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

C a m p u s N o t e s

The **Gastón Institute** has organized a consortium of research institutes that have been awarded a two-year \$500,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant will be used to establish a Center for Community Economic Development (CCED) that will provide applied research and outreach activities to communities of color. The consortium is composed of the following: the **Institute for Asian American Studies**, the **William Monroe Trotter Institute**, and the **College of Public and Community Service**.

The **UMass Boston Partners in Print Program** is teaching students from Dorchester High, Everett High and Dearborn Middle School about journalism. Created in the Fall of 1994, *Partners in Print* is funded by a \$1,650 Public Service Grant. Members of the program include: *The Boston Globe*, *The Boston Herald*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today*, the *Associated Press*, and UMass Boston's **Urban Scholars** and **Upward Bound**. Administered by **Carol Remick**, UMass Boston Director of Corp and Internship Programs, the first *Partners in Print* student newspaper was published in April. Its second edition will be published this month.

On **April 11**, CPCS Adjunct Prof. **Robert Marra** welcomed former governor of Massachusetts Michael Dukakis to his course, *Health Care & Social Justice*, to lecture on health reform. Governor Dukakis is one of a series of guest speakers who address topics ranging from the media's role in health reform to Canadian-style health care. For further information call Assistant Dean for Planning and Urban Programs Marian Darlington-Hope at 287-7284.

On **April 16**, the **Office of Student Affairs** and its **Department of Educational Support Programs** hosted an on-campus interactive teleconference, *The U.S. Department of Education Satellite Town Meeting*. Deputy Secretary of Education Madeline Kunin moderated a panel discussion between educators, financial aid administrators, admission representatives, and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley, who discussed effective student strategies for securing a college education. Director of the Veterans Upward Bound Program Charles Diggs served as a panelist. Other UMass Boston participants included students and staff from the **Veterans Upward Bound Project**, the **College Prep Program**, and the **Urban Scholars Program**.

On **April 26**, Lawrence L. Langer, author of the nationally recognized *Holocaust Testimonies: The Ruins of Memory* lectured on "The Holocaust: Interpreting Survivor Testimonies." The event was presented by the McCormack Institute and grant from Bernard Stotsky, a retired UMass Boston psychology professor.

On Tuesday, **May 14**, at 6:00 p.m. a second *Spring Voices* concert will be held in the Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. Music students will perform songs from opera to Broadway. For further information please call 287-6980.

A book party will be held on **May 15**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Provost's conference room, located on the Healey Library's 8th floor. The event will celebrate the publication of *Utopian Vistas: The Mabel Dodge Luhan House and the American Counterculture* by **Prof. Lois Rudnick** of the American Studies program and **Prof. Polly Welts Kaufman's** book, *National Parks and the Woman's Voice: A History*. Formerly of UMass Boston, Kaufman now teaches at the University of Southern Maine.

This is the final issue of the *Friday Report*. We will resume printing in September. The Public Information staff would like to thank everyone who contributed information for Campus Notes and participated in our feature stories.

On **May 17**, an award-winning documentary portrait of the Chinese-American who designed the Washington D.C. Vietnam Veteran's Memorial will be shown in the Science Building's Lipke Auditorium at 7:00 pm. The documentary, *Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision*, will be followed by a discussion with its creator, Freida Lee Mock and will benefit the **Institute for Asian American Studies**. For more information, call 287-5650.

Campus Players, a non-profit, student-run organization will perform *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, **May 17 - 19** at 8:00 p.m. in the McCormack Theatre. Tickets are \$8 and \$6 for students and senior citizens. For further information call 287-3919.

On **May 17**, the **College of Nursing**, in collaboration with **Sigma Theta Tau Alpha Chapter** and the **Graduate Student Association**, is sponsoring its Ninth Annual Research Day from 9:00 to noon at the John F. Kennedy Library. Speaking on health policy research will be Hazel Johnson Brown, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of George Mason University's Center for Health Policy, Virginia.

On **May 19**, **Layeforest Donald** of the Provost's Office and her husband Joseph will be honored by the Commonwealth's Department of Social Services with a Horizons of Hope award and a governor's citation. The award recognizes their fourteen-year dedication as foster parents to adolescent boys and will be presented at the 11th Annual Commissioner's Foster Parent Recognition Awards Brunch.

UMass Boston graduate **Rebecca Saunders '78** will be named the *1996 Distinguished Alumni of the Year* at Commencement on **June 1**. Saunders received her B.A. in music and English literature and has taught courses at UMass Boston in writing and literature since 1984. She is co-founder of *Blue Moon Poets*, a bi-monthly poetry reading in Cambridge, and *Bruno*, a journal of art, literature and criticism. She is establishing The Firedog Theatre, Inc., to showcase the works of new and established artists.

A book, *Boston Bohemia, 1881-1900: Ralph Adams Cram, Life and Architecture* by Douglass Shand-Tucci and edited by University Press Editor **Paul Wright** was chosen in April as a finalist for the annual L.L. Winship PEN Book Award.

David Matz, Director of the Dispute Resolution Program has co-authored a book, *Massachusetts Alternative Dispute Resolution* with David A. Hoffman of Hill & Barlow Law Firm, Boston.

James Livingston, MIT Professor and spouse of Chancellor Sherry Penney, has written a book, *Driving Force: The Natural Magic of Magnets* published by Harvard University Press.

English Prof. Lloyd Schwartz was commissioned to write a poem on the Orpheus myth, which he read during a March 24 performance of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra. Other commissioned concert participants included UMass Boston students and alumni **Lori Byrne**, **Norm Oppegard**, **Gary Strack**, and **Daniel Sterne**.

Associate Director of the Field Center for Teaching and Learning **June Kuzmeskus** has edited a book, *We Teach Them All: Teachers Write about Diversity* published by Stenhouse Press. Copies can be purchased at the Mass. Field Center for Teaching and Learning, Wh 1/177.

On **May 16**, from 2:00 p.m - 4:30 p.m., vendors will be demonstrating ergonomically correct furniture, in room 308, 3rd floor, Administration Building. Contact Carol DeSouza at 287-5711.

World-renowned Opera Singer Jessye Norman Will Address Graduates

Jessye Norman, world-renowned opera singer, will receive an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree and deliver the keynote address at the University's 1996 Commencement ceremony. Commencement will be held for the first time at the Bayside Exposition Center on Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. Approximately 1800 undergraduate degrees and 575 graduate degrees and certificates of advanced graduate study will be conferred.

"Because Commencement provides us with the opportunity to show everyone what we are all about, moving to the Bayside Exposition Center will ensure that inclement weather will not interfere with our ceremonies," says Chancellor Sherry H. Penney. "In addition, we've grown tremendously, and the plaza can no longer fulfill our needs. We want the most comfort for our graduates, their families and friends, and the new location will certainly help us accommodate those needs."

Ms. Norman has been the recipient of many prizes and awards throughout her career, including first prize from the National Society of Arts and Letters in Washington, D.C. at the age of twenty. She also received first prize in the Bavarian Radio Corporation's International Music Competition (1968); was awarded France's Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (1984) and Legion of Honor (1989); and received the U.S.'s Outstanding Musician of the Year award (1982).

Ms. Norman first achieved prominence in Europe, where she has performed in the major opera houses of Germany, France, Great Britain and Italy. She has performed nearly every year since 1983 at New York City's Metropolitan Opera. In addition, she has performed with major orchestras, including Berlin, Vienna, New York, Boston, London, Dresden, Leipzig, Toronto, Tokyo, Taipei, and Hong Kong.

Ms. Norman has recorded extensively, and has won numerous prizes, including three Grammy Awards in 1980, 1982 and 1985.

Born in Augusta, Georgia, Ms. Norman received her bachelor of music degree with honors from Howard University; a masters degree from the University of Michigan; and pursued post-graduate studies in music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore.

Also receiving honorary degrees on June 1 will be: Entertainer and Producer Harry Belafonte; Dr. Alan Brightman, Director of Apple Computer's Worldwide Disabilities Solution Group; Lawrence S. DiCara, attorney and partner with Peabody & Brown, Boston, MA.; Rosabeth Moss Kanter,

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Norman Will Speak at UMass Commencement

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Professor of Business Administration at Harvard University; and Ruth S. Morgenthau, Adlai E. Stevenson Professor of International Politics at Brandeis University.

Annual commencement awards to students and alumni will also be presented during the graduation ceremony. These are the John F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence to an outstanding graduating senior, the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award. Following the university's commencement exercises, degrees and certificates will be conferred by individual colleges at locations throughout the Bayside Exposition Center.

Nursing Program Helping Local Communities

An innovative College of Nursing community health clinical program is addressing the public health needs of approximately 1,000 elementary and 1,000 high school students at South Boston's Condon School and South Boston High School.

Nursing students assigned to South Boston High School teach up to five forty-minute periods a day. They teach a myriad of health education subjects and skills, including first aid, CPR, AIDS and teen pregnancy prevention, parenting skills, nutrition, hygiene, and drug, alcohol, and violence prevention. They also provide one-on-one mentoring, and test students for hearing and vision problems, tuberculosis, and scoliosis, or curvature of the spine.

"The UMass Boston student nurses have given us a network of resources," says Ellen Nikas, Student Support Coordinator at South Boston High School. "Many of our students do not have health insurance, so the information and testing the student nurses provide for our students is invaluable." Nikas adds that vision testing was made available to all South Boston High students with the help of the student nurses. "The vision testing would not have gotten done without them," states Nikas. "Because of the testing, many of our students who needed glasses were able to get them."

Under the supervision of Dr. Margaret Edmands, who directs the program for the College of Nursing,

Innovative Internet Project First in the State

In the first research collaboration between a Massachusetts university and a presidential library, UMass Boston's Mathematics and Computer Science Department has recently completed a World Wide Web version of the John F. Kennedy Library's *Guide to Historical Materials*. This comprehensive guide, the only one of its kind on the internet, provides easier access to the library's material, facilities, and holdings, with nearly 3,000 electronic cross references, which are known as hypertext links.

The Guide to Historical Materials lists over 34 million documents, noting the author and the library's archive office location. In the past, the library would send the paper *Guide* to colleges and universities for historians and other professionals to view. Today, having the *Guide* available on the internet, allows for non-professionals and students to access this information.

student nurses receive course credits and an opportunity to develop their interests in clinical and classroom settings.

Nursing student and court advocate for battered women Catherine Badeaux initiated a violence prevention class for South Boston High students. "I began the first class by initiating a discussion of anger and ways to handle it," says Badeaux. "By the end of the semester, some students were discussing domestic violence in their own homes." Badeaux explains that because of student responses she received, she volunteered to continue the violence prevention classes this year.

At the Condon school, two student nurses work with school nurse Irene Ryan. Together, they screen and treat children for routine health problems. Because the Condon school has a population of developmentally delayed children, the student nurses also provide specialized care services, such as tracheotomy care and nebulizer treatments for asthma.

Dr. Edmands and the student nurses will continue to provide services at these schools when classes resume in the fall. "Without a doubt, this is a challenging and interesting undertaking," says Edmands. "We will continue to develop the program with South Boston High and the Condon School to address the needs of their students, and ours."

Under the supervision of Professor Robert Morris, graduate student and Computer Science masters degree candidate Jinglei Duan, wrote the *Guide* software. "Previously, the *Guide* was only available in paper text or a WordPerfect version and the user would have to manually cross reference," explains Morris of the Computer Science Department. "These methods are slower and more time consuming than the web version, which has thousands of hypertext links. Now, in a matter of seconds, information can be retrieved," he adds.

Graduate students working in the Software Engineering Research Laboratory (SERL) of the Math and Computer Science Department, have been creating and publishing some of the library's electronic documents for the web page through the Public Interest Document Server. "The Math and Computer Science Department's advanced technical expertise has provided broad access to documents that are public property but that are often not easily accessible to the public," states Morris.

According to JFK Head Librarian Ronald Whealan, "The *Guide* is the library's primary means of sharing information about its holdings to the public. The last two print editions were chosen for nationwide distribution by the U.S. Government Printing Office." Whealan believes that the internet edition will be the centerpiece of the library's web page and will be accessed by more people than the traditional print edition.

UMass Boston joins a small number of universities across the nation that are collaborating with presidential libraries on research and public service initiatives. In a similar project to UMass Boston and the JFK Library, the University of Texas is currently working on electronic documents for the George Bush Library. Other collaborations include Marist College and the Roosevelt Library, and the University of Texas and the Johnson Library.

The JFK Guide has been viewed by 2,240 browsers from March 13 to May 7. This includes world-wide inquiries from 120 U.S. universities, 110 U.S. businesses, and 33 inquiries from foreign countries which include: Norway, the Netherlands, Chile, the UK, Japan, Canada, France, United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Sweden, and Singapore. Nine requests also originated from non-profit organizations, including the United Nations, the World Bank, the Heinz Endowment Fund, and the Miami Science Museum. The guide can be viewed at: <http://www.cs.umb.edu/~serl/Guide.htm>

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