contracts Director; Dean Fuad Safwat, Graduate Studies; Ms. Williams; Delores Miller, Finn's aide, and Vice Chancellor Edward C. O'Malley.