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John Joseph Moakley Award for Distinguished Public Service
Presented to Thomas J. White

By Melissa Favel

Politicians, community members, UMass Boston faculty and staff, and friends came together on April 10 at a recognition breakfast honoring Thomas J. White, recipient of the John Joseph Moakley Award for Distinguished Public Service. Presented by the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, this award was established to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to public life and welfare. As Edmund Beard, director of the Institute, pointed out, "Thomas White exemplifies the idea that a private citizen can perform a distinguished public service."

White is the former head of one of New England's largest and most successful construction companies, the J.F. White Contracting Company, which built Fenway Park, parts of the Boston subway system, the Charles River Dam, and the Central Artery. The 1942 Harvard graduate and Cambridge native also served as John F. Kennedy's Northeast fund-raising chairman in the 1960 presidential campaign, and as an aide to General Maxwell Taylor in World War II.

In spite of all of his successes, White chooses, rather than live the rich public life that he is capable of, to benefit the public with his millions. Over the years he has given away nearly $30 million to groups that serve the needy, sick, and hungry in impoverished areas as near as Roxbury and Dorchester and as distant as Haiti and Peru.

Chancellor Penney likened White's quiet generosity to the beliefs of Tip O'Neill, who once said, "Politics is really about individuals advocating for those people who have no voice." She introduced UMass President William Bulger as another person with a "voice for those with no voices."

Bulger described White as someone who "sees a special dignity that makes every single person important," and noted that White doesn't seek recognition for his generosity. White describes himself as uncomfortable in public situations and prefers to write a check, remaining as a benefactor in the background.

Students and Honorary Degree Recipients to be Honored During Commencement 2000

By Kurt Cole Edvig

On Saturday, June 3—the collective achievement of more than 2,400 UMass Boston students will be on display during the Commencement celebration for the class of 2000. The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the Bayside Exposition Center. All UMass Boston faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and will be admitted with a University identification card.

Included in the festivities of the day will be the presentation of the Commencement address by Reverend Ray A. Hammond, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamaica Plain. Rev. Hammond, who will also receive an honorary degree, has been described by Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino as "a hero of the neighborhoods." Both as chairman of the Ten Point Coalition, which is an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and lay leaders working to mobilize the Christian community around issues affecting black youth, and also as founder of the church where he is pastor, Hammond works to teach youth in his fight against violence and drug abuse. He has held leadership roles in a number of other organizations, these include the United Way, which he serves as a member of the Success by Six leadership council, and the Boston Plan for Excellence and Catholic Charities, both of which he serves as a trustee.

Two representatives of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo helped create Article 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the recognized human right. Through their work the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo are responsible for the creation of the National Genetic Data Bank, the only bank of its kind in the world, in which relatives of missing children can store their blood to allow positive identification to be made after their death. In addition, the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo helped create Article 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the "right to identity"—a newly recognized human right.

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Tarlovsky de Rosinbult will receive the degrees. Their organization was formed in 1977 and is devoted to the identification and return of children kidnapped during the military dictatorship that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983. It is estimated that during this period 30,000 people "disappeared" in a manner ensuring that the state's enemies would vanish without becoming martyrs. Through their work the Grandmothers are responsible for the creation of the National Genetic Data Bank, the only bank of its kind in the world, in which relatives of missing children can store their blood to allow positive identification to be made after their death. In addition, the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo helped create Article 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the "right to identity"—a newly recognized human right.

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We'll see you in September!

As we do not publish in the summer months, this will be the last issue of the University Reporter for the semester. We will resume publishing in September. Thanks for your support and have a wonderful summer.
Once again, UMass Boston will celebrate summer with a variety of harbor tours as well as the return of last summer’s popular tent by the harbor.

Free Tuesday harbor tours on board the MV Hurricane begin May 23 and continue through September (except July 11). These 75-minute narrated cruises depart from the Fox Point Dock—located between the Wheatley and McCormack buildings—at noon. The cruises are a nice way to relax with fellow students and co-workers while learning about the marine environment in UMass Boston’s backyard. The tours are free and offered on a first come/first served basis. No reservations are required.

Beginning on May 26, the MV Hurricane will be setting sail on a tour new for 2000, to Little Brewster Island in Boston Harbor. Here you can climb up to the top of the oldest continually manned lighthouse in the country—Boston Light. Trips depart from the John T. Fallon State Pier (in front of the JFK Library) at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Friday until October 13th. Each trip lasts about 4 hours, including 45-minute boat rides, and two hours of touring the island. Call 617.223.8666 for reservations and prices.

Back by popular demand, the tent located at the Fox Point Landing (above the dock) will be up starting in June. This popular shaded area on the water’s edge includes picnic tables, an ocean breeze, and spectacular views of Dorchester Bay.

You might have noticed a new gray structure in the water at Fox Point Dock. The new “Quarterbarge” is a 50 by 9-foot barge, built by Marine Operations this past winter. When the barge is moved to its designated location it will provide a safe working and storage area for various UMass Boston departments to enhance their waterborne programming.

For information on these or other Marine Operations programs please call 617.287.5404.

UMass Boston Celebrates Good Neighbor Day

Jain Ruderich-Higgins of the Program for Women in Politics & Government, Associate Provost Lisa Gonzales, Associate Chancellor Edmund Toomey, and Frances Hall show off their “Good Neighbor Shirts” at the 2nd Annual Good Neighbor Day on April 14, which celebrated National Volunteer Week. Participants attended an ice cream social and were offered the opportunity to volunteer for a variety of programs.

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Judy Shepard Speaks Out Against Hate Crimes

By Melina Fanel

Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, who was brutally beaten and died in October 1998 because of his sexual orientation, spoke to a diverse crowd of faculty, students, and community members on March 22. Kathy Tiehan, associate chancellor for enrollment services and university communications, introduced Shepard and thanked her for "contributing to UMass Boston's mission to educate the community about tolerance and hate crimes."

Shepard, a soft-spoken woman, described her son as a "loving, vibrant, understanding, kind young man," pointing out that "his homosexuality was not his only distinguishing quality." His death left a "hole in [her] existence," but also a need to avenge his murder not through violence and hate, but through education.

Along with her husband, Dennis, she set up the Matthew Shepard Foundation, initially financed with donations made by various people to help defray Matthew's medical costs. She travels and speaks mainly to college students, and donates all of her speaking fees to the foundation, which in turn uses the monies to promote public awareness and education programs to "ensure that what Matt lived for and believed in will help others believe as well."

Shepard began by reading the statement she had made to the court at the trial of one of the convicted murderers, Russell Henderson, describing in detail the ordeal that her family had to go through just to get to the hospital where Matthew had been taken. At the time, she and her husband lived in Saudi Arabia, and had to travel for 25 hours to get to Ft. Collins, Colorado, all the while hoping that her son would hold on long enough for them to arrive.

After Matthew's death, the Shepards "realized that we knew nothing about what was going on in terms of civil rights. Laws are being passed but nothing is being done to change ingrained attitudes" and hatred of the unknown. Shepard described hate as "a learned behavior...a choice we make. We learn it from friends, family, the media, etc. The choice to hate will affect a person's whole life." Shepard believes that hate begins with hate language. When hate language—that is, derogatory words and insults that are ethnically or sexually charged—is accepted, hate crimes flourish. She cited Ghandi, who said, "we must become the change that we want to see." Jokes can be funny without being cruel or demeaning, but, according to Shepard, allowing hurtful jokes and language to take place causes a chain reaction, leading to crimes such as the one that caused her son's death. She indicated her disappointment that the Hate Crimes Prevention Act failed to pass, but is encouraged by signs that it will pass after its second introduction this summer.

After reading her statement to the court, Shepard opened up the floor for questions and discussion. Many audience members expressed their support of Shepard, and also told personal stories involving coming out to parents and friends. A homosexual police officer thanked Shepard for her efforts, which had allowed his parents to have a better understanding of, for him, "how wonderful it is to be gay."

When questioned about the men who killed her son, Shepard stated, "I choose not to hate them." Rather then focusing on hating them, she said, "they simply do not exist for me." Shepard reiterated that hate is "not there to start with" but learned in schools and society. "Schools train you to be homophobic," Shepard said, and therefore "children should be educated about other lifestyles at an extremely young age."

On a final note, Shepard cautioned students about coming out, especially in small anti-gay communities, and advised them not to do so if it will pose a threat to their safety. She indicated that it's best to wait until the environment is gay-friendly. Although she understands the need to be able to live an open life, she should not be done in exchange for personal safety. "If you're true to yourself," she said, "the right things will happen at the right times."

Interfaith Community Gatherers at First Annual UMass Boston Prayer Breakfast

By Anne Marie Kent

Nearly every workplace has them: incessantly ringing phones, endless meetings, and overflowing inboxes, both on desktops and in cyberspace—all commanding immediate attention. The resulting stress can be overwhelming.

On March 29, at UMass Boston's first annual Prayer Breakfast, guest speaker Nancy Kehoe asserted that finding time for prayer during the stress of a workday is well worth the effort. A licensed psychologist and a member of the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart, Dr. Kehoe specializes in clinical aspects of religion and psychology. She began the breakfast by asking participants why they chose to attend.

Jain Ruvidich-Higgins responded, "I think it's important to identify a thread that carries through all of the roles and activities in our lives, a thread that you can hold onto when you feel as though you're losing your direction. A spiritual life is something I believe can provide that." Others voiced a desire for a greater sense of connection with others.

Community-building was one of the breakfast organizers' top goals. Sister Sung-Ae Kim of the Campus Ministry explained that organizers wanted to "reach out to build the interfaith community at UMass Boston." Dean of Students Stephanie Janey, whose office oversaw the event, added, "This program gave us some time to reflect and a thread that allows spirituality to play an important role in the work that we do."

During her presentation, Dr. Kehoe emphasized the importance of quiet reflection, and cautioned against a materialistic, unreflective pursuit of spirituality. "We have to wonder whether we are consuming things that tell us how to be more spiritual, without actually attending to what nurtures us," she said. Noting also a difference between simple escape or indulgence and spiritual rejuvenation, she suggested developing a reflective moment that breaks the day and lets you have a quiet time, journal writing, meditation, and prayer. "We must ask," she added, "What makes us feel connected? What makes us feel like peace-filled people? What feeds us?"

UMass Boston Folk Festival to be held Saturday, September 23

The fall Folk Festival lineup includes:

Sally Barker
Eliza Gilkyson
John Gorka
Kim & Reggie Harris
Richie Havens
Tish Hinojosa
Robert Jones
Jimmy LaFave
Christine Lavin
Roger McGuinn
The Paperboys
Tony Rice
Garnet Rogers
Peter Rowan
Cheryl Wheeler
Josh White Jr.
Jesse Winchester

Additional artists will be announced in our September issue.

Tickets go on sale May 15th. For more information, call 617.287.6911 or visit us on the web at http://wumb.org/folkfest
SPOTLIGHTS

Green Chemistry Laboratory Completed

The reconstruction of the Chemistry Laboratory for Education and Research in Sustainability Innovation has been completed, and the lab is ready for fall 2000 classes. "Green chemistry" is a specialty that seeks to incorporate environmental and toxicological awareness at the design phase of a synthetic process. By synthesizing benign safe and efficient chemicals, scientists can avoid the hazards. Prof. Warner, an internationally acclaimed expert in green chemistry, has been developing interdisciplinary approaches to the search for fundamental principles in natural systems that are both safe and efficient. He looks forward to using the new laboratory for education courses and to joining his science faculty colleagues in an effort to bring the community and industry together with teachers and students under the umbrella of green chemistry.

Victor Lewis Discusses Diversity Leadership at UMass Boston

Victor Lee Lewis, founder and director of the Center for Diversity Leadership in Berkley, CA, discusses "Diversity, Leadership and the Dismantling of Racism" on April 11 in the Lipke Auditorium. Through the center, Lewis aims to provide organizations with effective ways of meeting challenges of diversity in their organizations, by conducting seminars, workshops, and trainer programs throughout the United States and other countries. He is best known for his prophetic voice in "The Color of Fear," a video about racism which received the 1995 Golden Apple Award for "Best Social Studies Documentary" from the National Educational Media Association. Lewis's talk was sponsored by the Affirmative Action Office, Empowering Multicultural Initiatives, the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, and the Graduate Student Assembly. In addition, the Graduate College of Education worked with these sponsors to give students the opportunity to participate in workshops with Lewis.

College of Nursing Establishes Office of Urban Family Health

College of Nursing Dean Brenda Cherry recently approved the establishment of the Office of Urban Family Health, which will coordinate the integration of College faculty and student research, other scholarly activities, teaching, practice, and community service. Students and faculty will focus on developing effective approaches to the implementation and evaluation of services designed to improve the health-related quality of life of urban families. In keeping with the mission of the College, emphasis will be placed on underserved populations, including current and emerging minorities and the elderly. The new office is located in the Faculty Research Office in the Science Center.

Undergraduates Participate in Research Conference

Eighteen UMass Boston students offered presentations at the Sixth Annual Conference on Undergraduate Research, Creative, and Public Service Activities, which took place on April 28 at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston. The event was organized by the Commonwealth College of UMass Amherst, and featured undergraduate presenters from various departments in the Massachusetts public higher education system.

UMass Boston presentations addressed such diverse topics as "Personality Factors Amongst Heroin and Alcohol Abusers," and "Effects of Acceleration, Enrichment, and Standard Education on Long-Term Adult Success." The following UMass Boston students presented: Helga Arsenio, Catherine Cerasuolo, Tara M. Chambers, Joon-Sik Cho, Paul Cohen, Elias Collins, James P. Conley, Sarah A. Dew, Sean Harding, Meredith Keane, Shu L. Liang, Elizabeth Marrin, Timothy McKenna, Minh Ngoc Nguyen, Robert Palange, Lionel Preval, Allison Williams, and Sahra Yazdi. Each student was sponsored by a faculty advisor, who provided insight and guidance.

UMass Boston Labor Extension Coordinator receives Massachusetts AFL-CIO Merit Award

Tess Ewing of the CPCPS Labor Extension Program will be receiving the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Merit Award for 2000. Along with three extension coordinators from other UMass campuses, she is being honored for her hard work and commitment to the Massachusetts labor movement. The award will be presented on May 25 at the Gompers-Murray- Meaney Educational Institute banquet, attended by hundreds of Massachusetts labor leaders.

Theresa A. Mortimer Appointed Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Effective May 1, 2000, Theresa A. Mortimer, currently the dean of continuing education, will join the Provost's Office as vice provost for academic affairs. She will hold responsibilities in the areas of strategic planning, academic program development, faculty outreach, and international affairs. Additionally, she will represent the provost in various internal and external forums. Prof. Mortimer has led the Division of Continuing Education since 1986, first as associate provost, and since 1996 as dean. Under her leadership, the Division of Continuing Education has grown into a complex educational enterprise that offers credit, non-credit, and corporate and professional development programs throughout the year at several sites, as well as through distance education.

Student Employment and Housing Services Develops New Guidelines

Over the past six months, the UMass Boston Student Employment and Advisory Board has been assisting UMass Boston's Student Employment and Housing Services (SEHS) office in developing new guidelines for campus student employment. These new guidelines are scheduled to take effect on June 27 and include new wage and merit pay increase guidelines, standard policies on rest breaks, and progressive disciplinary procedures for student employees. Toward the end of the fall semester, the SEHS website will be enhanced to include all updated information in a new supervisor's manual, as well as online listings of FWS and Instrutional (CC) student jobs and downloadable student employment forms. If you supervise students, be sure to talk to the student payroll coordinator for your area so that these new procedures don't take you by surprise when they begin in the new fiscal year. If you have any questions, call SEHS at 617.287.6320.

Massachusetts Field Center to Host a Variety of Summer Institutes

The Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning will host three summer institutes this July. Featured presentations will include "Designing Curriculum to Enhance Student Learning," "Teaching Immigration in Grades 4-8," and "Mentoring Beginning Teachers." Presenters include: Grant Wiggins, president and director of programs for the Center on Learning, Assessment, and School Structure, a non-profit educational organization; Ron Adams, a 7th grade language arts teacher at the Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy; and members of the Teacher Leadership Academy of Massachusetts. The Field Center, which serves as a resource on curriculum and instruction, is a statewide network of school and university teachers, administrators, and other educators located in the Graduate College of Education.

“Boundaries and Borderlands” Project to Involve Faculty Team

UMass Boston has been chosen to participate in a two-year project, “Boundaries and Borderlands,” sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. The project aims to help institutions create curricula that develop new capacities among students for democratic citizenship and for negotiating multiple communities and commitments. At UMass Boston, a six-member team, including faculty from every college, will work with the New England Urban Health, and community-building for the newly established Asian American Studies Program. Led by Professor Peter Kiang, the team includes Professors Madhulika Gandhi, William McGurn, Rajini Srikanth, Zong Goo Xia, and Lin Zhao. UMass Boston is one of 40 institutions, and one of nine doctoral/research universities, involved in the project, which is supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Studies Address Advertising and Smoking Among Teens

Two articles in the March issue of the American Journal of Public Health, co-authored by Lois Biener of UMass Boston's Center for Survey Research and Michael Siegel of the Boston University School of Public Health, report on the first longitudinal studies of the effects on teenagers of pro- and anti-smoking advertising. One study finds that teenagers who are regularly exposed to anti-smoking messages on television are half as likely to start smoking as those not exposed. The other finds that teenagers who can readily name a cigarette brand and who own a tobacco-sponsored item are more than twice as likely to become established smokers as those who do neither. "The more tobacco advertising and promotional activities young people are exposed to the more smoking we can expect, unless we have increased counter-advertising," says Biener. The studies were funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

May Spotlights were written by Melissa Fassel and Jeffrey Mitchell.
Graduating Seniors Penna and Ward Win Fulbright Grants

By Dick Laurie

When graduating senior Alexander Penna says "I'm very proud of my school," he's referring to a university where he says among other virtues he's "never seen such care and concern from faculty." His enthusiasm is echoed by Colin Ward, who says UMass Boston "has given me so much...It's a great school....The word is getting out." The general enthusiasm for UMass Boston of both of these students is heightened by the fact that, with guidance and help from faculty members who worked closely with them, they recently became UMass Boston's first-ever recipients of highly competitive Fulbright grants.

The Fulbright Program, established in 1946 at the close of WW II, is designed "to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges." Each year students from the US compete in a rigorous selection process to study and carry on research in more than 100 other nations. Penna, whose interests are politics, history, and international affairs, worked closely with Professor Elizabeth Bussiere of the Department of Political Science. He will be spending a year in Oslo, Norway, studying Norwegian immigration policy and its relation to politics, particularly with respect to one particular political party. He has been interested in Norwegian culture and politics for a long time, and began teaching himself to speak the language when he was fifteen. His family now lives in Michigan; he decided to come to Boston—always attractive to him, he says, for its architecture and sense of history—and then initially considered UMass Boston because he was impressed with the testimony of older students he spoke with about the atmosphere and the quality of the education here.

Ward, originally from Chicago, spent part of his adolescence in Indiana, training as a competitive figure-skater focused on ice-dancing. It was that interest that brought him to Boston as well, where UMass Boston attracted him first because of cost. Then he stayed, as he says, for the education. With the help of a faculty mentor, the Art Department's Professor Nancy Stiecher, he developed an individual major focusing on the intersection of aspects of architecture, society, and psychology. He also studied French here, and has an interest in English as a second language. His Fulbright research, to be undertaken in England, will focus on how non-native speakers are influenced by the culture and the material they are given to read as they begin to learn English.

Penna cites the University's Honors Program, and particularly program director Professor Monica McAlpine of the English Department and administrative assistant Joyce Morrissey, for invaluable assistance throughout the Fulbright application process. Both he and Ward credit the Honors Program with providing courses which kindled their intellectual excitement and energy. Others who helped them throughout their years here and in the Fulbright application process include Provost Charles Gudlunde; Associate Provost Thomas Ferguson; Dean of the Liberal Arts Faculty Neal Bruss; and faculty members Rose Abendstern, Anna Jenkins, and Virian Zamel.

In addition to Penna's and Ward's grants, two other UMass Boston students were finalists this year in important grant competitions: Annie Gauger in the Fulbright Program and Chukwuka Okafor in the Rhodes Scholarship Program. In all, as these students have once again demonstrated, when it comes to high-level academic achievement, UMass Boston has much to be proud of.

CM's Senior Executive Leadership Forum: Managing Exceptional Growth—The EMC Story

By Mary Ann Machinc

Michael Ruettgers, the chief executive officer of EMC Corporation, spoke to an audience of MBA students at the College of Management's Senior Executive Leadership Forum on March 20 at the University Club. Hopkinson-based EMC is the world leader in intelligent enterprise storage systems, software, networks, and services that enable organizations to access, harness, and protect their information. Ruettgers has built EMC into one of the most powerful high-tech franchises in the world, with 1999 revenues of $6.7 billion and income exceeding $1 billion. EMC has transformed information storage systems from passive containers into the enabling foundation of the Internet and the networked information economy, expanding what was once a largely ignored IT niche into an immense market opportunity for itself and a defining technology of the information revolution.

Getting to the number one spot was a challenge for EMC, and staying there will be one as well. In addressing the students Ruettgers described the evolution of EMC's products from basic minicomputers to a key component in the infrastructure of the new economy. Keeping on top of industry changes and customers' wants are some of the tools of EMC's success, but almost as important is the organization's knowledge of its own strengths. "The most dangerous thing for any business is to be successful and yet not know exactly why you're successful," Ruettgers said. He warned the assembled MBA students that "if you get there first you have to be careful not to mess it up."

EMC expects its executives and employees to be "smart people who work hard" according to Ruettgers, and finding those smart hard workers is EMC's single biggest challenge. The audience seemed to help EMC meet this particular challenge and maintain its exceptional growth.

Research and Sponsored Programs Office Announces Quarterly Awards

By Kim Burke

Without having to use a lifeline or marry a perfect stranger in front of a live television audience, UMass Boston has won over two million dollars. To be exact, $2,423,234 in grant money has been awarded to 59 projects during the period from January 1 through March 31, according to current figures from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. The grants range in size from $2,000 to $200,000 and bring new and continuing support to projects throughout the University community.

The grants represent months of hard work developing projects and then finding the appropriate funds. One recipient, Biology Assistant Professor Brian White, was granted $110,184 by the National Science Foundation for his project "Career: Exploring Authentic Inquiry: Factors that Influence Students' Learning of the Process of Science." The grant will cover the first year of research on how UMass Boston biology students understand science before and after taking introductory biology. White describes the grant as one geared toward "young investigators" who "wish teaching and research." UMass Boston students are not only the subject of the study, but will also be the beneficiaries when the results are used to reexamine how biology is taught at the introductory level.

Patricia Moonith, general manager of WUMB, was granted $80,076 for three separate projects, one of which is the new WUMB program "Commonwealth Journal," hosted by Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the McCormick Institute. Sherman says that she is "thrilled to receive sponsorship from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities" and adds that the program, produced entirely by WUMB "brings many interesting cultural, social, and political issues" to the airwaves.

One of the larger awards went to Lee Teitel of the Graduate College of Education. $156,120 was granted by Boston College for his "Mass Coalition for Teacher Quality and Student Achievement" project. On a related education note, the Institute for Learning and Teaching received a total of $240,813 for eleven grants that contribute to many areas of the Boston Public Schools. Project titles range from "Adult Literacy Resource Institute" to "School to Career."

The grant money continues to come in and will support more research projects and other programs that will make UMass Boston's reputation shine.
Honors and Awards

The Massachusetts School Psychologists Association has awarded Virginia Harvey, dean of the Graduate College of Education, the recognition title of Outstanding Trainer of the Year for 2000. Dean Harvey will be honored at the MSPPA's annual conference on May 5.

Professor Irving Gershengom of the Department of Economics was selected as the Plaza hotel's "Leop Das Person of the Century Grand Prize Winner" in New York, NY. The grand prize includes a free weekend at the Plaza every leap year for the rest of his life.

Performances

Alumna Liz Lepah will be the featured artist for the Communication and Information Arts Division's Dance Theatre Workshop performances on May 12 and 13. Lepah, who is the director of the Cambridge Chamber Ballet, holds the title of choreographer and performer.

Conferences and Presentations

Paul M. Wright, Boston editor for the University of Massachusetts Press, will be presenting a paper entitled "Everyman His Own Gutenburger: Refocusing the "Deadly Developers" in the 1990's" at the annual "Technology, History and Privacy" conference at the University of Scarsdale in New York University, May 26-27.

Kenneth Rimmell, an M.A. student in the History Department, presented a paper entitled "The Boston Schools Desegregation Case: Preserving the Documentary Legacy of the Federal Court Decision" at the spring meeting of the New England Archivists on April 29.

On April 15, Professor James Green of the Labor Research Center discussed a short history of the labor movement, commissioned by the AFL-CIO Education Department Washington, and the Labor Educators Association Conference in Milwauke. Green also presented a paper based on his forthcoming book about social movements at the Department of American Histories meeting in St. Louis, MO.

On April 15, Professor Siamak Movahedi of the Sociology Department was the moderator of a Strategic Discussion Group on Eliminating Ethnic Intolerance at an All-Day Conference on Preventing Genocide held at the Suffolk University Law School.

Lou DiNatale, director of the UMass Poll, was a lead panelist at a roundtable entitled "What the Average Joe and Mary Think Now: Media, Democracy, and Public Opinion" on April 12 at Salem State College.


Communication and Theatre Arts Professor John Conlon recently served as festival judge for the preliminary and semi-final rounds of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival sponsored by the Mass High School Drama Guild and the Boston Globe. The final festival took place March 30-41.

Dean Virginia Harvey and Professor Jean Strzaier, both of the Graduate College of Education, gave a joint presentation entitled "Administrative Supervision of School Psychologists" at the Annual Convention of the National Association of School Psychologists, held in New Orleans.

Professor Philip Hart, director of the Trottier Institute, was invited by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as part of its diversity initiative, to discuss his books and film on American-american participation in aviation technology. He was a keynote speaker at the DPH staff awards luncheon on March 24.

Lisa Abdallah, coordinator of the Nursing Unit at the College of Nursing, Oliver, presented a paper entitled "Assessment for Cardiac Disorders in the Elderly" on March 22 at the Rehabilitation Center for Aged in Boston.


Professor Robert Dentler of the Sociology Department presented a paper entitled, "Fifty Years of Brief Encounters with Psychoanalysis: A Sociologist's Memoir" at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, March 4.

Professor Siamak Movahedi of the Sociology Department was the moderator of the "Race, Ethnicity, and Justice" conference held at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, in March.

At the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in March, Professor Siamak Movahedi and Professor Russell Schutt of the Sociology Department presented papers on the social psychological correlates of social adaptation and political participation in Romania. Their papers were part of a preliminary report on a large survey that they have recently conducted in Romania in collaboration with the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and Denisa Popescu of Graduate Program in Applied Sociology.

In March, Professor David Matz, director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, visited Manila and gave a series of lectures on the subject's relevance. In his audience included the trial judges of Manila, the National Labor Relations Commission, representatives of unions and management, law students and faculty from various schools.

Professor Lawrence Blum of the Philosophy Department gave two honorary lectures this semester: The Francis Villanen Memorial Lecture at San Jose State University, where he presented "Pacism as a Moral Concept," and the Rosel Schewel Lecture on Education and Diversity at Lynchburg College in Virginia, where he presented "Can We Talk About Race?"

Dennis Leigh of the Urban Harbors Institute, Roger Wrobel of the University of Iowa Environment Studies Program, and Adin Patt of Auxiliary Services and ECOs presented a poster on "Best Practices in Higher Education at UMAB" as part of the Northeastern Workshop on Education for Sustainability, held by Second Nature in West Cornwell, CT, November 1999.


Denise Dugan, assistant director of facilities administration, presented a seminar on the use of recycled carpeting at UMass Boston at the state-sponsored 5th Annual Recycled and Environmentally Preferable Products Vendor Fair and Conference, held in Boxborough on October 1999.


Publications

Dean Virginia Harvey of the Graduate College of Education and Professor Jean Strzaier of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology recently published a book entitled Effective Supervision in School Psychology through the National Association of School Psychologists.

Management Professor Arthur A. Goldsmith's article "Zapping Up the Management Masterclass" was published in the March issue of the Journal of Modern African Studies.

Dennis J. Stevens, associate professor of criminal justice, has had an article entitled "Three Generations of Incorcorated Sexual Offenders: A Four Year Study of Sexual Addiction and Criminal Lifestyles Among the King Family" accepted for publication by Courthouse Publishers for their correctional perspective journal. Allyn and Bacon will be a forthcoming conference on the same topic in Salt Lake City in March 2001.

Associate Professor David Lisok of the Psychology Department served as editor of the newest journal of the American Psychological Association, entitled Men and Masculinity. The journal also contained an article, "Borderline Personality Organization, Dissociation, and Willingness to use Force in Intimate Relationships," by Sherny Dukes Conrad of the Psychology Department and student Rachel Stevenson Morrow.

Events

A variety of events, including tours, information fairs, a theater production, and lectures celebrated the 20th annual Earth Day at UMass Boston, April 11-22.

On April 5, The McCormack Institute welcomed two separate delegations to the university: five academics from Senegal and ten judges from eastern Africa, in particular.

The 14th Annual UMass Boston Golf Classic hosted by the Department of Athletics will take place on June 16, 2000, at the Franklin Park Golf Course. An 8 a.m. shotgun start will begin a day of golf, lunch, awards, a silent auction, raffle prizes, and more. Those interested should call 617.287.7802 for more information.

The African Studies Department hosted a Black Men's Health Forum on April 5. Guest speakers included John Rich, medical director of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless, and Charles Smith, director of the Men of Color Project at the Rethinking Comprehensive Community Health Center. Bill Owens of the African Studies Department moderated the event.

In the News

Marketing Professor Mary Lau Roberts was featured in an April 4 article in The Boston Globe, entitled "Consumers Sold on Haggling," on how the Internet is changing the price people pay for goods and services.

A March 27 Boston Globe article featured the March 9 Adoption Colloquium held at UMass Boston. The conference, hosted by Professor Janet Farrell Smith, Philosophy Department, focused on DNA testing and its possible violation of children's rights.
Now Playing

The musical Working, based on a study of the same name by Studs Terkel, with music by Steven Schwartz, is the Communication and Theatre Arts Division's spring 2000 Mainstage Production, directed by Professor Ashley Lieberman. Performances will take place on May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m., and May 6 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Grants

Microsoft awarded a $250,000 grant to UMass Boston's Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) on April 18. The grant will benefit the work of the ICI in demonstrating how PC technologies, universal design and job accommodation can lead to increased numbers of adults with disabilities entering employment.

Professor Brian White of the Biology Department received a five-year, $500,000 National Science Foundation Early Career Investigator Award to do further research on a biology lab that he developed in which students take an active role in learning through developing their own hypotheses and designing their own experiments.

Professors Carolee Uphar and Miren Uriarte received a $40,000 Casey Foundation grant through the Eastlin Institute to conduct an evaluation of community health outreach programs in Roxbury. Casey has extended the work for the year 2000 and increased funding.

Mary Spooner, a Ph.D. candidate in public policy, was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Grant in Women's Health in support of her proposed dissertation, entitled "Women Under Subjection of the Law: A Study of the Legal Responses to Women's Abuse in the English-speaking Caribbean." The $3,000 grant is funded by Johnson & Johnson.

Honors

This spring, 219 undergraduates were inducted as new members of Golden Key National Honor Society and the society welcomed four new honorary members: Management Professor Mary Lou Roberts, Economics Professor Jeremiah Cottone, Dean of Students Stephanie Janey, and Urban Harbors Director Richard Delaney. Later in the month, Chapter Advisor Anita Miller and two chapter officers, Donald Gale and Susan Coughlin, attended the Northeastern Regional Conference at Syracuse University and gave a presentation to members from 15 other universities about how to improve their membership drives and increase campus awareness of Golden Key.

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markable generosity. He has powers of empathy that aren't really of this world." Farmer and White are co-founders of Partners in Health, through which White made one of his most notable contributions: a $1 million investment to save the lives of about 10 impoverished people in Peru, who were suffering from a drug-resistant strain of tuberculosis. Not only did his contribution save the lives of these people, but it also drove down the prices of the drugs for treating the disease, thereby "lifting the death sentence of millions" throughout the world.

Congressman John Joseph Moakley described White as "an exceptional human being, truly a saint," who, through his generous acts, has left an indelible mark on Boston and much of the world. In spite of his many accomplishments, Moakley said, White's greatest accomplishment by far has been his "dedication to people, without fanfare, and with no strings attached." According to Moakley, White has "truly redefined what it means to be a servant of the people."

Upon accepting the award, White said that what he does is a normal thing, and does not merit all the kudos that he has received. He reminded his captivated audience that everything in life is on loan. "To not make use of it," he said, "and to go through life apheretically, not caring about others, is a waste of life."

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and has been widely recognized for his active concern for social justice. He currently serves as director of the Trillium Asset Management Corporation and chairman of the Boston Foundation's Investment Committee, is a member of the Board of Directors of UMass Boston's William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, and is co-founder and director of the William Joiner Foundation. A recipient of the 1997 AIDS Action Committee's Distinguished Leadership Award and the 1998 Institute of Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee, Glassman holds an honorary doctorate in theology, and also served as a platoon leader in Vietnam.

While there are other distinguished candidates who are being considered by the University of Massachusetts and Tufts University to receive honorary degrees, none had been formally chosen as of press time for the University Reporter.

Those unable to attend the ceremonies in person can listen to a radio broadcast of the Commencement address on WUMB, 91.9 FM, Sunday, June 4 at 8 p.m., immediately following "Commonwealth Journal."

Juliet Schor Speaks on "New Consumerism" as Part of Earth Day Festivities

By Kim Burke

Earth Day activities continued at UMass Boston on April 20 in Wheatley Hall's Snowden Auditorium, where Harvard faculty and students presented a panel for the annual report "New Consumerism." The event focused on the ways in which people can reduce their consumption and make more sustainable choices.

The event was sponsored by the Student Senate, the Environmental and Social Concerns Coalition, and the Office of Sustainability.

The keynote speaker was Juliet Schor, an economist and senior lecturer at Harvard University. Schor is known for her research on consumerism and its impact on society.

Schor's talk was titled "Where Are We Now?" and focused on the trends in consumerism and the role of individuals in creating sustainable change.

Schor noted the growing popularity of "ethical consumerism," where people choose to purchase products that are environmentally or socially responsible. She also emphasized the importance of reducing waste and conserving resources.

Schor's talk was well-received by the audience, who appreciated her insights and practical advice for creating a more sustainable future. The event concluded with a Q&A session where Schor answered questions from the audience.

Schor's talk highlighted the need for individuals to take action in reducing their consumption and making more conscious choices.

The event was well-attended and received positive feedback from attendees, who appreciated Schor's insights and her call to action for creating a more sustainable future.
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 Administra- tion Building, 3rd floor. Fax 617-287-5305.

Monday 1

Internal Grant Program deadline

Grant to support the development of grant proposals to external funding agencies by University faculty and professional staff. For more information, call 7-5078.

Tuesday 2

Effective Communication, WEP Program

9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Learn techniques to help you increase your confidence and improve your communication abilities. Call 541-6847, ext. 126 for more information.

Wednesday 3


2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Dr. Paul Crab, Associate Professor, Department of Marine Science, University of South Florida. Call 7-7440 for more information.

Thursday 4

Writing Effectively, WEP Program

9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Learn techniques to help you stay focused on a topic, organize your ideas, and write more concisely. Call 541-6847, ext. 126 for more information.

UMass Boston Theatre presents: Working

8:00 p.m., McCormick Hall. Tickets: $7.00 general admission, $5.00 seniors and students with a valid ID. Directed by Professor Ashley Liethamer. Also May 8 at 8:00 p.m. and May 9 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Call 7-5640 for more information.

Friday 5

University Jazz Band performance

7:30 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. "Jumpin' at the Snowden," featuring Peter Janson, conductor with works by Davis, Harris, and others. Suggested donation: $5, students and seniors: $3. Call 7-6980 for more information.

Saturday 6

Music Department Recital featuring Senior Recital Summer

7:30 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. "Changes and Transitions: A Senior Honors Recital." Free. Call 7-6980 for more information.

Voice Division Student Recital

1:00 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. Vocal students of Professors Cotton, Bul, Kid, Mestrombroderic, and Turner. Free. Call 7-6980 for more information.

Kentiloscope: presented by Dance Theatre Workshop

8:00 p.m., McCormick Hall Theatre. Fea­ turing Alumni Liz Lapah, Director of the Cambridge Chamber Ballet. Also taking place on May 13. For more information, call 7-5640.

Sunday 7

Kennedy Library Forum: Women in Massachusetts Politics

1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Kennedy Library. Featuring Betty Taylor, former Democratic Na­ tional Committeewoman and founder of the Program for Women in Politics & Gov­ ernment at UMass Boston. Free and open to the public. Call 629-4571 for more in­ formation.

University Chamber Orchestra


Monday 8

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Wednesday 10

ECOS Seminar: "Plankton Identifica­tion, Distribution and Behavior using In Situ Optical Techniques."

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Dr. David Gallagher, Associate Professor, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Call 7-7440 for more information.

Thursday 11

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Institute for Asian American Studies Panel Discussion

6:00 p.m., University Club. Local Asian American-elected officials will share their experiences in getting elected and serv­ ing in office. Participants will include: Lowell City Councilor, Rithy Uong; Newton Alderman, Amy Mah Sangiolo; and Randolph Selectman, Daniel Lam. Refresh­ ments will be served. Free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Agenda Coalition. For more in­ formation, call 7-5650.

Friday 12

College of Nursing Reception

3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Healy Library, 8th floor, Provost's Conference Room. Reception to honor new faculty, visiting scholars and new students in the Ph.D. in Nursing pro­ gram. For more information, call 7-7571.

Friday 19

College of Public and Community Service Graduation Convocation

6:00 p.m., University Club. For more in­ formation, call 7-7100.

Saturday 20

UMass Boston Theatre Department Dance Concert: Di Russo and Stohl!

Call 7-5640 for location, time, and more information.

Sunday 21

WUMB 91.9 FM Ask the Managers

9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Learn techniques to help you increase your con­ fidence and improve your communication abilities. Call 541-6847, ext. 126 for more information.

Summer Harbor Tours on board the MV Hurricane begin.

12:00 p.m.; departs from Point Dock, located between Wheatley and McCormick Buildings. Free 75-minute narrated cruise. First come/first served basis, no reservations required. Tours run every Tuesday through September. Call 7-5040 for more information.

Roundtable Discussion: "Linking Technology, Communities of Color and the Academy - Bridging the Digital Divide."

12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Healy Library, 8th floor, Provost's Conference Room. Co-sponsored by the William Monroe Trotter Institute and the Center for Women, Politics, and Public Policy/McCormick Institute. Call 7-5680 for more information.

Tuesday 23

Effective Communication, WEP Program

9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Learn techniques to help you increase your con­ fidence and improve your communication abilities. Call 541-6847, ext. 126 for more information.

WUMB 91.9 FM Ask the Managers

Call 7-5630 for more information.

Thursday 25

College of Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau Annual Research Day

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Massachusetts Ar­ chives Building. Featuring speaker Lorette Jemmett, Ph.D., University of Pennsylva­ nia. "Developing a Program of Research." Student presentations and posters, and Sigma Research Award Announcement. For more information, call 7-7580.

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Friday 26

Marine Operations Little Brewster Island tours begin.

Climb up to the top of the oldest continu­ ously manned lighthouse in the country; Bos­ ton Light. Trips depart from the John T. Fallon State Pier (in front of the JFK Library) every Friday till October 13th. Call (617) 223- 8996 for more information. Reservations are recommended.

Tuesday 30

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The Catholic Campus Ministry

Masses are held on Mondays and Wednes­ days at 12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednes­ days at 8:00 p.m. Call 7-5089 for more information.

Alcohol Screening

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

Offered by the Health Promotion Program (7-5680):

Mediation

Promote communication and relaxation. Be­ gins welcome, instruction provided. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

"Study Smarter, Not Harder"

Help with performing better, with less stress, in studying for and taking exams, writing papers, etc. Call 7-5685 to sched­ ule an appointment.

Weight Management Support

Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Smoke Cessation

Help with considering quitting, quitting, and staying quit. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Aids Awareness Team

Volunteers needed to plan and implement outreach activities on campus. Call 7-5685 - leave your contact information and avail­ able times; we'll call you to announce meeting times.

This month at the University of Massachusetts-Boston: "Changes ettting Betty Taymor, former Director of the Program for Women in Politics & Gov­ ernment at UMass Boston. Free and open to the public. Call 629-4571 for more in­ formation. Call 7-5680 for more information.