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## Research Bulletin Highlights University's Commitment to Intellectual Inquiry

By Dick Lourie

A new campus publication has a lot to say about UMass Boston as a crossroads for education and intellectual inquiry. The 1999 UMass Boston Bulletin of Research and Scholarship is the first of a series scheduled to be published every two years.

The Bulletin organizes, in readable form, extensive information about the scholarly pursuits of our faculty, research staff, and graduate students, from September 1996 to December 1998. This period culminated a decade's "extraordinary growth" in research and scholarship, as Chancellor Penney remarks in her introductory message, observing that between 1988 and 1998 the number of UMass Boston's doctoral programs grew from one to nine, and that external research funding increased from \$7.1 mil-

lion to \$17.2 million.

This Bulletin of Research and Scholarship celebrates this period of growth and also fills a need for information. In the words of Martin H. Quitt, Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, who conceived and oversaw the massive project, the Bulletin is our only "central record of the range of work we do." He also points to its comprehensive nature, linking as it does the work of students, faculty, and staff in graduate programs, research institutes and centers. "It is organized," he says, "to show clearly the link between graduate study and research."

The UMass Boston Bulletin of Research and Scholarship will serve a general public interested in the University's research and

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A December reception was held to celebrate the publication of the Research Bulletin. From the left are Chancellor Penney, University Editor Jeffrey Mitchell, Provost Charles Cnudde and Dean of Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Research Martin Quitt. (Photo by Harry Brett)

## Environmental Health & Safety: Safeguarding the Workplace



Professional staff members of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety are (from the left): Zehra Schneider Grabam, environmental coordinator, Brian Dumser, associate director, and Karen Deady, director. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Jeffrey Mitchell

A truly, completely safe and healthy workplace. It's easy to consider that a necessity, but harder to make the necessity a reality at a large and complex institution like UMass Boston. Even so, UMass Boston's Environmental Health and Safety Office (EH&S) has taken on the job.

"We're here to make certain that the University has a compliant and professionally driven occupational health and safety program," says EH&S Director Karen Deady. EH&S also works to insure University compliance with critical federal and state environmental regulations. But compliance is not the only or ultimate goal. To

reflect the University's commitment to safety and health and "really fulfill the standards of care," Deady adds, "we need to go beyond the regulations we're subject to."

One small office can't—and doesn't—do all this by itself. "Everyone on campus has responsibilities for health and safety," says Deady. She and her professional staff, Associate Director Brian Dumser and Environmental Coordinator Zehra Schneider Graham, work with hundreds of faculty members, staff members, and students to strengthen protections for the University community and its surrounding environment. "Our philosophy is to be proactive

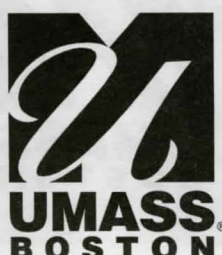
and collaborative," says Deady, "not dictatorial and reactive."

A case in point is the lab safety program, through which science faculty with lab management responsibilities conduct monthly inspections using detailed EH&S checklists. EH&S also provides training for lab workers and conducts exhaustive annual reviews of lab operations. Each review involves both a methodical inspection of facilities and a thorough discussion of procedures. "It's very formal," says Deady. "It has to be. This is serious business." If the inspection program brings concerns to light, EH&S helps to address them.

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### University Logo Now Available on the Web

The University logo and style sheet which explains how to use it are now available to be downloaded from the University website. Point your browser to <http://www.umb.edu/umb/logo/>.

## Is UMass Boston Poised for Success in the New Millennium?

What kind of promise does the new millennium hold for UMass Boston? To answer that question, we need to take a brief look back at UMass Boston's history.

From its beginnings in downtown Boston in 1965, through its relocation to Columbia Point in 1974 and its merger with Boston State College in 1982, and up to the present day, UMass Boston has been defined by many challenges, coupled with great achievement and a true dedication to higher education. Especially during the time between the budget cutbacks of the early 1990's and the launching of the first capital campaign in 1996, UMass Boston faced adversity and came out the other side with a greater determination to be the very best it could be.

UMass Boston's investment in the growth of graduate and professional programs and its commitment to the research and service undertaken by its centers and institutes have made the University a true catalyst for change. UMass Boston has also experienced remarkable growth

in its student population. In 1965, enrollment was 1,244; now the University boasts an enrollment close to 13,000. Again, there were challenges in achieving this growth, but as it did when meeting the other challenges in its 35-year history, the University persevered.

While UMass Boston's programs and student body have grown and changed since its inception, its mission has never wavered. Through commitment to the principles of that mission—excellence, access, public service, innovation, economic development, and a better quality of life—UMass Boston's faculty, staff, students, and alumni have made wonderful contributions to the world around them.

Is UMass Boston poised for success in the new millennium? If the University's future will be determined by its ability to remain steadfast in its mission despite any and all adversity while at the same time continuing to improve the lives of those around it, then the answer to that question is clear. The 21st century holds unprecedented promise for UMass Boston.

*The Editor  
University Reporter*

## Endowment to Fund Center for Archaeological Research

*By Charles Anderson*

Mrs. Alice H. Fiske of Sylvester Manor, Shelter Island, New York, was a guest at the Fall 1999 Distinguished Lecture featuring Professor Stephen Mrozowski. His lecture focused on significant artifacts that have been unearthed on Mrs. Fiske's estate on Shelter Island. Guests at the reception included many archaeological graduate students who have participated in the dig and enjoyed the warm hospitality of Mrs. Fiske.

Following Mrozowski's lecture, Mrs. Fiske presented the University with a letter of intent to create the Alice H. and Andrew Fiske Memorial Fund in support of the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research, established in memory of Mrs. Fiske's late husband. The Center will be established through Mrs. Fiske's gift to the University of Massachusetts Boston Foundation in the amount of \$667,000. The University will apply for a matching grant of \$333,000 from the Public Higher Education Endowment Incentive Program, to create a total endowment gift of \$1,000,000.



*Mrs. Alice H. Fiske of Sylvester Manor, Shelter Island, New York, was guest of honor at Professor Stephen Mrozowski's Fall 1999 Distinguished Lecture. Her gift will fund the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research. She is shown here with Professor Mrozowski (left) and Dean of Liberal Arts Neal Bruss. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

"This is a dream come true," says Mrozowski. "Mrs. Fiske's generosity will allow the Center to engage the finest minds in the field in its research endeavors, and allow us to support graduate and undergraduate students in a top-flight research project at Sylvester Manor that seeks to bring to life an important chapter in early American history. In my view, her

gift is priceless."

Mrs. Fiske's generosity, along with her past support of our programs, is further testimony to the increasing recognition of the Anthropology Department's scholarship and practical expertise, recognition which has resulted from the efforts of Professor Mrozowski and other faculty members.

## Rep. Barney Frank Discusses Drug Policy



*Barney Frank, U.S. Congressman from the Fourth Massachusetts District, spoke on "The Search for a Rational Drug Policy" to a full house in the Chancellor's Conference Room on December 8. Representative Frank has filed two bills in the House regarding changes he believes should be made in our national drug policy. His appearance was sponsored by the Philosophy and Law Program. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

## Fiscal Year 2000 State Allocation to Budget Announced

On December 1, University President William Bulger announced a \$4,058,039, or 5.4 percent increase in the state appropriation for UMass Boston in fiscal year 2000. The total base state appropriation totals \$79,443,109. Non-state support of approximately \$75.5 million comes from student fees, auxiliary revenues, trust and endowment funds, grants and contracts, and the Division of Continuing Education.

The highlights of the increase include fully funded collective bargaining salary increases and non-unit salary increases for the fiscal year, \$705,923 from a new reserve for deferred maintenance projects, and nearly \$600,000 in new discretionary funding.

In addition, President Bulger

announced two awards to UMass Boston from the President's Reserve Fund totaling \$343,000. The awards will be used for the enhancement of marine instrumentation and for the refurbishment of Lipke Auditorium.

The appropriation increase, including the reserve awards but excluding the deferred maintenance reserve, is \$3,722,836 or a 4.94 percent increase over the comparable figures for FY 1999 and is consistent with the average increase of 5.0 percent that the campus has received over the past five years. The appropriation will allow the campus to go forward with most of its budget plans for FY 2000, including increased spending of \$2.5 million on academic programs, \$1.4 million for

the implementation of PeopleSoft, \$490,000 for renovations of laboratories and other equipment needs, and \$325,000 for the rehabilitation of facilities.

The appropriation increase was, however, lower than the original budget projections for the campus. In order to provide for new programmatic spending, minor adjustments will be needed to the overall campus budget of approximately \$155 million in order to achieve a balanced budget for the current fiscal year. Chancellor Penney, Provost Cnudde, Vice Chancellor MacKenzie, and the other vice chancellors and deans are currently in the process of deciding on the measures that will be necessary to ensure positive budget results this year.

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## Research on Women and Food In America Presented at Forum

By Annette Fernie

It's the most basic law of survival: we must eat to live. Yet that simple statement hardly does justice to the complexities of our relationships to food. Professor Catherine Manton takes on some of those complexities in her book "Fed Up: Women and Food in America."

On December 1, at the Eleventh Women's Research Forum, Manton discussed the research that led to her book's publication. Professor Elaine Morse of the Women's Studies Program, which co-sponsored the forum along with the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and the Office of the Chancellor, also discussed the chapter she contributed to the book.

In order to present a coherent story of women and food in America, Manton crossed many disciplinary lines, making use of political science, psychology, sociology, history, anthropology and eco-feminism. It includes an analysis of such topics as

- The nineteenth century concept of "domestic science" created to serve the needs of food processing corporations such as General Mills and as they work on persuading women of the superiority of canned and prepared foods;
- the changing images of the ideal woman's size and shape and this ideal's relationship to this century's waves of feminism;
- the upsurge over the last fifty years in eating disorders among women, and
- the movement back to organic foods and the idea of food as status symbol.

Manton also describes at length her experiences as a clinical psychologist working with individuals and groups of women suffering from a variety of eating disturbances. She developed her own group therapy program, "Appetite for Change," based on her thesis that given the proper tools, women with eating disturbances can heal themselves.

"These women usually have several traditional options: group or individual therapy, or cooking and nutrition classes. Appetite for Change," she explains, "integrates all of these."

Over three months, as many as eight women in an Appetite for Change group would meet at Manton's home weekly for a four-hour session which included time for group therapy discussion, meal preparation, and meal sharing. Manton herself provided detailed menus and recipes for each woman. This approach is consistent with Manton's view that "An environment that encourages experimentation with diet, good nutritional information, and culinary competency correlates with changes in eating behavior."

After leading eight such groups over the last four or five years, Manton's approach demonstrated some promising results: approximately 50% of the women described as compulsive eaters reported gaining control over their eating behavior.

Since 1988, Manton has been teaching a Women's Studies course on food and feminism. She emphasizes the importance of the feminist analysis as a way for women today to understand the part societal forces play in the often very complicated nature of women's relationship to food.



Professors Elaine Morse and Catherine Manton of the Womens Studies Program discussed their research on women and food in America at the Eleventh Women's Research Forum on December 1. (Photo by Harry Brett)

## Chancellor Presents Report on Local Housing Crisis



Chancellor Sherry Penney with Bernard Cardinal Law (left) and J. Donald Monan, Chancellor of Boston College and Chair of the Boston Citizen Seminars, prior to her presentation. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Anne-Marie Kent

As Chair of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC), Chancellor Sherry Penney cited the work of Public Policy Professor Michael Stone and delivered the coalition's preliminary housing recommendations report on December 9th to a crowd of over 300 people at the Boston Citizens Seminar "A Housing Crisis: Competing in the 21st Century." Commentators included Bernard Cardinal Law; Jane Wallis Gumbel, director of the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development; Charlotte Golar Richie, Boston housing secretary; Mary Lou K. Crane, secretary's representative for New England, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Stephen Coyle, CEO of the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust. Moderating the discussion was Deborah C. Jackson, vice president for programs, the Boston Foundation, and welcome and closing remarks were given by J. Donald Monan, S.J., chair of the Boston Citizen Seminars and chancellor, Boston College.

Established in November of 1998, the MAC is the successor of the Challenge to Leadership, which was created by Cardinal Law to address issues of regional importance and chaired in its final four years by Chancellor Penney. During the spring of 1999, the MAC was asked by Cardinal Law to focus on the housing issue. Members of the MAC, including builders, real estate professionals, individuals from universities, trade, housing, and business groups, organized labor, faith-based organizations, and representatives from all levels of government then met regularly and developed their preliminary recom-

mendations.

Explaining his interest in the issue, Cardinal Law stated, "I do not pretend to be a housing expert. I am a pastor. And my pastor's heart tells me people are suffering unjustly due to the economy."

There is reason for concern. Drawing from the work of many housing experts, Chancellor Penney put the Coalition's recommendations into sharp relief by documenting the serious impact of Massachusetts' current lack of affordable housing. Citing recent reports by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, University of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth, Chancellor Penney noted a serious gap between median home values and median household incomes in Massachusetts; and to the alarming exodus from the Commonwealth of workers with advanced degrees.

The Chancellor referred to the work of UMass Boston Professor Alan Clayton Matthews of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy who has noted that labor shortages are slowing the state's economic growth. The Coalition's preliminary recommendations call for increased resources, the urgent development of a strategic housing plan, and a sustained commitment to both an increase in housing stock and the maintenance of affordable housing prices in Massachusetts.

"The MAC has gathered and sustained a coalition effort and reached consensus with regard to its preliminary recommendations," Chancellor Penney declared. "Today's meeting is a call to action. Metropolitan-area stakeholders from all groups must take part."

In her address, Chancellor

Penney also highlighted the work of Public Policy Professor Michael Stone, who has called for a re-definition of housing affordability. Professor Stone's 1998 study *A Profile of Housing in Massachusetts* reports that nearly 600,000 Massachusetts households—about a quarter of the state's population—are paying more than they can afford for housing. Professor Stone's research suggests that 35% of all renters in the state are paying more than they can afford for housing and nearly 17% of homeowners households are what he terms "shelter poor."

Following the conference, Professor Stone thanked Chancellor Penney and Cardinal Law. He added, "I want to supplement what the Chancellor said by pointing out two particular facets of the crisis. First of all, shelter poverty is disproportionately being borne by people of color." Professor Stone added, "Furthermore, households headed by women have much higher rates of shelter poverty than do other households. Appropriate housing policies," he asserted, "need to recognize and respond to these disparities in affirmative ways."

Emphasizing the importance of UMass Boston's involvement in this event, John Ciccarelli, assistant to the chancellor for economic development commented, "As an urban public university it is important that we contribute to the well-being of our region. Our outreach efforts allow us to do this as well as to enhance the educational experiences of students, increase research, and—as the Chancellor did with Michael Stone's research—call attention to the work of our faculty."

## Beacon Think Tank for Students Ready to Begin in January

By Lauren Lynch

In a world where there is constant change and growth, the classroom cannot possibly realize each student dream and idea. Too often at UMass Boston, as at other universities, social trends and the diversity of the student body are given scant emphasis in the classroom unless they are immediately relevant to the lesson at hand. In this context, it would be possible for thoughts, ideas, and even dreams to disappear forever. Providing a place for discussion of such issues is the idea behind the implementation of a "think tank" for students, first conceived by Assistant Dean of Students Adrian K. Haugabrook during his own student days. Soon, that idea will take form on this campus as the Beacon Think Tank.

Even though he was a scholar and popular athlete while studying criminal law at the State University of Georgia, Haugabrook says, he often "felt a void and felt [he] didn't have a venue to discuss certain issues intelligently and learn from other people's perspectives." According to Haugabrook, the idea to create the Beacon Think Tank stemmed from those feelings and from a need for "civic engagement ... that provides a haven for students to find their own position among such important issues as

civil rights, gender equity and issues of war" among others.

Haugabrook's idea has been made real at UMass Boston. The Beacon Think Tank, which will be co-sponsored by the New England Center for Higher Education, the Graduate Assembly and the Student Senate, will have its first meeting in January 2000. The pilot group, already selected, consists of volunteers from different backgrounds and levels of education, initially two small groups of students and two instructors. These and future think tank members will go through an orientation process, meet at a regular place and time, and produce a "Thinking Report" as a result of their experience. Members will choose the setting and meet with a facilitator to help select topics and focus the discussion.

The exact outcome is of course uncertain, but if nothing else, ideas that are not fully developed in the classroom may flourish and seed before a college career ends. And the project may give rise to new proposals, opportunities, or mindsets. At the very least, we can expect to encounter some invigorating dialogue as a result of the proposed Thinking Reports. For more information on the Beacon Think Tank, contact Adrian Haugabrook at 7-5800.

## Mergers and Takeovers Topic of Recent Forum for 21st Century



Panelists at the recent Forum for the 21st Century included (left to right): John Drew, Micho Spring, Joan Wallace Benjamin, Thomas Hollister, and Kevin Cohee. (Photos by Harry Brett)

By Melissa Fasell

Given the increasing number of recent mergers and takeovers in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors, what will be the outcome for Boston? At the thirteenth Forum for the 21st Century, speakers from various local financial institutions offered their perspectives on the financial and economic challenges and benefits that lie ahead. At the event, held December 13 at the State Street Bank, participants discussed "After Mergers and Takeovers, Where's Boston?"

Micho Spring, president and partner at BSMG Worldwide, offered her insight into possible reasons for why such mergers have taken place, citing new technology and increased access to information as the impetus for the speed of change. She said that "the world has shrunk," networks are broadening, and consequently drawing institutions closer together.

Thomas Hollister, president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, agreed that present technology, which allows instant communication, has contributed

to the increased rate of institution consolidations. He suggested further that another reason is increased shareholder demand for profit.

When asked to describe some of the positive results of mergers and takeovers, the panelists were quick to give examples. Kevin Cohee, chairman and CEO of Boston Bank of Commerce, said building bigger, stronger companies will improve the community, as long as the community maintains control over the company. John Drew, president of the World Trade Center, Boston, credited changes resulting from mergers and takeovers with creating an

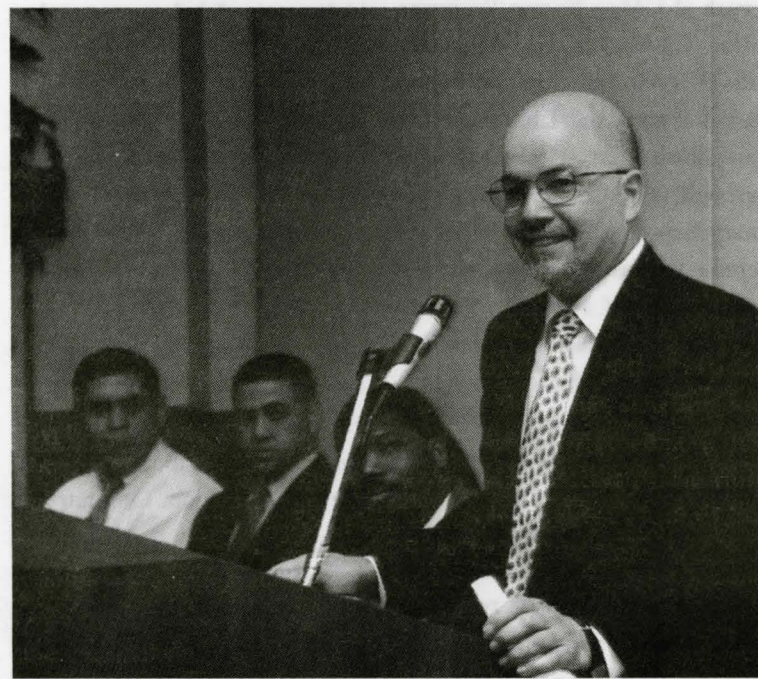
increase in intellectual capital. The combining of ideas and innovations into consolidated companies creates a more intellectual environment for the city, which in turn, increases its appeal to job-seekers, as well as its economic worth.

Joan Wallace Benjamin, president and CEO of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, moderated the forum, and City of Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino served as commentator. The next Forum will take place on February 9 at State Street Bank. The topic will be "Finding Their Voice: Boston's Young Leaders Speak Out."



Mayor Menino with former University of Massachusetts President Robert Wood at the Forum.

## LLOP Presents Research at Gaston Institute Forum



Professor Andres Torres, director of the Gaston Institute, speaks before Latino Leadership Opportunity Program students present research on December 7. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Giovanna Negretti

On December 7th, the Latino Leadership Opportunity Program, Class of 2000, gave closure to the Gaston Institute's Fall Speakers Series with a presentation on the census and Latinos in Massachusetts.

The Latino Leadership Opportunity Program (LLOP) is a national program sponsored by the Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) that provides leadership policy training for undergraduate Latino students. The LLOP at the University of Massachusetts is sponsored by the Mauricio Gastón Institute. It is one of 7 sites across the country whose main purpose is to educate and train undergraduate Latinos in research, policy and leadership skills. The program runs through the Spring semester and culminates in July at a Leadership

Summit at Washington, DC.

Each LLOP participant reported on a specific aspect of the Census 2000 and how it affects Latinos in Massachusetts. During the Summer of 1999, the LLOP students from UMass Boston presented their projects to their peers, who were also participating in the LLOP program on a national level in Washington DC. The following students participated in the LLOP Class of 2000: Damaris Frias reported on "Barriers to Accurate Data Collection Within the Latino Community," Walkiria Frias informed on "Policies to Improve the Data Collection within the Latino Community." Omar Gómez spoke on "A Comparative Analysis of Educational Outreach Between Latino and African American Community Based Organizations on the Impor-

tance of the Census 2000," Carlos Maynard informed on "Hacha y Machete: A Double Edged Sword Towards Better Accuracy in the US Census Data Collection and Counting Documented and Undocumented Latino/a Immigrants," and Joel Mora explained his "Comparative Cross-Generational Analysis of Latino Perceptions Around the US Census."

The Speakers Series presentation was immediately followed by a graduation ceremony where students received certificates for completing the program. Chancellor Sherry Penney addressed the students with a message of congratulations. She commended the LLOP program for its focus on undergraduate research. Guests also included State Representative Liz Malia from Jamaica Plain and Ed Toomey, Associate Chancellor.



## Designer Joseph Abboud '72 Hosts Reception at Manhattan Show Room on December 2

Everyone was dressed up—the guests, the wait staff, and even the mannequins. One of UMass Boston's best known alumni, designer Joseph Abboud (Class of 1972), welcomed fellow alums from New York and New Jersey to his Manhattan showroom on December 2. President William Bulger, Chancellor Sherry Penney, and Abboud mingled with alumni and guests, 27 floors above bustling, holiday-lit Fifth Avenue. During the reception—which was coordinated by Jane Parker, assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations, and New York alumna Josephine Dixon Hall, Class of 1988—Chancellor Penney shared campus news, and presented Abboud and Hall with gifts of gratitude. Pictured above at the reception are (left to right) Joseph Abboud, Vice Chancellor Michael Luck, friend of the University Jeri Marshall of the Lipton Companies, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Jane Parker.

## Forum on the Future of the Healey Library to be held January 24

Gordon Gee, President of Brown University, a national leader on issues affecting the future of universities, will be the guest speaker at a forum, "Healey Library at a Crossroads: What is its Future in the 21st Century?" The forum, **scheduled for January 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Media Auditorium, lower level, Healey Library**, will

offer an opportunity to discuss the future of the library in the context of changing expectations for library services and collections. While there is a growing demand for research materials and new opportunities for inter-library cooperation, funding to provide new initiatives is often inadequate. Among the most urgent challenges are the increasing amount of information and spiraling costs associated with it, changes in copyright laws restricting the distribution of information, and the need to make fundamental changes in traditional building-based services model. In addition, the forum will explore the role libraries can play in facilitating student retention, enhancing learning on campus, and in preparing students for lifelong learning in the information age. If there are topics you would like to see included in the program, you can offer your suggestions on the Healey Library website at <http://libraryforum.lib.umb.edu>. The forum is sponsored by the Offices of the Chancellor and the Provost, the Faculty Council Library Committee, and the Healey Library.

## Division of University Communications Welcomes New Staff Members

The Division of University Communications is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its staff. Anne-Marie Kent joins the Communications Office from the Division of Continuing Education as the new senior staff writer. Her responsibilities include speech writing and public relations activities. Melissa Fassel has assumed the position of web/communications specialist.

She comes to the Communications Office from the Office of Institutional Research. Fassel's responsibilities include overseeing the News and Events section of the University website and public relations activities. Lauren Lynch, previously of the Joiner Center, has come aboard as administrative assistant. Her responsibilities include administrative support and publications billing. Previously, Lynch has worked for the Office of the Registrar and the Healey Library.

## Two New Sculptures Added to Arts on the Point Collection

The Arts on the Point Initiative will oversee the installation of two new works by artists Tony Smith and Dennis Oppenheim in late January or early February. These new works promise to engage the senses from all angles. Tony Smith's "Stinger", originally designed in 1967, is an imposing structure of painted black steel standing 6 1/2 feet high and over 33 feet across. The geometrically-influenced sculpture is meant to allow people to feel both openness and confinement as they walk through it. Jane Smith, Tony Smith's widow, is enthusiastic about the placement of "Stinger" and hopes to attend the installation at its site along the perimeter road, overlooking Boston Harbor. "Searchburst" is the second work by artist Dennis Oppenheim to be displayed as part of Arts on the Point. His sculpture "Black" is located on the patio behind the Quinn cafeteria. "Searchburst" is a lighted cylindrical sculpture which promises to bring a light-hearted feeling to the campus this winter. The Healy Library will soon appear to be rocketing into the Boston sky with the help of "Searchburst" hanging from the refurbished underside of the building.

## College of Nursing Sponsors Conference on the Health Needs of the Urban Community

The College of Nursing sponsored a conference, "Innovative Health Care Policy for the Urban Community: Nursing's Strategic

Role" from November 12 through the 14 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cambridge. Nursing professionals, educators, and policy planners gathered to discuss the specific health needs of urban populations. Professor Margaret McAllister of the College of Nursing was the principal organizer of the conference, sponsored by the College of Nursing, the Theta Alpha Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, *Nursing Spectrum*, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and Star Market and Colleen's Flower Shop of Dorchester. Presentations by UMass Boston faculty and students ranged in scope from "Health Care Delivery to Pregnant and Parenting Teens" to "Advanced Alzheimer's Disease: Evidence to Support a National Health Policy." Also up for discussion were issues including Coalition Building and Advocacy, Research and Innovation in Women's Health Care, and Research and Innovation in Health Promotion for Populations at Risk. Policy recommendations developed at the conference will be brought to the attention of legislators in Washington D. C.

## Biology Professor's Book Named to American Scientist's Top 100 of the Century List

*Five Kingdoms: An Illustrated Guide to the Phyla of Life on Earth* by Professor Karlene Schwartz of the Biology Department and Professor Lynn Margulis of the Department of Geosciences, UMass Amherst, has been named "One of the 100 (or so) Books that Shaped a Century of Science" by *American Scientist* Magazine. Listed as a field guide, *Five Kingdoms* joined the *Oxford English Dictionary*, Roger Tory Peterson's *A Field Guide to Birds*, and *The Hubble Atlas of Galaxies* by Allan Sandage among others in this category. According to Schwartz, she and Margulis wrote the first edition of *Five Kingdoms* out of their own need for "a concise, illustrated description of the world's biodiversity." The first edition was published in 1982, after eight years of work by the authors on weekends and summer vacations, using a manual typewriter and carbon paper. "Hundreds of specialists in

the U.S. and abroad expressed their enthusiasm by sending us biological specimens, theses, manuscripts, photographs and drawings, and by reading portions of our manuscript," says Schwartz. The second edition was published in 1988. The book is used by scientists, teachers, science students—"anyone who is curious about the living organisms that inhabit Earth," she adds. *Five Kingdoms* has been translated into Japanese, German, Spanish and Portuguese.

## WUMB's Folk Power Increases in Western Massachusetts

The WUMB Public Radio Network has increased the power of its central Massachusetts repeater transmitter and now broadcasts to a larger audience. After waiting for more than a year, the station received permission to increase power from the Federal Communications Commission last summer. The new signal, which can be heard on 91.9 FM, now reaches north past Gardner and Fitchburg to the New Hampshire border, west to Palmer, and south to Webster near the Connecticut/Rhode Island border. The WUMB Public Radio Network signals now reach nearly two million people in Massachusetts. The station is also broadcasting its signal on the world wide web and has listeners in Switzerland, Israel, and France.

*This month's Spotlights were written by Annette Fernie, Kim Burke, OUC intern, and Amy Osborne of the Office of Institutional Advancement.*

## EH&S Office (continued from page 1)

A visit to the EH&S web site reveals many of the ways in which EH&S works to anticipate and prevent safety problems. For example, EH&S can:

- help lab managers meet monthly lab inspection requirements;
- investigate reports of unsafe conditions;
- conduct health hazard evaluations and safety audits;
- test general ventilation systems and lab fume hoods;
- provide health and safety hazard data in all areas of concern, including chemicals;
- coordinate the safe disposal of hazardous chemical waste products;
- help with developing safe work practices and selecting personal protective equipment; and
- conduct job-specific training sessions.

The web site also provides information on such matters as University policies, fire and chemical safety programs, evacuation procedures, medical emergencies and first aid, and ways to insure unobstructed pathways from work areas to safety. The site is itself an important avenue of communication, and everyone is encouraged to visit it (go to [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu), then click on "Administration" and "Environmental Health and Safety"). Phone calls to the office (x75445) are also most welcome. In case of after-hours emergencies, callers should contact Public Safety at 911; an EH&S staff member is always on call and can be reached whenever necessary.

Another critical connection between EH&S and the University community is the Environmental Health and Safety Advisory Committee, which is composed of faculty, staff, and student representatives, including representatives

of all campus unions. This committee was created in 1994, together with the EH&S office, as part of an aggressive effort to strengthen health and safety programs in the wake of a campus-wide air quality emergency. The committee has now met many of its original objectives, which included formalizing health and safety policies and identifying effective ways to provide information to campus communities. It continues to gather regularly to consider emerging issues. EH&S also works with several other committees, among them groups focusing on laboratory chemical hygiene and on safety for facility workers. New concerns can arise from such meetings, and so can new responses, such as a budding ergonomics project which has already led Deady to review some thirty work stations and offer recommendations on everything from keyboard configurations to work styles.

Inspections, training sessions, and committee discussions make EH&S visible on campus. Sometimes, as when leaks or equipment breakdowns cause safety hazards, the spotlight can be very bright indeed. Behind the scenes quieter work continues: reviewing architectural plans to insure occupational safety, for example, or developing a program for recycling chemicals—even travelling to such remote locations as Alabama and Nebraska to make certain that hazardous waste from University labs has been properly disposed of. Every activity has one goal: a safer, cleaner work environment, sustained by the conscious effort of every member of the University community.

"We're trying to develop a positive safety culture," says Karen Deady, "and I think we're beginning to succeed."

## Graduate and Undergraduate Catalogs Available

You can receive your catalogs by contacting Joe Lane of Enrollment Marketing and Information Service at 7-6013 or by e.mail at [joseph.lane@umb.edu](mailto:joseph.lane@umb.edu)

## Research Bulletin (continued from page 1)

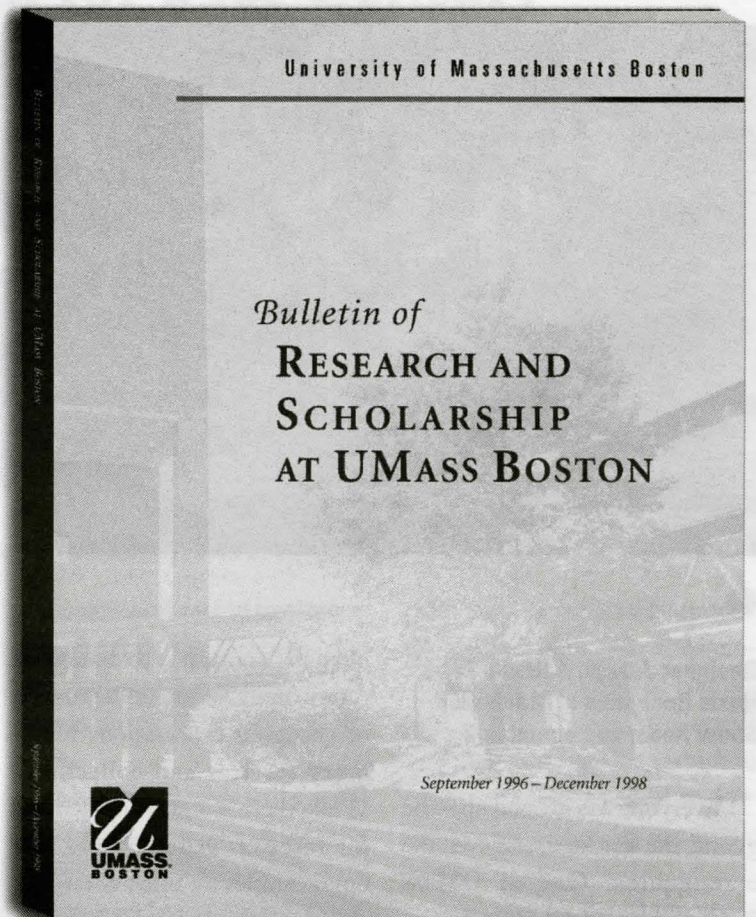
scholarship, and will also be a resource document for the media, for University trustees, state legislators, and prospective UMass Boston students. And since it's impossible for all of us to know everything that goes on here, the Bulletin is sure to inform members of the campus community about some scholarly activities they had not been aware of.

At first glance it's a daunting prospect: a book about the size and weight of the West Suburban Boston telephone directory. But a brief look inside is reassuring: A pair of indexes at the back helps you quickly find either a research subject or a particular researcher's name.

And the publication has been carefully planned. University Editor Jeffrey Mitchell, who compiled, organized, and edited the Bulletin, says that special attention was given to fairly full descriptions of "representative projects" in each academic area in a way "intended to give non-specialist readers a sense of the what and why of the projects—to make everything more concrete."

The publication is easy to use. Each of the University's colleges and institutes has a section in the Bulletin. (CAS has one for liberal arts and one for the sciences.) There is also a section about graduate programs that focus on public issues, and one about research being done by graduate students. Each section features

- detailed accounts of representative major projects;
- a brief description of each graduate program;



- a directory of faculty and staff, their areas of interest, publications, and grants received; and
- a listing of master's theses and/or doctoral dissertations.

The breadth and depth of the Bulletin of Research and Scholarship is apparent from a casual look at the descriptions of major projects. These are some of the areas our faculty, staff, and graduate students are exploring:

- race, community, and moral education;
- an "electronic field guide" for identifying biological specimens;
- providing services to the homeless through technology;

- coping with cancer pain;
- welfare reform;
- school-university partnerships;
- cultural factors in health-care delivery;
- middle school students with learning problems.

The publication is available from the Office of Graduate Studies. If you want to know more about research and scholarship on our campus, this Bulletin is a good place to start.

## Original Music Compositions Showcased at "Ars Nova"



Thirteen students from Introduction to Composition (Music 393) presented original compositions in concert. "Ars Nova, New Music from UMass Boston Composers" was held in Snowden Auditorium on December 15. The composers (shown above) are Christopher Balliro, Christopher DeAngelis, Mark Earley, Isaia Giannetti, Thomas Healey, Craig McKeone, Jeffrey Miller, Michael Mills, Joseph Phillips, Patrick Teahan, Gregory Weeks, Amanda White, Brendan Wood, and directed by Professor David Patterson, who instructed the class. In Music 393, students worked with a desktop publishing and sequencing computer program that enabled them to both see and hear their compositions at various stages of development.

# CAMPUS NOTES

## Publications

Biology Professor **Joseph Ginhart's** paper, "Cytoplasmic Dynein, the Dynactin Complex, and Kinesin are Interdependent and Essential for Fast Axonal Transport" has been published in the November issue of the journal *Molecular Biology of the Cell*.

Professor Emeritus **Joseph Cooney** of the Department of Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences has published two articles in refereed journals: "Coliphages and indicator bacteria in Boston Harbor" with doctoral student **D.M. Ricca** in *Environmental Toxicology*, vol. 14; and "Organotin compounds and their interactions with microorganisms" with J.S. White and J.M. Tobin of the University of Dublin, in the *Canadian Journal of Microbiology*, vol. 45.

## Conferences and Presentations

**Albert P. Cardarelli**, senior fellow, McCormack Institute, chaired a session on Issues and Findings in Community Policing at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Toronto during November. He also presented a paper, "Sustaining Community Policing Through Collaborative Strategies." In addition, he moderated a panel discussion on "Public Safety and Community Development in Lawrence, Massachusetts" at the North Essex Community College, Lawrence Campus, on November 30.

**Carla Brooks Johnson** of the CPCS Career Center was an invited speaker at the 15th annual conference of the Japan Society for Information and Communications Research, held in Yokohama, Japan, in November. She also participated in a seminar on global news, critiquing papers presented based on research emerging from her recent books, which include *Winning the Global TV News Game* (Butterworth Heinemann/Focal and Broadcasting and Cable Magazine, 1995) and *Global News Access* (Praeger, 1998).

Professor **Carole Upshur**, director of the Public Policy Doctoral Program, and Professor **Anna Madison** of the College of Public and Community Service presented a paper, "Using objective indicators, scaled and open-ended interview methods to evaluate management capacity building in non-profits: More than the sum of its parts?" at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in Washington D.C. on November 6. Upshur also chaired a panel on "Emerging Methods in Qualitative Research."

Professor **Nadim Rouhana** of the Dispute Resolution Program was the guest speaker at the Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine Symposium, "From Madrid to Final Status: Four Perspectives." The other speakers were from the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington D.C., Bir-zeit University on the West Bank, and the U.S. State Department. Rouhana was also a speaker at the New Israel Fund's roundtable lecture series on identity in Israel. His talk was on Israel's Palestinian citizens' identity, the implications for the identity of Israel, and the future of Arab-Jewish relations in Israel. In November, Rouhana presented a paper, "Identities in Transition: Self and the Other in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" at an international conference, "Identities in Transition from War to Peace" at the Leonard Davis Institute of Hebrew University.

Professor **Edmund Beard**, director of the McCormack Institute, was luncheon speaker at the International Forum of the League of Women Voters held December 12 in Washington, D. C. His topic was "Global Democratization: Progress and Pitfalls."

Professor **Zong-Guo Xia** of the Department of Earth and Geographic Sciences participated in a December 7 panel discussion on "Exploring Relationships between GIS Academia and the Professional Community in the Greater Boston Region" organized by the Massachusetts Geographic Information Council.

**Liliana Mickle**, director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, joined Alan Kines, director of Admissions at Northeastern University from December 8 to 10 to present a workshop on team building at the Target Market Conference in Jackson, New Hampshire.

**Garrison Nelson**, senior fellow, McCormack Institute, gave the Twentieth Annual Memorial Lecture in memory of Marjorie M. Gibbons at the South Boston branch of the Boston Public Library on November 22. His subject was John W. McCormack, the "Fighting Irishman" and four-term Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Clyde Bosket**, associate director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, spoke to guidance counselors from the Metrowest area at a guidance counselor information roundtable held at Wellesley College on December 10. He spoke about what high school students need to know about college admissions, and about UMass Boston admissions policies and programs in particular.

College of Management Lecturer Dr. **Edward Romar** delivered a paper, "Competitiveness, New Markets and American Business Success: Two Views of the United States' Future as a World Economic Power" at the 1999 Conference of Polish Americanists in Lodz, Poland in December.

## Honors and Appointments

Professor **Zong-Guo Xia** of the Department of Earth and Geographic Sciences has been appointed as a guest professor at Beijing Normal University.

Economics Professor **Mary Stevenson** will assume the role of director of the Public Policy Doctoral Program in January, when Professor **Carole Upshur** goes on sabbatical.

English Professor **Robert Crossley** has received a research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support his scholarly work, "Imagining Mars: A Cultural History." An earlier fellowship from the NEH supported his biography of science fiction writer Olaf Stapledon.

## Grants and Awards

Professors **Carole Upshur** and **Miren Uriarte** of the Public Policy Doctoral Program have received a \$40,000 grant from the Casey Foundation through the Gaston Institute to conduct an evaluation of a community health outreach program in Roxbury. **Gloria Cross**, a student in the Public Policy Doctoral Program, is the project's research assistant.

**WUMB 91.9 FM** has been awarded a three-year, unrestricted \$15,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Organizational Support Grant Program. The MCC's nine-person panel noted WUMB's clear focus, long-term planning, and ties with local musicians among their reasons for awarding the grant.

## Dissertation Defense

Doctoral candidate **Maria Bucsela Sobol** of the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology defended her dissertation, "Schizotypy and Emotional Experience versus Expression" on December 16.

## Events

A workshop/discussion on "Teaching About Race, Class, and Gender" was sponsored by the Center for the Improvement of Teaching (CIT) on December 8. Professors **Denise Patmon** of the Graduate College of Education, **Emmett Schaefer** of the Sociology Department, College of Arts and Sciences, and **Asgedet Stefanos** of the College of Public and Community Service led the discussions.

On December 3, the McCormack Institute's Center for Social Policy sponsored a forum, "Transitioning Mentally Ill Offenders from Correctional Custody to the Community." Panelists included Professor **Stephanie Hartwell**, director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Forensic Services, and **Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the McCormack Institute's Center for Social Policy.

College of Management Lecturer **Edward Romar** participated in the East Asian Studies lecture series "Modernization vs. Westernization in East Asia" with his lecture "Teaching Business Ethics: Some Problems and Confucian Solutions."

## In the News

On November 30, **Pat Reeve**, director of the Labor Resource Center, was interviewed by Bob Oakes, host of WBUR Radio's noontime show "Here and Now" on a decision handed down by the National Labor Relation Board ruling that Boston Medical Center residents and interns are employees, and not students.

**WUMB 91.9 FM** can now be heard on the world wide web, 24 hours a day, seven days a week through "live streaming audio." You can now listen to the station from anywhere in the world by going to <http://www.wumb.org> and clicking on the "live audio" block on the front page.

On December 16, **Miguel Alvarez** of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions was heard on station WUNR AM 1600's Hispanic show, *Century 21*, encouraging Latino parents to enroll their children in college, and highlighting the opportunities at public universities.

## New Appointments

**Joseph L. Rivers** has joined the Minority Business Assistance Center in the College of Management as business counselor. Rivers holds degrees from Paul Smith Junior College, Ithaca College and Rutgers University. He has spent much of his professional career in the Boston area where he has worked for firms such as IBM, AT&T and New England Life. He has also run his own education company which was formed to train minorities, and he is the author of *Action Planning*, a workbook for small business owners. Mr. Rivers is also the author of the children's book *Vores*.

The Office of Institutional Advancement recently appointed **Elena Sarikelle** as assistant director of donor relations. Sarikelle was formerly senior development associate at The Children's Museum, Boston. She holds a B.A. degree in the History of Art from The Ohio State University, and a M.A. degree in Art Administration from Boston University.



# Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Public Information. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus dial (617) 287 and then the last four digits listed below each calendar event.

Send submissions by the third Monday of the Month to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Bldg., 3rd floor. Fax: 617-287-5305.

## Saturday 1

Happy New Year!

Healey Library will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays in January

## Monday 3

Winter Session Classes Begin

## Wednesday 5

WUMB 91.9 FM Member

Concert 7:30 p.m., Media Auditorium, Healey Library. Featuring Cindy Bullens. Seating is limited. For reservations or more information, call 7-6900.

## Thursday 6

Non-Degree Registration for Spring Begins

Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in person or call 7-6212.

## Friday 7

Beacons Men's Hockey ECAC East game

7:00 p.m., vs. Middlebury, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, call 7-7800.

## Saturday 8

Beacons Men's Hockey ECAC East game

3:00 p.m., vs. Norwich, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, call 7-7800.

## Tuesday 11

Beacons Women's Basketball Little East Conference game

5:30 p.m., vs. Plymouth State, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, call 7-7800.

Beacons Men's Basketball Little East Conference game

7:30 p.m., vs. Plymouth State, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, call 7-7800.

## Wednesday 12

DSP Information Session

1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Admissions Conference Room, 1st floor, Quinn Bldg.

College of Nursing Information Session

1 p.m., Nursing Conference Room, Science Bldg., 1st floor.

## Thursday 13

Beacons Men's Basketball game

7:30 p.m., vs. Tufts, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, call 7-7800.

## Saturday 15

APA Minority Fellowship applications deadline.

Graduate students may apply for fellowships pertaining to mental health services, substance abuse, mental health research,

or HIV/AIDS research training. For more information, call 7-6340.

WUMB 91.9 FM Martin Luther King Jr. Special

2:00 p.m. American Routes presents "Martin Luther in Music." Also airing on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Beacons Women's Basketball Little East Conference game

1:00 p.m., vs. Keene State, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, call 7-7800.

Beacons Men's Basketball Little East Conference game

3:00 p.m., vs. Keene State, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, call 7-7800.

Applications for Public Policy PhD Program due today.

## Monday 17

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed)

## Friday 21

Educational Support Grant Applications deadline.

Graduate students in any discipline may apply for this merit-based award. For more information, call 7-7975.

Winter Session Classes End

Non-Degree Registration for Spring Ends

## Saturday 22

Winter Graduate Studies Information Fair

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Wheatley Cafeteria, 3rd floor Wheatley. Representatives

from all graduate programs, including doctoral, masters, and certificate, will be in attendance. Snow date: January 29. Call 7-6000 for more information.

WUMB 91.9 FM Ask the Managers live program

9:00 a.m. during Folk Radio. Ask your questions about WUMB directly to General Manager, Pat Monteith and Director of Programming, Brian Quinn. Call the listener line at 7-6919 or (800)573-2100.

## Monday 24

Healey Library Forum: Healey Library at a Crossroads: What is its Future in the 21st Century?

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Media Auditorium, Lower Level, Healey Library. Lunch will take place on the 11th floor. Featuring keynote speaker Gordon Gee, President of Brown University. Call 7-5910 to RSVP or for more information.

International Student Conference

9 a.m., McCormack Bldg., 3rd floor, Advising Center.

## Wednesday 26

First Day of Spring Semester Classes

Add-Drop Period Begins

## Saturday 29

Snow date for Winter Graduate Studies Information Fair.

## Monday 31

Public Policy Program Post-Residency Dinner,

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 7-6938 for more information.

## Wednesday 2

Last Day of Add-Drop Period

## Miscellaneous

### Alcohol Screening

Free and confidential, this brief screening can increase your insight into your use of alcohol and possibly help you to avoid alcohol problems. Individual and confidential free consultation appointments are also available. For more information call Linda Jorgensen at 7-5680.

### Don't Cancel That Class Program

The P.R.I.D.E. Program of the University Health Service provides this service for any faculty member who may have to miss a class for any reason. Instead, provide a guest speaker who can present a program on alcohol and academic awareness, alcohol risks and safety, or women and alcohol. Call 7-5680 for more information.

### Offered by the Health Promotion Program (7-5685):

#### Meditation

Free. Beginners welcome. Instruction provided. Call for an appointment.

#### Yoga

Free. Beginners welcome. Instruction and mats provided. No change of clothes needed. Call for an appointment.

#### Weight Management Support

Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call for an appointment.

#### Smoking Cessation

Help with considering quitting, quitting, and staying quit. Call for an appointment.

#### AIDS Awareness Team

Seeking student volunteers to develop HIV/AIDS education programs for the University community. Call for more information or to volunteer.