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Quinn Award Presented to Stephen V. Tang, Chinatown's Community Health Care Advocate

By Anne Marie Kent

Quinn's legendary record includes service as speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Massachusetts attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees. Each year the Robert H. Quinn Award for Community Leadership is presented at the Community Breakfast to an individual who has displayed exemplary community leadership.

This year's recipient, Dr. Stephen V. Tang, holds degrees from Yale, MIT, and Harvard Medical School, but is perhaps best known as co-founder and abiding board member of Chinatown's South Cove Community Health Center.

Drawing a metaphor from his field of dermatology, Dr. Tang remarked, "Community work gets under your skin. You are transformed by it." His transformation began in 1970, when he was newly married and working in the telecommunications industry. The son of Chinese immigrants, Tang felt called to join the Chinese Community Health Projects Task Force, where he discovered an alarming need for affordable, multi-lingual health care in the Asian-American community.

"It occurred to me, for example, that when immigrant women would go to the hospital to deliver babies, these women would often find in the delivery rooms no one who could speak their language. Something had to be done." He became involved in the effort to create a health center in Chinatown.

Tang's community involvement increased in the mid-70s when his company downsized, eliminating his telecommunications job in Boston. Would he take a sizeable promotion offered to him in New York or stay in Boston, jobless, where the community needed him? He chose Boston, saw the health center project through, and decided to attend medical school. Today, the South Cove Community Health Center serves more than 11,000 patients annually and is a major Chinatown employer.

Presenting the award, Robert Quinn praised Dr. Tang's work to benefit the residents of the Chinatown community, and said that he epitomizes the spirit of UMass Boston.

College of Nursing Professor Lin Zhang, whose longstanding public health outreach work in Malden exemplifies this spirit, attended the

National Experts on Adoption Attend Colloquium on Campus

by Melinda Farrel

Professionals who work with the political, medical, historical, ethical, and social issues surrounding adoption gathered on the UMass Boston campus March 9 and 10 to discuss multicultural families and genetic testing and their relation to the institution of adoption. Janet Farrell Smith of the UMass Boston Philosophy Department organized the event, and invited a range of speakers from several fields of adoption research.

Chancellor Sherry Penney indicated that it was an honor to have in attendance so many experts from such a variety of disciplines and cities across the country. Aaron Lazare, Chancellor of UMass Worcester, co-sponsoring the campus of the conference, said that although he is not a scholar of adoption, he has himself adopted eight children of mixed races, "the experience of which has developed what kind of person" he is. Lazare led a state commission on adoption, and when a local philanthropist in support of adoption sent him a check for $100,000, the Center for Adoption Research at the UMass Medical School in Worcester was born. The Colloquium was co-sponsored by The Center for Adoption Research and UMass Boston.

In his welcoming remarks, Peter Gibbs, Director of the Center for Adoption Research, stated the importance of "using academic resources to make practical responses to real-world issues associated with foster care." Gibbs brought up several key issues associated with adoption, stating that it "poses many ethical concerns, especially with regard to education and legal issues," and recognizing that adoption has become a business, especially with respect to genetic technologies.

Day one of the colloquium, entitled "Multicultural Families in Adoption," featured presentations on the legal and historical background of forming families across race, with reference to the Multiethnic Placement Act of

Bring Your Child to Work!

On April 27, the University takes part in a national event—Bring Your Child to Work Day—when children come on campus with their parents to see what they do during the workday, and to emphasize the importance of preparing for a career. Planned events include a harbor cruise, tour of the greenhouse, and mini-games in the Clark Athletic Center.

For more information, contact Denise McNair at 7-5150.
Student Researchers to Attend Nat’l Conference

Sixteen undergraduate students have been accepted to present their research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which will be held this year at the University of Montana at Missoula, April 27 to 29. Funding for the students’ attendance (including airfare, lodging, and registration fees) has been provided by the Student Senate, The Honors Program, and the Offices of the Chancellor and the Provost. Last year, thirteen students presented research projects for the first time at the national conference, held at the University of Rochester.

Accompanying the students to Missoula will be Joyce Morri ssey of the Honors Program and faculty advisors from the Psychology Department and John Warner of the Chemistry Department. Following is a list of the students, their projects, and their faculty advisors:

Theodore Boyle, “Pain Inhibition and the Role of Kappa Opioid Receptor,” Psychology Professor Tiffany Cunningham, advisor.

Catherine Cerassolo, “Reclam ing Magdalen: Nursing in Gaskell’s Ruth and Collins’ The New Magdalen,” English Professor Louise Smith, advisor.


Robert Mello, “Emily Dickinson and the Poetics of Motion and Anxiety,” English Professor Lee Grove, advisor.


Sheila Sadler, “Morphine Effects on Lactating Rats: Molecular and Behavioral Changes,” Psychology Professor Tiffany Cunningham, advisor.

Colin Ward, “Cultivating the Barbarian: The Role of the Public Park in Early Victorian Society,” Art Professor Nancy Stuber, advisor.


Jane Winans, “A New Look at Jonson’s Volpone through the Eyes of a Commedia Dell’Arte Performer,” English Professor Mary Shaner, advisor.

2000 Stotisky Holocaust Presentation Given By Prof. Spencer DiScala

The 2000 Stotisky Holocaust Presentation was made by History Professor Spencer DiScala. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Kim Burke

On March 7, History Professor Spencer DiScala gave the 2000 Bernard A. Stotisky Holocaust Presentation, “Obstructing the Final Solution: Italian Diplomats and Military Leaders and the Jewish Rescue Efforts in Yugoslavia, Greece, and France,” to an audience in the Healey Library Media Auditorium. His introduction of the film “The Righteous Enemy” was preceded by remarks by Dr. Bernardo Stotisky, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, who discussed the role his parents, George and Bess, played during World War II by fighting on the side of the Allies.

The film featured a discussion of Germany’s role in the Holocaust through a visual history of the roots of anti-Semitism. It showed the irony of fascist Italy protecting Jews from the Nazis. Furthermore, the film showed the complexity of fascist Italy’s role in protecting Jews from the Nazis.

The film ended with a discussion of the role of Italian military officials in fighting against the Holocaust. It ended on a somber note, emphasizing the importance of remembering the victims of the Holocaust.

GREAT DAY FOR A NAP!

This sleepy visitor rode a nap on the UMass Boston dock on a sunny day in March. The speculation is that she was catching up on sleep after a long weekend during the school’s annual migration. (Photo by Alejandro Elcham)
Labor Studies Program to Celebrate 20th Anniversary on April 28

By Patrick Dyer

On April 28th, the Labor Studies Program of the College of Public and Community Service will mark its twentieth anniversary. The event will be held at the BEW Local 103 in Dorchester. The event will be attended by Chancellor Sherry Penney, who will be presenting the Chancellor's Medal to Labor Studies Professor James Green for his distinguished service to the education of Massachusetts workers. Also to be recognized are twenty Labor Studies allies, alumni and community activists.

Since 1980, the Labor Studies Program has grown from being the only program of its kind in New England to being a full Labor Resource Center, offering a major and certificates as well as Labor Extension training and research that advance economic justice for Massachusetts workers. The CPCs program prepares students for greater involvement and leadership in the workforce and trade unions through an interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on the study of the American worker, the workplace, and labor organizations.

Professor Green was instrumental in founding the Labor Studies Program at UMass Boston, and continues his involvement 20 years later as Professor of History and Labor Studies. "The University has supported my work as a labor educator and as a historian and activist in the new labor movement that has emerged recently," said Green, adding that "the creation of the Labor Resource Center at UMass Boston has allowed us to integrate our degree program into many other efforts to serve the labor community." The Chancellor's medal recipient has taught countless courses in labor, urban, and social history, has been a Fulbright senior lecturer, and is a past recipient of the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship Award.

Twenty Award Recipients will also be honored at the Twenty Anniversary event, including Kathy Casavant, Secretary-Treasurer of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, Massachusetts State Senator Steven Tolman and State Representative Byron Rushing, Bob Haynes, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, and Ed Tooey of the UMass Boston Chancellor's Office.

The April 28th ceremony begins at 6:00 P.M. at the BEW Local 103 at 256 Freeport Street in Dorchester and is open to all.

The event will feature dinner, dancing, and music by the Blue Suede Rappers featuring UMass Boston faculty member Reebee Garafalo and editor Dick Lowrie. For further information and to make reservations, contact Heather Gonzalez at (617) 287-7426.

By Anne Marie Kent

Professor Lin Zhan's students may be surprised by what, and how much, they learn simply by following her lead. The dynamic College of Nursing professor leads them directly into the community, to identify and answer the healthcare needs of underserved people.

Since 1996, Zhan has expanded and energized UMBC Menden outreach effort initiated by Professor Frances Portnoy in partnership with the Malden Council on Aging in the 1980s. Zhan and her students have participated in a wide range of projects—from providing free services to the homeless to training teenage mothers in child lifesaving, and serving elderly shut-ins at nine sites across Malden. Zhan explains, "Our patients do not come to us. We go to them. We work extensively with community groups." Over a dozen Malden community groups and institutions currently help identify areas of need.

As Malden's immigrant population has increased, the need for language appropriate healthcare has increased dramatically. Zhan and her students have worked to provide health services to many immigrant groups, especially Asians, who constitute Malden's largest ethnic population.

Although Zhan admits that some students may feel uncomfortable at first in the community health setting, most adjust readily, learn valuable nursing skills, and discover more about immigrant cultures.

For Asian-American students, this discovery can be particularly interesting. A pre-med student in Zhan's CAS course "Asian American Health," Dong Eun Lee reported, "I'm going to research health issues and Asian American women."

Her classmate, College of Nursing junior Ngook Tung added, "I am studying Asian attitudes toward mental illness and depression. This class is very helpful."

Non-nursing students will also make trips to the community to observe outreach efforts.

For her work, Zhan has received considerable local news coverage, two Official Citations from the Massachusetts Senate, and high praise from Chancellor Sherry Penney, who stated, "Professor Zhan and her students have done great work to benefit the Asian American community. We are tremendously proud of their efforts."

Nursing Professor Leads Students into the Community

UMass Poll Proves Itself a Winner

by Kurt Cole Eldridge

The numbers are in, and it's unanimous—the University of Massachusetts Poll is a winner. The poll, which is based in UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, was remarkably accurate in tracking voter trends leading up to the 2000 New Hampshire presidential primaries this year. It gathered information through telephone interviews of likely Republican and Democratic voters.

Recognized for its precision, the UMass Poll was the first, and sometimes only, tracking poll to identify major shifts in voting trends. For instance, it was the only major tracking poll to identify Vice President Al Gore's incredible one week turn-around. After being behind in New Hampshire by 10 points, the Vice President made a 22 point jump between January 19 and 25, and the poll correctly anticipated this change. In addition, the poll detected former Senator Bill Bradley's final rash, which made the race too close to call.

The UMass Poll was widely acclaimed by the media. The Boston Globe reported that its June 1999 quarterly poll of Massachusetts voters was the first in the country to recognize Bill Bradley's first surge against Al Gore last year.

During the final weekend of the New Hampshire race CNN's Willliam Schneider reported UMass Poll results showing a 15 point margin for Senator John McCain. At that point, all of the other polls put Senator McCain's lead in the low single digits, but he eventually went on to win by 19 points. In addition, Poll director Lou DiNatale was quoted extensively in post-election press analyses, which included a page one story in the February 13 New York Times Week in Review.

According to its mission statement, the UMass Poll has, since 1997, "conducted public opinion polls that analyze current and long-term voter trends concerning state and local public policy, including political, fiscal, taxation, housing, and economic development issues." Director Lou DiNatale is a McCormack Institute senior fellow, and is also director of the Institute's State and Local Policy Center. The poll receives additional support from the University's Donahue Institute. If this year is any indicator, the UMass Poll can look forward to continued success in the future. Internet users can visit the UMass Poll's website at: http://www.ummasspoll.org.

MIT Librarian Charged with Child Rape in Science Building Incident

An MIT library worker was arrested on the evening of March 13 on charges of child rape and trespassing after being apprehended with a 12-year-old boy in the men's room on the 4th floor of the Science Building. Mark Delson, 52, of Cambridge was arrested by campus police and arraigned the next day in Dorchester District Court, where he pled not guilty to the charges. Bail was set at $50,000 cash. Neither Delson nor the juvenile involved has any official connection to UMass Boston.

According to MIT, Delson has been a senior library assistant there for about 20 years.
Brown Bag Lunch Previews Earth Day Theme

By Kim Burke

It may not be Earth Day yet, but the standing-room-only crowd in the Provost's Conference Room gave its full attention to this year's Earth Day theme of renewable energy at a brown bag lunch on February 29. Richard Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute and a founding member of the University's Sustainability Initiative, wanted to "expand the focus" of Earth Day by co-hosting this lunch, which featured four guest speakers. Each spoke passionately about how using fossil fuel leads to global warming.

Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Ross Gelbspan, a journalist whose career includes working as an environmental reporter with The Boston Globe, discussed examples from his book The Heat Is On. Gelbspan found that global warming is a far more serious problem than has been reported. Melting ice shelves, small South Pacific islands swallowed by the rising sea, and extreme weather activity are just some of the results of the increased temperature.

"There is more to global warming than increased temperature. Extreme weather changes can take a toll on public health," Paul Epstein of the Harvard Center for Health and the Global Environment pointed to the loss of human life caused by typhoons, flooding, and droughts. The problems Epstein associates with these events are myriad: homelessness, destruction of crops, cholera, and dysentery, as well as mosquito-borne diseases. He also made a connection between rising asthma rates and global warming.

Curtis Olsen, director of UMass Boston's Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Program, pushed the need for more research by the Department of Energy. His previous work with the DOE has given him keen insight into the problem and what research needs to be done. He pointed out that "fossil fuels release 6.1 billion tons of CO2 per year into the atmosphere," and that not all of that is reabsorbed back into the atmosphere, leaving scientists wondering where the "missing CO2" has gone.

MassPIRG energy associate Michelle Durrer stressed the need to put more pressure on the state legislature to adopt the clean energy agenda.

We should all take Delaney's final words—"Get involved!"—to heart. To participate in the Sustainability Initiative, or for more information about Earth Day events, call 7-5574.

Access 2000: Keeping New Media Technology Accessible

By Annette Fernis

On March 17 and 18, a conference on the intersection of media, technology, and community access brought nearly 200 individuals to UMass Boston. Participants in the Access 2000 conference came from public television access groups, community and labor organizations, municipalities with an interest in cable television licensing matters, and the high-tech community, where new digital production technologies are quickly overhauling analog technology to open new possibilities for those interested in using media technologies.

The conference offered five tracks from which participants could choose to attend presentations and workshops. For example, Track I, "Crossing the Digital Divide: The Community Interest in Telecommunications Policy," offered a workshop focused on telecommunications policy— including issues before the Federal Communications Commission, Congress, and the courts. Charles Nesson, director of the Berkman Center for the Internet and Society at Harvard University, Bunny Stiegel, executive director of the Alliance for Community Media in Washington, DC, and Peter Epstein, chair of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, presented and led the discussions.

Other tracks of the conference focused on community media technology strategies for non-profit organizations; community arts and media in afterschool programs for youth; PEG access and community centers managing the migration from analog to digital production technology; and collaborations among visual, video, media, and cyber-arts organizations.

The conference was co-sponsored by the College of Public and Community Service, along with the Alliance for Community Media, Community Technology Centers Network, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, the Visionaries Institute, and Video Educators of New England.

It was particularly fitting that CPC should co-sponsor this event, because the College is proposing to develop a new degree program in media and communications, according to Associate Dean Reebee Garofalo. This would provide students with the option of studying in a field that is currently among the most popular in the country on college campuses. "More and more, labor and community organizations are interested in using mass media technologies to get their stories told," says Garofalo, who adds that the College-wide process of curriculum revision showed increasing interest in this field among CPC students.

According to Garofalo, both sponsoring the conference and proposing the new program fit well with the University's mission. "There is the question of access...The conference supports community media and technology centers which offer great resources to individuals who otherwise might not have access to such facilities. And as an urban university, we have a responsibility to make sure that low-income and poor people don't get stuck on the wrong side of the digital divide."

Now on Web: www.artsonthepoint.com

By Melissa Fasold

An independent-study course in digital imaging and a student's love of art have resulted in the latest addition to the UMass Boston webserver, www.artsonthepoint.com. The site features information about sculptures displayed on the UMass Boston campus and the artists who created them. Fellow students Theresa Halley, now projects coordinator for Arts on the Point, and Suthir Shannuganadaram combined their efforts to develop the site, beginning in fall 1998 and culminating with the site's arrival on the web last month. Halley, who conceived the website, feels that UMass Boston's sculpture park should be better publicized, and that this is one method of doing so.

Perhaps the most interesting and evolving portion of the website is the "Virtual Tour," which features plans for new artists and installations. The assembly of two more sculptures—Dennis Oppenheim's Surchauffe and Tony Smith's Stinger—will be ongoing among the columns supporting Healey Library following the application of new brickwork. Surchauffe, a sleek, compact steel work, will be installed on the water's edge near Wheatley Hall. A third and especially prominent work to be assembled this spring is Sol LeWitt's 100 Columns, featuring 8,200 concrete blocks varying in height from four to 30 feet and arranged in a curving row extending some 150 feet. This sculpture, which one might describe as a compilation of skinny skyscrapers, will be displayed in the median strip of UMass Boston's entrance drive. Other future installations will include works by Maya Lin and Richard Serra.

The installations will be celebrated this September with a "grand opening weekend" for Arts on the Point, when many of the artists will be present for recognition. Halley hopes the event will "introduce the sculpture park to the community," through an open house, tours, and educational forums presented by "people who deal with issues in art." Look for more details this summer.

"Rambots" Rule in Robotic Contest

By Melissa Fasold

On March 15 a group of high school students, graduate students, and professionals engineers traveled from Boston to Richmond, Virginia, to compete in the 7th annual national competition in Florida, with regional competitions spread out all over the United States.

The Rambots—organized by Asha Ayah, a UMass Boston computer science major who participated as a high school senior in last year's competition—include nine UMass Boston science and engineering students, twenty BC High students, and seven UMass Boston staff and faculty members. Professors Richard Eckhouse and AJ. Noushin acted as faculty advisors to the project. In addition to a $2,000 start-up grant, awarded by CAS Science Faculty Dean Christine Armenti-Kibel, Ayah sought and found financial assistance from sponsors including NASA, Math Soft, Solid Works, and Softrax.

Combining the ideas of their fellow Rambots, three team members helped design the robot: senior research machinist Tom Goodkind; his assistant Francesco Peri, a UMass Boston undergraduate; and Carl Gross, a graduate student in the University's Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Program. The project also required the help of many others. Jay Messana of UMass Boston Marine Operations welded the frame, and Captain Peter Edwards of ECOS helped ship the robot, while Mike Larson of the Biology Department aided the team with billing. Other UMass Boston student team members who contributed their ideas and innovations are Karen Madsen, Joe Walsh, Jim Malloy, Nathan Schomer, Igor Likhtorin, Gary Grivish, James Pazouk, Matt Palanza, and Natalie Grant. The robot that resulted from the efforts of so many is a 110-pound machine that collects balls from a playing field, as required by the competition's rules, and measures over seven feet at its maximum height.

The FIRST national competition will be held at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center on April 6-8, where the Rambots will compete for a number of awards. Good luck team!
College of Nursing Collaborates with Boston Partners in Education, Inc., for Annual Career Visions Fair

For the past 13 years, the John W. McCormack Middle School and their business partner, BankBoston, with assistance from Boston Partners in Education, have coordinated an annual Career Visions Fair. Last year, this effort was expanded to include another six School-to-Career Middle Schools with the help of the Boston Private Industry Council. Professor Marion E. Winfrey, chair of the Department of Adult and Gerontological Nursing, and two graduating seniors from the College of Nursing, Charles Wheeler and Guina Jean, were asked this year to participate by presenting educational and career opportunities in nursing. Besides discussing nursing education and careers, they shared with the students their reasons for choosing nursing, and encouraged them to gain a solid grounding in high school science as a prerequisite for a nursing career. Of the fifty five companies represented at the fair, UMass Boston was the only school or college of nursing in attendance.

Good News from WUMB 91.9 FM

In recognition of the great resource WUMB is for folk music in Massachusetts, the MA Office for Travel and Tourism (MOTT) has provided a grant of $50,076.00 to the station. As a venue for "Cultural Tourism" in the state, WUMB's folk music has surfaced as a leader. The monies will be used to fund new projects such as the creation of 15,000 compact discs of local folk musicians. Plans for a new "Discover Massachusetts Folk" web site are also underway. Results from the Arbiton Ratings Service indicate that WUMB's listeners have increased 15% over last year. This is not surprising considering the wide audience WUMB is now able to reach. In conjunction with Massachusetts, the station broadcasts throughout Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut. In addition, among local sites covering Boston, Worcester and Cape Cod, the fan base numbers 54,200 people on a weekly basis. Finally, in a highly successful Spring Membership Campaign, WUMB amassed over $90,000 in gifts. Thanks are extended to WUMB's committed fans and the hardworking radio personnel who have made this all possible!

A & F Welcomes New Assistant Vice Chancellor Neil Rosenberg

Neil Rosenberg, a UMass Boston graduate (BS in Sociology, 1982) was hired in March as assistant vice chancellor for Administration and Finance. Before coming to the University, Rosenberg held the dual positions of financial analyst and leasing program manager for the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority (HEFA) which issues tax exempt municipal bonds for Massachusetts' not-for-profit colleges and universities, hospitals, human service agencies, museums, and research institutions. There, he analyzed hospital and higher education credits and assisted bond buyers in completing lease financing. Before joining HEFA, Rosenberg pursued a masters degree in business administration at Northeastern University, which he completed in June of 1989, after working for several years as a human services provider, mainly with juveniles in court settings, with mentally ill young adults, and abused or neglected elders. He also earned a certificate in accounting from Bentley College in 1995. A resident of Cambridge, serves as a member of the board of directors of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, and a member of the board of trustees of both the Cambridge Health Alliance, parent corporation of Cambridge and Somerville Hospitals, and Neville Manor, a long-term care facility.

Cancer Researcher in College of Nursing's Distinguished Scholar Guest Speaker

The College of Nursing Ph.D. Program hosted a presentation by Kathleen Jennings-Doulier, Ph.D. as part of their Spring Distinguished Scholar Guest Speaker Series. Jennings-Doulier is a cancer prevention fellow at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health. She presented an overview of her program of research on cervical cancer screening. "Cancer Control in the Underserved: Statistics, Logistics, and Lessons Learned." Her research focuses on identifying factors that motivate minority women to obtain yearly Pap smears, a test which remains the first and most effective line of defense against cervical cancer. Jennings-Doulier shared the creative strategies that led to her acceptance in an urban housing project to conduct a pilot nursing intervention program aimed at increasing the number of African American women who obtain Pap smears. Jennings-Doulier was presented with a College of Nursing Ph.D. Program "Distinguished Scholar" certificate.

Richard Manley, the former director of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, joined the McCormack Institute in 1991, died at his home in Hingham on March 2. An expert in the areas of public finance and taxation, Manley held his position at the Mass Taxpayers Foundation from 1964 to 1992, and became a well-known and respected political insider who operated mostly behind-the-scenes. He described the mission of the organization as providing the public with accurate, objective information about what the state does with the taxpayer's money. He developed a reputation as a dealsmaker, and an expert in the legislative process. While at the McCormack Institute, he was director of the UMass Economic Project, newly established programs to conduct a pilot nursing intervention program aimed at increasing the number of African American women who obtain Pap smears. Jennings-Doulier was presented with a College of Nursing Ph.D. Program "Distinguished Scholar" certificate.

UMass Boston Selected for AACU's Boundaries and Borderlines III Project

UMass Boston has been selected as one of 40 universities to participate in the Association for American Colleges and Universities two-year Boundaries and Borderlines III Project. The selection was based on a proposal submitted by Professor Peter Kang of the newly established intercollegiate Asian American Studies Program, along with faculty team members Madhulika Khandelwal (CPCS), Rajni Srikanth (English), Zong-Guo Xia (Earth/Geographic Sciences), and Lin Zhan (Nursing). The project is designed to deepen the intellectual, curricular, and co-curricular frameworks faculty and staff are using at colleges and universities that have made a commitment to embed issues of diversity as elements of institutional mission, campus climate, and curricular focus. The Project will provide participants with opportunities to engage in sustained study of the latest scholarship on diversity, examine curricular models being developed at other institutions, and develop skills in fostering inter-group dialogue and learning.

McCormack Institute Senior Fellow Richard Manley Dies March 2
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breakfast with a group of her stu-
dents. After hearing Dr. Tang's pre-
sentation, UMass Boston senior Phy Sao commented, "It was won-
derful to hear Dr. Tang speak. He has a strong voice representing the Asian community."

In her remarks, Chancellor Sherry Penney discussed Professor Zhan's work and the scholarship of UMass Boston's Asian American Studies Institute, as well as a num-
ber of community service activities sponsored by the University. Chan-
cellor Penney said, "From conduct-
ing research that benefits our natu-
ral environment to providing pub-
lc schools and small businesses with
needed assistance, our faculty, staff, and students are committed to
community service." She added,
"Their efforts are bearing fruit-
in Malden, in South Boston, at
Dorchester High School, and all
over the city."

Past Quinn Award winners in attendance were: Joe Chaisson, Columbia/Gisin Hill Civic Asso-
ciation; Ed Forry, Dorchester Re-
porter; Chris Hayes, Neighbor-
hood Crime Watch; Ruby Jusando,
Harbor Point Community Task
Force; Rev. Thomas McDonnell,
St. Augustine's Parish; Maria
Menconi-Waldron, Dorchester
Day Celebration; Sister Maryadele
Robinson, Laboure Center; Paul
White, Boston College.

Adoption Colloquium
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1994, amended in 1996. This act
prohibits states and other entities
that are involved in foster care or
adoptive placements from delay-
ing or denying a child's care or
placement on the basis of the
child's or prospective parent's race,
color, or national origin. It also
prohibits keeping a person from
becoming an adoptive or foster
parent on the basis of the child's
or prospective parent's race, color,
or national origin. The act further
requires that, in order to remain
eligible for federal assistance for
child welfare programs, states must
work to recruit parents who reflect
the racial and ethnic diversity of
the children in the state who need
foster and adoptive homes.

In light of this legislation, pre-
senters and panel members also
discussed inter racial norms in plu-
ralist democratic societies, cultural
competence education for cross-
cultural and cross-racial adoptive
parents, and family values with re-
gard to adoption. Representatives
from adoption agencies, social ser-
vices agencies, and the fields of law,
psychology, and ethics addressed
racial identity, open and transracial
adoptions, and obligations to birth
parents.

Day two's program focused on
the ethics of genetic testing in
adoption. Topics included genetic
testing policy, redefining the fam-
ily through changing legal norms,
and adoption and mental health.
A hotly debated and problematic
topic was genetic testing and its
relationship to parental responsi-

bility in deciding whether or not
to adopt. Legal experts defended
the right to privacy in genetic test-
ing of children and how this right
relates to children's best interests.
Physicians and bioethics experts
deeply debated and debated the medical rationale for
genetic testing of adoptive chil-
dren.

Many presenters and panel
members brought personal expe-
rience to the colloquium. Many
speakers who had either adopted
children or had been adopted them-
selves. By adding a personal di-
mension to the discussions, their
stories contributed to the event in
a way that studies, surveys, and
reports could not.

(Photos by Harry Brett)
C A M P U S N O T E S

Honors and Awards

Professor Susan Haussler of the College of Nursing has been awarded a Fulbright Grant to lecture in the Department of Nursing at the University of Tampere, Finland, for the Fall, 2000 semester. She will also conduct research while there on the topic of promoting health lifestyles in behavior-school children.

Miguel Alvarez and Lisa Williams of the Undergraduate Admissions Office were commended for their work on behalf of the Kids to College program, sponsored by the Association of Independent College Admissions Institutes in Massachusetts and the Higher Education Information Center. In its ninth year, this program has reached over 12,000 children with a positive message about going to college.

Performances

Music Professor David Patterson gave the pre-concert lecture for the Newton Symphony Orchestra concert on Sunday, March 17 at Aquinas Auditorium. The Orchestra, under the direction of Music Professor Jeffrey Rink performed works by Beethoven, Liszt, and Alexander Tchesirepin.

Music Professors Lineee Bardarson and Jon Mitchell took part in a recording festival in Ulomoc, Czech Republic, on March 16 and 17.

Michael conducted the Mormon Philharmonic Orchestra in works by Bach, Mozart and Holst. Bardarson was the piano soloist for Bach's Cono in Minor.

Dick Lourie, senior editor/writer, University Communications, played saxophone at Boston Symphony Hall on Friday, February 25 with the G-Clefs, a Boston area rhythm and blues "doo-wop" band that has been performing since the 1960s. The G-Clefs were part of the line-up for the "Legends of R&B and Rock" concert that took place that evening.

Conferences and Presentations

Carol Hardy-Fanta, research director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy was a featured speaker at the New England Advisory Board meeting of the "Gris Pipeline to Power," a grassroots initiative of the Patriots Trail Girl Scout Council. Hardy-Fanta, a member of the Advisory Board, presented reports of her survey of girls political leadership conducted in April 1999 at the Boston Mayors Youth Summit, and discussed ways in which the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy can support the project.

A workshop, "Class Cutting: Causes and Solutions" was presented to middle and high school students at the Urban Scholars annual conference in February by Dispute Resolution Masters Program student Angela Kamlinow and School Director Cecilia Upton.

School Students Fredo Saroni and Maurice Baxter. The workshop was a spinoff of research conducted by Anthropology Professor Frederick C. Gamst has had several encyclopedia articles accepted for publication. In the Encyclopedia Aesthetica volumes I and II, "Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway," "Djibouti," "Judaism in Ethiopia," and "The Agaw," and in the International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, "The Sociology of Work."

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The Center for Social Development and Education hosted teachers from the Roberts Junior High School in Medford, for a workshop to review the implementation of the Bridges Project. This project is an intervention that provides students with the skills they need to deal with the academic and social challenges that accompany the transition to middle school. Melodie Wenz-Gross, Illda Carreiro-King, Robin Parker, Ann O'Meara, Karen Anderson, and Kara Nicole Dunn planned the workshop.

An open house for the Directions for Student Potential (DSP) Program was held on March 22. This competitive summer program prepares students who do not currently meet the requirements for admission, but demonstrate the potential to succeed at the college level.

Chancellor Penney hosted a reception for newly admitted Fall 2000 student scholars at her home on March 31st.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions Hosted Joint Admissions Day on March 25. Current Joint Admissions students and parents who were denied admission to the University were invited to meet with community college representatives and UMass Boston staff.

Births

Sara Beatrice Parker, daughter of Robin Parker, research associate at the Center for Social Development and Education, was born on January 16.

A baby boy, Cameron Miles Haugabrook, was born to Asst. Dean of Students Adrian Haugabrook on March 7.

In the News

Elizabeth Sherman, director of the McCormick Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy was interviewed by Bob Oakes on WGBH Radio on March 1, and served a political commentator on the evening of March 7, as the results from "Super Tuesday" primaries were tallied.

Lea Bienew, senior research fellow of the Center for Women in Politics, was interviewed by National Public Radio's Debbie Elliott on the impact of anti-smoking advertising on teenagers in light of $2 billion in available tobacco settlement funds on March 11. Fifty six television and radio media outlets nationwide reported on the results of Bienew's research.

The third analytical article prepared by the Center for State and Local Policy on presidential primaries in New England was published in the Providence Journal on February 19.

How Loud is N.H. in New England? was written by Lou DiNatale, of the UMass Poll, and Professor Garretty-Brown, senior research fellow of the McCormick Institute.

College of Management Professor of Finance Eric Hayden wrote an op-ed piece, "How Economically Crippled Ecuador Can Stage a Comeback" for The Boston Globe's February 29, 2000 Commentary section. He offered a prescription for resolving some of Ecuador's economic problems so that the country's future be a position to consider an alternative monetary and currency system.

New Playing

Professor Peter Jansen, director of the University Jazz Band and Guitar Studies, is receiving national airplay for his CD, "Across the Bridge" for Eastern Woods Music. A music industry trade report, New Age Voice, has rated the CD in its top 20, and as high as number four, in various parts of the country.

Benefits

Helen Long of the Office of Graduate Studies and Research will attempt to swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, and run 13.1 miles to complete the Half- Marathon outdoors that he has been training for since July 5. She is committed to raising $5000 for the Leukemia Society of America as part of its "Teams in Training Program." Long will run in honor of a local leukemia patient, and in memory of her Mother who died of cancer six years ago. This race is nearly four times longer than her previous distances. She will be training—and fundraising on campus during the month of April. Contact Long at 773-9127 for more information.

Partnerships

College of Management Dean Philip Quaglieri and Theodore Julia, chair of the Department of Business Administration at Stonehill College, signed an articulation agreement on March 3, which will allow qualified undergradu­ 

ate students from Stonehill to undergo an expedited admissions process to UMass Boston's MBA program provided they take certain courses in preparation and meet the competitive admissions standards of the program. This agreement follows a similar one which was signed with Merrimack College in December.
**Calendar of Events**

**Health Services Open House** 12:30-6 p.m., David Elliott Student Health Center. Free screenings: flexibility, dental, dermatology, body fat percentage, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar. $5 charge without UMBC insurance. Free demonstrations, food, and raffle. 

**College of Nursing Distinguished Scholars Program** 12-1 p.m., Quinn Building, 3rd floor, room 310. Mary Caylor, Ph.D., RN, will discuss “Health-Related Quality of Life in Adults with Cancer: Focus on Symptom Distress.” For more information, call 7-5751.

**Public Policy Program Dissertation Defense** 1 p.m., Healey Library, 10th floor. Public Policy Program. Pawlette Farmer will defend her dissertation, “Medicare Beneficiaries’ Decision to Select a Managed Care Alternative or Remain in the Fee-for-Service option.” Call 7-4769 for more information.

**ECOS Seminar: Animal Guts Operating as Ideal and Non-Ideal Chemical Reactors** 10:00-11:30 a.m., 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Dr. Peter Comoll, Professor, Marine Science Department of Oceanography, University of Maine, Darling-Marine Center.

**Service LEAF Teleconference: Linking Citizenship and Scholarship through Service Learning: A National Initiative** 1 to 4 p.m., Healey Library lower level, Shared Conference Room. Sponsored by the Provost’s Office and the Service Learning Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Frances Hall at 7-7953.

**Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice** 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wheeless Hall, 2nd floor, room 209. A day of workshops given by students, graduates, and faculty of the Critical and Creative Thinking Program. Open to the public. For more information or to register, call 7-6200.

**Gerontology Center and Institute Spring Speaker Series** 1-2:15 p.m., Wheeless Hall, 4th floor, room 147. Community Organizing, Social Marketing, Service Learning to Ph.D., featuring Paul Nathanson, Institute for Public Law, University of New Mexico. Call 7-7308 for more information.

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**Gerontology Dissertation Defense** 10:00 a.m., Wheeless, 2nd floor, Tiny Collignon Room. Karen Conzalez will defend "Community Resiliency: Four Elders: How Care Managers Allocate Supportive Home Care Resources to the Elderly in Massachussets."

**Gerontology Dissertation Defense** 10:00 a.m., Wheeless, 4th floor, CPCC Conference Room. Wan-Tsi (Connie) Tai will defend "The Hospital Choice of Aging Relatives and Medicare Beneficiaries: The Influence of Patient Attributes, Provider Attributes, and Spatial Access." Call 7-7100 for more information.

**Family Alcholism Series** 1:00-2:00 p.m., Wheeless, 4th floor, room 414. The Family Alcholism series will provide insight into family alcohol problems and suggest alternatives for coping and assistance. To register, please call 7-5888 or email pride@umb.edu.


**Interfaith Prayer of Reconciliation** 2:30-3:30 p.m., McCollum Bldg., sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry. Call 7-5507.

**Yoga, presented by the Health Promotion Program** 11:30 - 12 p.m., McCollum Bldg, 1st floor, room 208. Free, drop-in basis. Beginners are welcome, instruction provided. Mats provided, no charge of clothes needed.