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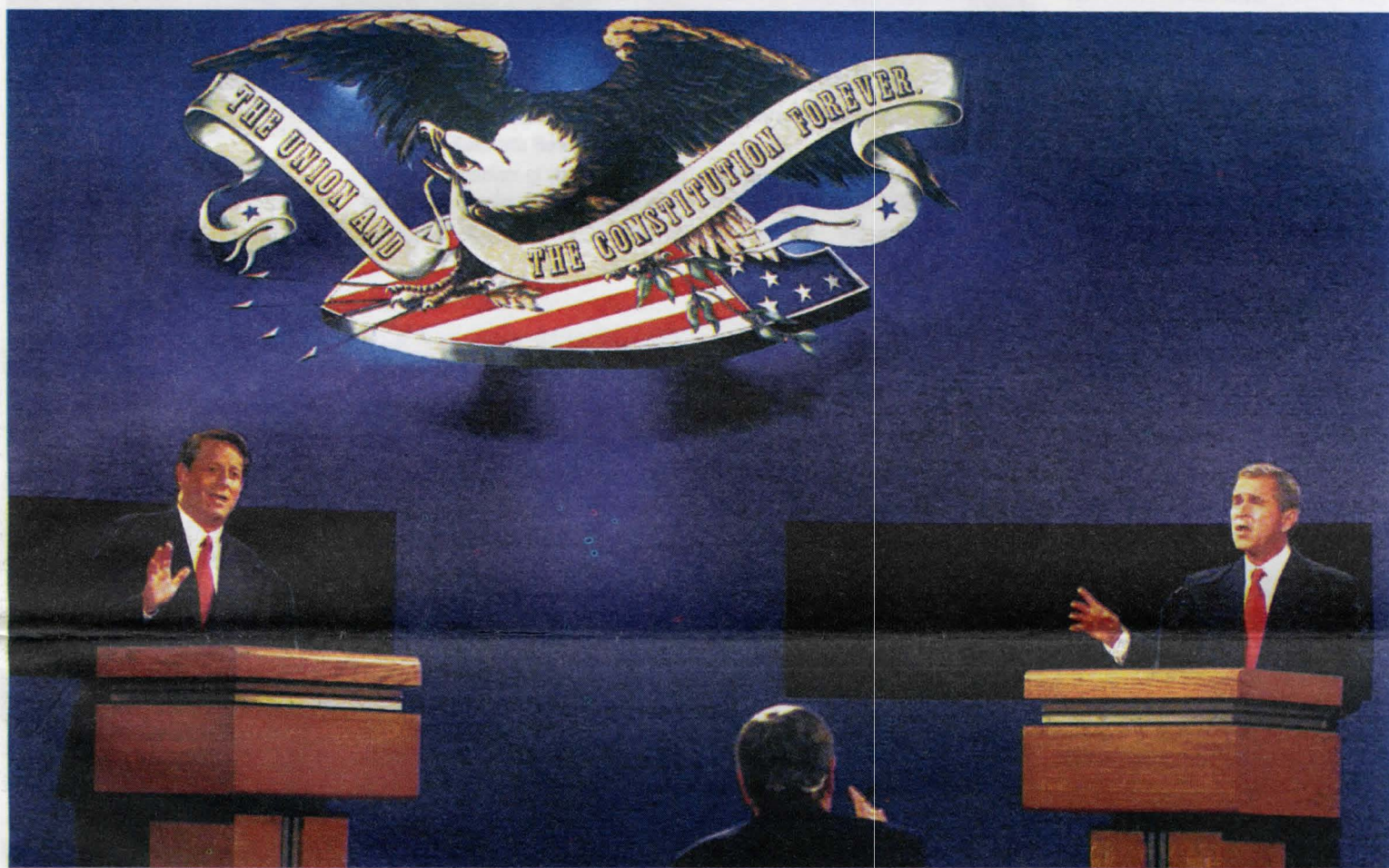
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Historic First for UMass Boston and the Northeast First Presidential Debate Held on Campus October 3



Vice President Al Gore, debate moderator Jim Lehrer, and Governor George W. Bush face off for the first time at Clark Athletic Center. (Photo republished with permission of Globe Newspaper Company, Inc.)

by Joe Peters

The leading candidates came, millions of viewers worldwide saw, and in the end, the University of Massachusetts Boston conquered several challenges on its way to being the first institution in the Northeast to host a presidential debate.

It was apparent to anyone on campus this past September that much work was being done to accommodate the debate. However, this was just the visible tip of an iceberg of planning and cooperation among many departments on campus.

In January, the Commission on Presidential Debates announced

that UMass Boston and its Columbia Point neighbor, the John F. Kennedy Library, would cohost the first scheduled debate. While the planning started shortly thereafter, activities heightened throughout the summer months. It wasn't until Labor Day weekend that Republican candidate George W. Bush took the wind out of the debate sails by announcing that he did not intend to come to Boston.

When the parties finally agreed to the Boston debate, the event was suddenly only two weeks away. In that time frame the Clark Athletic Center had to be converted into a debate hall and the adjacent hockey rink into a media center, replete

with red carpet, approximately 700 phones, more than 70 televisions, and accommodations for almost 1,600 media representatives from around the world.

"People pitched in and crossed boundaries. They invested a great deal of time and effort in this to ensure the debate would go without a hitch for us," said LaVerne Cawthorne, associate vice chancellor for administration and finance. "People truly cared about their individual work. Down to the smallest details, people pulled together."

The debate presented a rare opportunity for departments to combine forces and for the campus to

work closely with its neighbor and cohost, the John F. Kennedy Library.

"The debate really gave an opportunity for people who might normally never have the chance to work together to do so," said Annemarie Lewis Kerwin, assistant vice chancellor for university communications and debate coordinator. "I think we have already seen this sense of cooperation and appreciation surrounding the debate continue into the day-to-day life of the campus."

This is not to say the debate did not have surprises. Delays in the allotment of tickets postponed the student lottery to the afternoon of

the debate. But even at that late point, volunteers from different departments hurriedly worked together to contact each selected student to ensure he or she had the opportunity to witness this event of a lifetime.

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, attempting to enter the debate with what is believed to have been a false ticket, was turned away without major incident.

Recognizing early on that very few tickets would probably be available to students or the public, debate planners developed creative ways of involving the campus and the community.

Several convocation events adopted an election perspective. The campus Web site hosted opportunities for people to voice opinions or connect with other election-oriented Web sites. Including on-campus events and forums at the JFK Library, there were two dozen public programs surrounding the debate.

The return on all this effort likely will be seen over many years. Prior debate hosts have seen double-digit enrollment increases, better ability to attract grant and other funding, and an increased sense of school spirit among students, faculty, and staff.

Two days after the debate, in a crowded meeting with faculty, University President William Bulger opened with "I know that what you all really want to know is, Who won the debate?" The audience laughed at the icebreaker from the former state senator. "The University of Massachusetts did," he concluded, to the applause of those gathered.



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Lottery Winners!
49 students chosen in a lottery received tickets to the hottest event in Boston.

Campus Basks in Worldwide Media Spotlight

By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston became famous for its role in Campaign 2000 as the national and international media turned their attention to the site where Vice President Al Gore and Governor George W. Bush would meet for the first time.

With the approach of October 3, the University was mentioned in every national network on a weekly basis. Profiles of the University appeared in the venerable *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, and local stations such as WBZ, WHDH, and WFXT came to campus to tell the story of UMass Boston's role as cohost. Following the debate, every major newspaper across the country mentioned UMass Boston's name in its lead story, some noting the University's flawless execution.

Preparing the campus for an influx of the media was just as important as setting the stage for the candidates. UMass Boston worked steadily with the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) to anticipate the media and their needs. This meant renovating the ice hockey rink into a media center, a transformation including red carpeting and

an installation of more than 2,000 additional phone lines and 100,000 watts of additional energy. UMass Boston coordinated the construction of debate hall platforms for the major networks to shoot the debate and oversaw the arrangement of pool feeds, media vans, and photographer stations. Finally, UMass Boston ordered memorabilia and stuffed "swag" bags to give to members of the media. The swag included debate t-shirts, baseball caps, bumper stickers, and items from the Kennedy Library.

On October 2 and 3 more than 1,600 local, national, and international members of the media from newspapers, radio, broadcast television, and Internet sites arrived on campus to cover the event. These included not only the top journalists, but also photographers, technicians, and media runners.

Riding the shuttle buses from Boston College High School's parking lot, members of the media were brought to a credentialing tent to check in. Prior to the debate, the press were required to apply for credentials through the U.S. Senate Press



NBC's Tim Russert and Tom Brokaw confer before the debate. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Gallery. No journalist was allowed to stay without the approval of Press Gallery officials.

With press passes in hand, journalists toured the debate hall, interviewed Chancellor Penney and UMass President William Bulger, and awaited the start of the debate in the media hall or hospitality tent. Well-known journalists were spotted throughout the days, in-

cluding Tom Brokaw and Tim Russert, who covered the debate for NBC, and Charlie Gibson of *Good Morning America*, who did his Wednesday show from atop the Quinn Administration Building. George Stephanopoulos, Mike Barnicle, and Janet Wu were also among the media figures covering the story.

While some journalists

worked from inside the debate hall, most filed their stories from the media center or watched from the hospitality tent.

On the night of the debate, coverage extended from Boston to Washington, from England to Japan as the world watched the debate become a part of UMass Boston's accomplished history.

Convocation Celebrates the Spirit of Civic Education



L to R: Howard Koh, Commissioner of Public Health, and Gail Russell, Director of the Ph.D. Program in Nursing. (Photo by Harry Brett)

by Kim Burke

Hosting the first presidential debate brought more than an international media spotlight to UMass Boston. The University used the opportunity to extend the buzz surrounding October 3rd

into a learning experience that would involve students, faculty, and staff. Chancellor Sherry Penney and Provost Charles Cnudde collaborated to decide upon this year's convocation

theme, "Civic Education for Civic Responsibility." The convocation effort provided a wide range of activities that brought attention to the importance of civic involvement.

The convocation series, which totaled sixteen events from September 13 through October 17, had tremendous support from faculty members. All of the events were faculty developed and sponsored. Everything from special topics woven into the regular classroom curriculum to interactive forums and workshops was included in the schedule of events. Vice Provost Theresa Mortimer, who helped to plan some of the activities, was excited that "other learning opportunities for students" could draw upon and add to the campus-wide excitement over the debate.

Students were not only attend-

ees. They also were active in planning some events as well, such as the "Healthy People 2010" discussion that took place in the small science auditorium on September 20. Graduate nursing students joined Commissioner of Public Health Howard Koh to issue an analysis of the health policy positions of the presidential candidates. Koh and the students looked at access to insurance, keeping medicare solvent, prescription drug availability for low income seniors, and patients' rights protection.

Examining another key issue concerning the community, UMass Boston sponsored the forum "Closing the Digital Divide: What is the Problem and How Can It Be Fixed" at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston on September 26. Panelists from MIT, the Museum of Science, the Children's

Museum, and City Hall discussed ways to bridge the digital divide in schools and communities. In her remarks to the assemblage, Chancellor Penney said, "As a society, we cannot afford to leave people behind."

One of the final convocation events was a gathering in Snowden Auditorium on October 13 on "Long-Term Care: A Neglected Issue." Moderated by Los Angeles Times White House Correspondent Robert Rosenblatt, Gerontology Institute faculty and health care experts led an enlightening discourse on an overlooked subject. Joanne Handy, president of the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, impressed sociology student Dianne Cleary, who said that Handy "gave a viewpoint from the nurses' perspective, which is usually never heard."

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Lipke Viewing Sparks Debate



Students, faculty, and staff watch the debates in Lipke Auditorium. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

by Jess Liborio

Not all the action on October 3 was happening in the debate hall or among the protesters outside on Morrissey Boulevard. Lipke Auditorium was set up for a special evening of pre-debate commentary followed by a viewing of the debate itself. A reception was held in McCormack Cafeteria for people who were invited to the event at the auditorium. Both events were organized with help of hard work from volunteers and university staff.

Most people in attendance at the reception, commentary, and viewing were students, faculty, and administrators. Many students were mailed tickets by the Office of Student Affairs because of their participation in the Honors Program and the Beacon Leadership Project.

One student who attended said, "Despite feeling like the debates are

a sham because there is no significant difference between the candidates, it would be foolish to miss the opportunity to meet other politically active students. Students are portrayed as apathetic, but the truth is that we are overcommitted and busy. I wanted to dispel the myth of the apathetic student." Another student simply wanted to "see and hear for myself what the candidates had to say."

Possibly the most interesting part of the evening was a small focus group that met after the debate. Two representatives of the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) gathered about ten volunteers to give them feedback on the content and format of the debate.

The CPD representatives seemed to be looking specifically for what would attract people our age. Some students felt that their issues

weren't being addressed and felt disconnected from the candidates and their perspectives. A number of students voiced concerns about the limited scope of the debate. One student said that the basic assumptions - that welfare reform, school testing, and a growing military budget were all something to boast about - were outrageous. About half the group wanted third party candidates to be invited to participate in the debates.

After almost forty-five minutes of feedback, one student ended by saying that she hoped the CPD would really hear what we said and take our perspectives and concerns into account.

Jess Liborio is an honors student at UMass Boston.

Debate on the Internet: UMass Boston Votes

by Melissa Fassel

What about those students who didn't attend a debate event on campus? Along with staff, faculty, and community members, they were still able to participate in the debate. By using the Internet, those who wished to take part could do so in the comfort of their own homes, probably in an environment that was warmer than the 50-something degree temperature in the debate hall.

People could listen to the debate live on UMass Boston's WUMB 91.9 FM via a webcast, using Windows Media Player. Those who sought to participate more actively were invited by SpeakOut.com, an online opinion research company that teamed up with UMass Boston, to use their computers to give moment-by-moment ratings via the Internet. While watching the debate, participants used SpeakOut.com's interactive "dial poll slider" to rate the candidates' responses to major issues - such as Roe v. Wade, social security, education, and oil prices, on a scale from 1 to 100. The results, combined with others from around the nation, were made available within minutes in graph format. To

participate, students needed only to register prior to the debate and await detailed instructions via e-mail.

Yet another way for students, staff and faculty, alumni, and the Boston community to participate was through the UMass Boston online mock election held Friday, October 6. Responses to the debate indicated that Gore and Bush seemed to have performed equally. However, a significant portion of respondents said that *neither* candidate impressed them. Finally, an overwhelming number of respondents said that if UMass Boston had the opportunity to host another debate, it should. Exact results are posted at www.umb.edu/results.html.

Through a link from the UMass Boston debate website, surfers could respond to the "Question of the Day." Questions included, "What question would you ask the debating candidates?" "What issues do you feel will confront the next president and the United States in the years to come?" and "Will the debates of October help you determine for whom or if you will vote in November?" You can view samples of responses at www.umb.edu/debate/comments.html.

Political Analysts Provide Pre-Debate Bipartisan Commentary

By Yves P. Salomon

For many of the viewers watching the debate live via satellite in the Lipke Auditorium, this was not only an opportunity to watch the two presidential hopefuls attack each other on such important issues as education, abortion, Social Security, military spending, and tax cuts. It was also an opportunity to enjoy a discussion led by two prominent professors and policy analysts, Elizabeth Sherman and Mickey Edwards.

Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the McCormack Institute, and Edwards, professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, encouraged viewers to watch the debate with a critical eye, keeping in mind important issues excluded from both candidates' campaigns. One such important issue is mental health, said

Edwards.

Indeed neither Gore nor Bush mentioned managed care practices, including refusal of services and premature and unplanned discharge from clinics and hospitals, that lead to the continued presence of the mentally ill among the homeless population. According to a study sponsored by the National Coalition for Homelessness, 20-25 percent of the single adult homeless population suffers from some form of severe and persistent mental illness.

Mental health was not the only topic of the pre-debate discussion. Sherman addressed the utility of presidential debates. Each debate, said Sherman, "is a classic political event, the irresistible mix of the two essential elements of the modern

age—personality and technology. From tonight's debate here in Boston...plus the single vice presidential debate in Danville, Kentucky, will emerge new campaign issues, new campaign soundbites, and new campaign perceptions." Shama Alam, an honors student, says the expression "fuzzy math" is indelible in her memory. "Decades from now, I'm sure I'll still be able to remember the term," said Alam.

While viewers at the Clark Athletic Center sat in their chairs listening quietly to the candidates going back and forth, the Lipke viewers greeted their challenges and responses with applause and laughs, and even ranted at times. Approximately 200 students, faculty, and staff, along with others were scattered in the auditorium.

Honors students Yves Solomon, Shama Alam, and Deborah Kaufman contributed to this article.



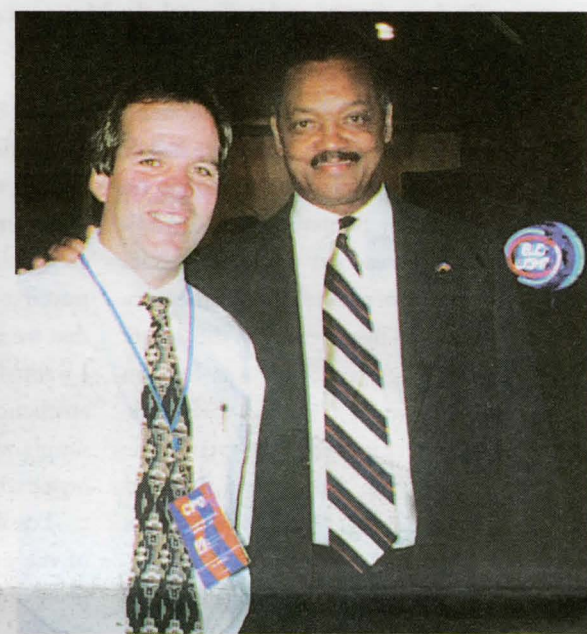
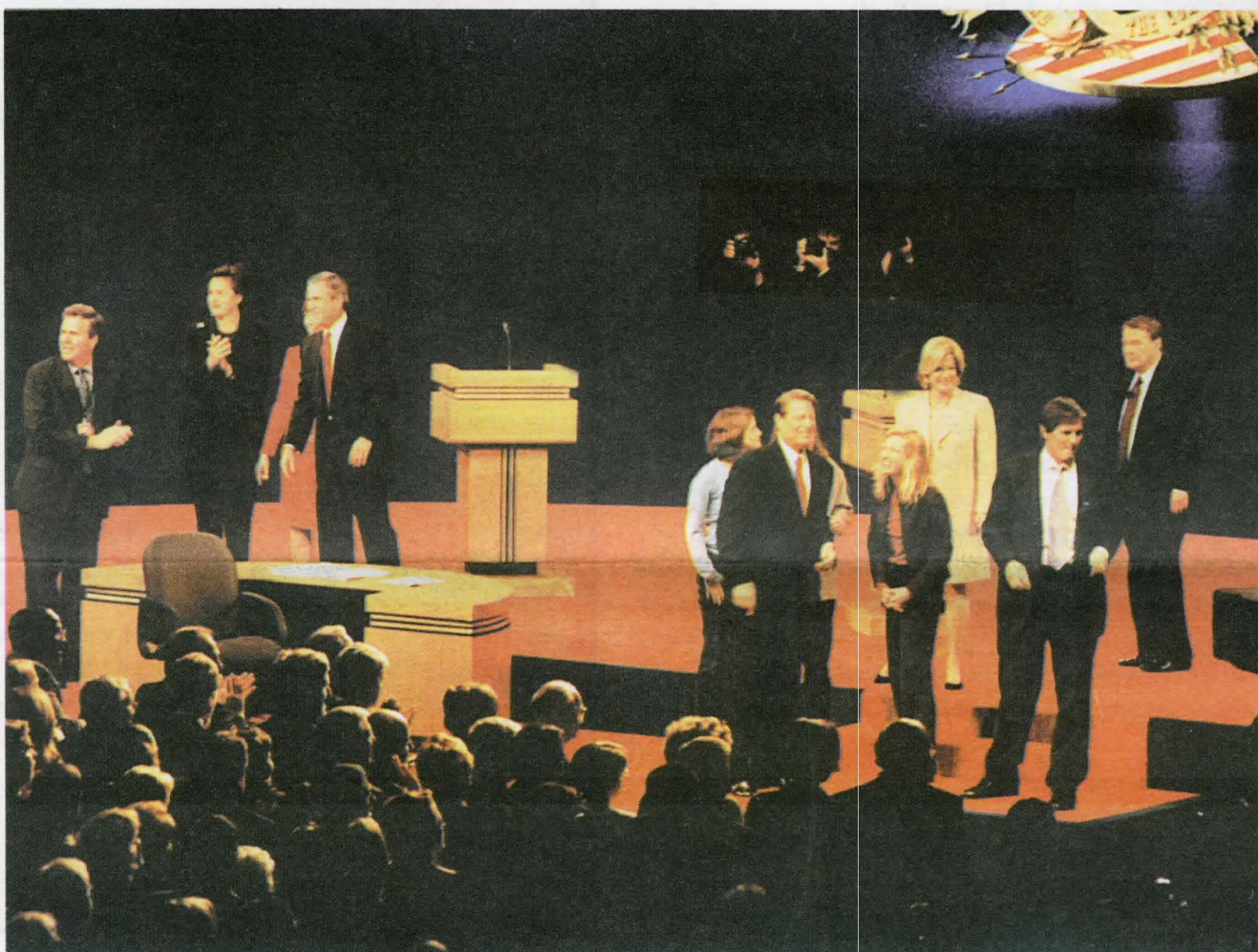
Adrian Haugabrook, assistant dean of students, Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and Mickey Edwards, professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

Debate Highlights...a glimpse into the preparation



Presidential Debate 2000

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Top: Chancellor Sherry Penney and UMass President William Bulger present Vice President Al Gore with a gift from the University.

Above: John Jessoe of Media Services meets Reverend Jesse Jackson in the media hospitality tent.

Left: The candidates greet their families after the debate.



Chancellor Sherry Penney poses with Donna Shalala, U.S. secretary of health and human services.

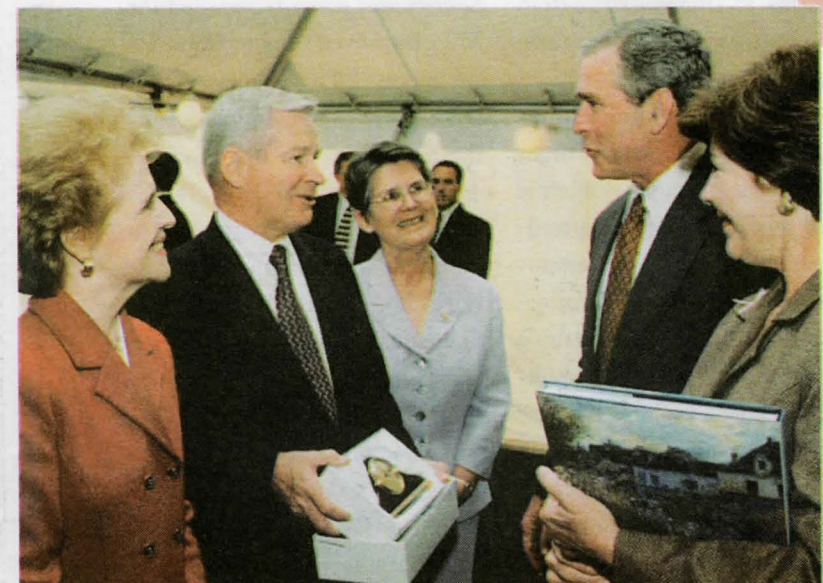


L to R: Matthew Cole, Delores Reyes, Leslie Driscoll, Sandra Karabalis, Glenn Fisher, Chancellor Sherry Penney, and UMass President William Bulger and his wife Mary pose before greeting the candidates on the afternoon of the debate.



Three employees hang the eagle which will be the backdrop for the stage and candidates.

ation, anticipation, and culmination of a job well done!



Left: Governor Bush and his wife Laura receive their University gifts from Chancellor Penney and President Bulger.

Below: Workers adjust lights in the Clark Athletic Center.



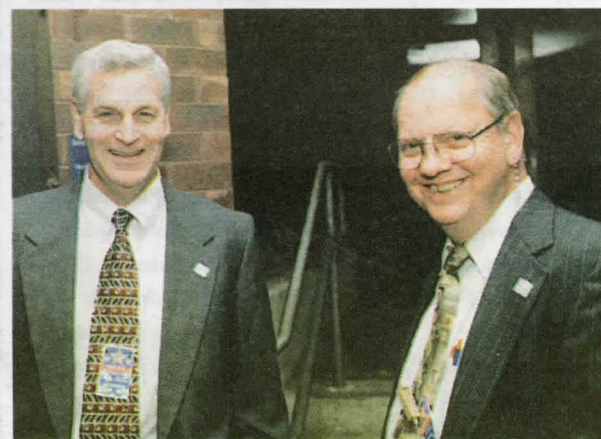
Above: Supermodel Christie Brinkley shows her support in the halls of the Clark Athletic Center.



L to R: Denise Duggan, facilities administration, Mary Volk, chancellor's office, Vincent Cristiani, counseling and school psychology professor, Anne Riley, budget office, Renate Yssel, chancellor's Office, Clare Poirier, human resources, Arlene Costello, facilities administration.



Journalists work in the media center.



Above, L to R: David Cella, chief of public safety, shares a light moment with his assistant chief, Phil O'Donnell.

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Hats off to These UMB Colleagues, Who Helped Make the Debate a Success!

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Golden Key Registers 800 Voters for Election 2000

by Erika McCarthy

The Golden Key International Honor Society joined the flurry of campus activity surrounding the presidential debate by signing up more than 800 voters to increase voter turnout at the upcoming presidential election polls.

"Golden Key members took to heart the statistics that the Chancellor gave out, that the 18-24 year old age group is the least likely to vote," explained Anita Miller, UMass Golden Key chapter advisor. "That's us, that's college students."

The voter drive registration began on September 4, the day before classes started, and continued through Friday, October 13. The Golden Key Honor Society encouraged students, faculty, and

staff to register to vote by answering questions, providing registration forms, and mailing them from convenient campus registration tables.

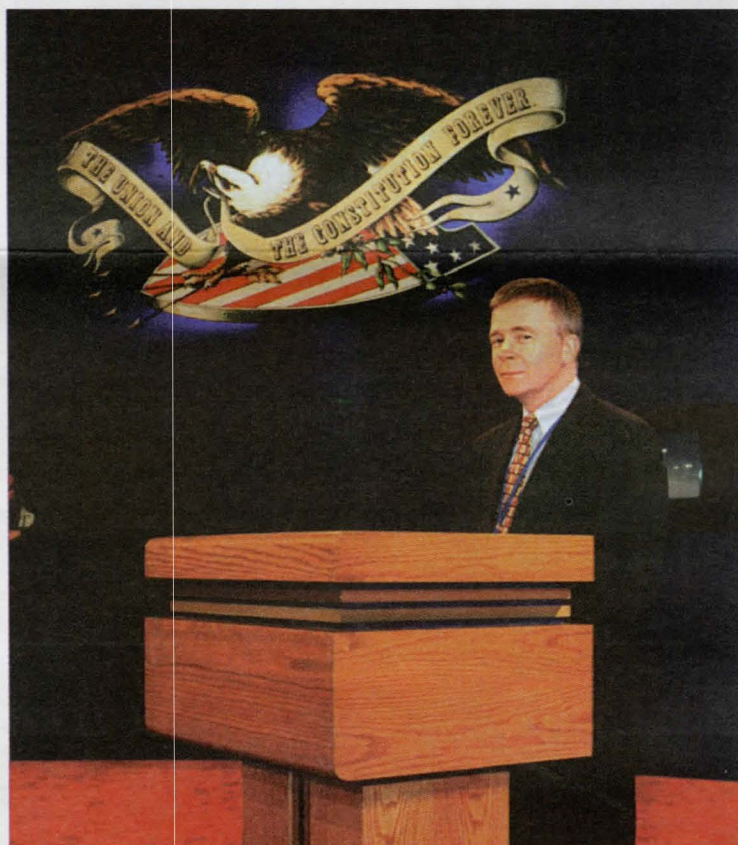
Golden Key, a non-profit, international academic honors organization that provides academic recognition leadership opportunities, career networking, community service, and scholarships, organized the voter registration drive in recognition of our civic responsibility to vote. Golden Key has also recently supported the Walk for Lupus and the Pine Street Inn. Made up of junior and seniors with a GPA of 3.8 or above from all over the world, Golden Key is a group of "smart people doing good things," said Miller.

Successful campaigns like the voter registration drive may be one

of the reasons the UMass Boston chapter of the Golden Key Honor Society was recently awarded the Most Improved Chapter Award at the August 2000 Golden Key International Convention, "Setting the Stage," in Los Angeles, CA. The Most Improved Chapter Award is presented to chapters that have been active for more than one full school year and have most dramatically improved their leadership and involvement in Golden Key.

Golden Key has 300 chapters across the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Membership in the society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

Fitting In: The Debate in History



Professor Maurice Cunningham, Political Science, stands in for the candidates during a debate rehearsal. (Photo by Harry Brett.)

By Maurice T. Cunningham

Presidential nominees meet in debates when it serves the interest of each candidate. Thus, the October 3 UMass Boston debate was on—then off—and finally on again, as George W. Bush calculated the changing cost of not participating. Bush's dance reflects the quadrennial tension between the candidates' quest for advantage and debate sponsors' effort to produce events that serve the public interest.

Presidential debates occurred in 1960 because Richard Nixon believed in his debating skill and had had successful experience with television. John Kennedy thought he could address public

concerns about his youth and inexperience. However, presidential debates were not held again until 1976, largely because at least one of the candidates saw more to fear than to gain.

In 1976 Gerald Ford wanted to debate because he was serving as our only unelected president and trailed Jimmy Carter. Despite his lead, Carter was still a relative unknown, and he hoped to dispel the perception that he was not up to the job.

Ronald Reagan favored debates in 1980 as a way to allay public fears about his competence, and Carter was bound by his participation in 1976. Nonetheless, Carter skipped the first debate because Indepen-

dent John Anderson had been invited. Carter met Reagan in one debate without Anderson. Reagan debated in 1984 as well, the first time an elected incumbent chose to do so.

In 1988 Vice President George Bush wanted debates held on terms negotiated by the candidates, not imposed by the Commission on Presidential Debates. The campaigns agreed after prolonged negotiations, but only after Bush threatened to forego debates entirely.

President Bush was a reluctant debater in 1992 as well. His camp rejected the Commission's proposal and wrangled over debate rules with Bill Clinton's representatives. Public demand led the candidates to agreement, and Independent Ross Perot was included. In 1996 Clinton declined the Commission's proposal for a three-debate schedule and faced Robert Dole twice.

George W. Bush followed his father's lead as an unwilling debater. Bush rejected the Commission's 2000 plan for debates with Al Gore (especially the one in Boston). The aftermath is best described in three *New York Times* headlines:

7 September "Bush vows to stick to his debating plan"

8 September "Bush suggests willingness to move on debate issue"

9 September "Under pressure, Bush abandons debate stance"

Bush acquiesced. The Commission's victory strengthened the debate process as an institution, and UMass Boston hosted the first debate of the 2000 general election.

Conferences, Presentations, and Workshops

On Monday, October 2, the McCormack Institute sponsored an off-campus workshop on "Why the Young Don't Vote?" held at South Boston High School, featuring comments from Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner, State Representative Antonio Cabral, Republic District Attorney Michael J. Sullivan of Plymouth County, and former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. The workshop was the joint project of UMass Boston undergraduate **Jim Coughlin** and McCormack Director **Edmund Beard**. The event drew some fifty young people from area high schools and colleges.

The newly established Office of Service Learning and Community Outreach was selected to participate in a Service-Learning Institute conducted and underwritten by the Vermont Campus Compact. Associate Provost **Lisa Gonsalves**; Dean of Student Affairs **Stephanie Janey**; OSLCO coordinator **Jain Ruvdich-Higgins**; and AmeriCorps VISTA **Peachy Myers** represented UMass Boston at the three-day conference held at Lyndon State College, Vermont on October 27-29.

UMass Boston biologists **Jeremy Hatch**, **Jennifer Arnold**, and **Patty Szczys** made presentations at workshops on the North American Colonial Waterbird Conservation Plan (October 30-31) and the cormorant-fisheries conflict in North America (November 1), preceding the annual meeting of the Waterbird Society in Plymouth, MA.

Burton Holmes, director of continuing education marketing, for the Division of Enrollment Services and University Communications, chaired the annual conference for the New England region of the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA). This year's conference, "Strategies for Smooth Sailing: Charting a Course for Success," was held on October 25-27 in Westbrook, Connecticut. **Jack Hughes**, director of professional training programs, and **Stuart Phillips**, assistant director of professional training programs, Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, took part in the panel presentation to discuss the topic "Developing and Sustaining Strategic Alliances with Corporate Partners."

On October 16 and 17, UMass Boston's Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education (CCDE) and the Boston and Northern New England chapters of the Society for Technical Communication sponsored InterChange, a conference for technical, marketing, and scientific writers, editors, and graphic designers. The conference attracted over 200 participants. Conference organizers from UMass Boston included CCDE Dean **Dirk Messelaar**, Administrative Services Manager **Joseph Lally**, and Publications Manager **Brian Middleton**.

Heléna Ragoné, Anthropology Department, gave a lecture, "Surrogate Motherhood in America," at the 20th Annual Conference of the Society of Reproductive and Infant Psychology at the University of Birmingham, UK. She also participated in the conference "Bridging the Gap: Policies in Adoption and Assisted Reproduction, A Round Table," at the Maclean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago, IL.

The classics departments at UMass Boston and UMass Amherst jointly organized a workshop for Massachusetts Latin teachers on Saturday, September 30. The workshop, called "Guide by the Side of Sage or the Stage? Recent Approaches to Teaching Latin," was held at the UMass 1-495 Professional Development Center in Westborough. Classics professor **Kenneth Rothwell** was principal organizer of UMass Boston's role in the workshop. Leading off the workshop was Professor **Suzu Groden** of the Graduate College of Education, who opened the workshop by addressing underlying principles of student-centered teaching.

Florence Farrell of the Clinical Psychology Program will defend her final dissertation, "The Consequence of Depression for the Transition to Adulthood," on November 6.

Publications

Lilia I. Bartolomé, associate professor in the Graduate College of Education, coedited the newly published book *Immigrant Voices: In Search of Educational Equity* with Henry T. Trueba. She and Trueba wrote a chapter for the book: "Beyond the Politics of Schools and the Rhetoric of Fashionable Pedagogies: The Significance of Teacher Ideology."

The Biology Department's **Kamal Bawa** and grad student **Reinmar Seidler** are weighing in with the debate over sustainable development worldwide. Together, they are coediting a volume in UNESCO's forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS)* entitled *Principles of Sustainable Development*. Bawa and Seidler also are coauthors of a summary of "Principles of Sustainable Development" for the *Forerunner Volume*, as well as a summary chapter in the encyclopedia itself. Seidler is also author of a separate EOLSS chapter entitled "Strong vs. Weak Sustainability: the Limits to Capital Substitution."

Assistant Professor **Avery Faigenbaum**, Dept. of Human Performance and Fitness, coauthored a position statement paper entitled "The National Strength and Conditioning Association's Basic Guidelines for the Resistance Training of Athletes," which was published in *Strength and Conditioning*.

Zehra Schneider Graham, environmental manager, Environmental

Health and Safety, coauthored the article "The New England Laboratories Project XL: An experiment in laboratory regulation" which was published in *Chemical Health and Safety* in their September/October 2000 issue.

Donaldo Macedo, Applied Linguistics, recently had his edited book *Chomsky on Education* published by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. The book includes an extensive dialogue between Macedo and Chomsky in which they discuss the role of North American intellectuals in the reproduction of the dominant ideology. In addition, Macedo wrote an introduction to the 30th anniversary of the *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* by Paulo Freire and an essay entitled "Beyond Psychologizing Multiculturalism" in *Immigrant Voices: In Search of Educational Equity*.

Heléna Ragoné, Anthropology Department, has published her fourth book, *Ideologies and Technologies of Motherhood: Race, Class, Sexuality, and Nationalism* (coedited with France Winddance Twine). Her chapter is entitled "Of Likeness and Difference: How Race Is Being Transfigured by Gestational Surrogacy." She has also contributed a chapter, "Reproduction and Reproductive Technologies," for the *Handbook of Social Studies in Health and Medicine* and a chapter, "The Gift of Life: Surrogate Motherhood, Gamete Donation, and Constructions of Altruism," for *Transformative Motherhood: On Giving and Getting in a Consumer Culture*.

College of Nursing Professor **Lin Zhan**'s book *Asian Voices: Asian and Asian American Health Educators Speak Out* was awarded Book of the Year by the *American Journal of Nursing* for the most outstanding professional development achievement.

Performances

Cheap Trills, a homage to Victor Borge, by music professor **David Patterson**, will be performed at "Toronto 2000: Musical Intersections" on November 3 by pianist Nanette Kaplan Solomon.

Awards and Honors

Contemporary acoustic guitarist **Peter Jansen**, Music Department, received "Best Acoustic Instrumental Album of the Year - Finalist" at the NAV Music Awards for his debut album *Across the Bridge*. Jansen has begun to record his next album, which has an anticipated release date of January 2001.

Kevin Bowen, director of the William Joiner Center, was named a recipient of an Artists Fellowship in Poetry for 2000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The awards are given every other year. This year, seven fellows were selected for poetry.

The New England American Studies Association recognized **Lois Rudnick**, American Studies Program, as an "outstanding" contributor to the field of American Studies and NEASA, and named its biennial book prize the "Lois Rudnick Prize for an Outstanding Book by a NEASA Member." Rudnick is the first recipient of the prize.

Grants

Lois Biener, Center for Survey Research, received a grant of \$4,142,070 from the National Cancer Institute's new antismoking initiative to evaluate the effectiveness of three major types of public health interventions used by the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program.

In January 2000, **Maria Papuga**, Biology Department, received a 5-year, \$500,000 NSF Early Career Investigator (CAREER program) Award to investigate red and white yeast. The CAREER program is highly competitive and targets pre-tenured faculty with a strong linkage between their teaching and research activities. The Presidential Young Investigator Awardees are chosen from among the CAREER awardees in a given year. The title of the grant is "Exploring Authentic Inquiry: Factors that Influence Students' Learning of the Process of Science."

Research and Polls

Robert Bucci, research director of the UMass Poll, conducted a nationwide survey for the Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council that found that girl scouts are more likely to be involved in politics and vote than non-girl scouts. He is currently conducting a Massachusetts survey for the Division of Information Technology on the use of the Internet in the workplace.

The **UMass Poll** is currently working with Town OnLine and conducting a weekly survey of Massachusetts voters called MassPulse.

Appointments and Departures

Lois Biener, Center for Survey Research, was appointed to the Scientific and Program Advisory Steering Committee of the American Legacy Foundation and will serve as chair of the Evaluation Research Panel. The organization is responsible for the Truth.com national antitobacco media campaign.

Reverend **Adrienne Berry-Burton** has joined the Interfaith Campus Ministry as the Protestant campus minister. She has been appointed by the Board of Boston Cambridge Ministries in Higher Education (BCMHE), which oversees the ministry at UMass Boston as well as those at MIT, Suffolk University, Boston University, and Harvard University. She replaces Sarah Small, who served as the Protestant minister for many years, and has been ill for quite some time. Dean of Students **Stephanie C.**

Janey recently accepted a position on the BCMHE Board as a representative from the UMass Boston community.

Mary Bonner, secretary for the English Graduate Program, retired from the University on October 21 after 26 years of employment. She moved to Ireland on November 1.

The National Academy of Sciences has appointed **Gary N. Siperstein**, director of the Center for Social Development and Education, to a two-year term on the Committee on Disability Determination for Mental Retardation.

Births

Fernando Colina, Office of Institutional Research, and his wife Sonia had their first child, Olivia, on August 5.

A daughter, Liana Lesley Freeman, was born to **Dale H. Freeman** of the UMass Boston Archives and his wife Andra on April 14, 2000.

In the News

McCormack Institute Director **Edmund Beard** was interviewed live on national CNN television on October 3 on historical parallels to earlier presidential debates, the potential impact of such debates on voters, and the legitimacy of excluding third parties from the debates. Beard also offered pre-debate commentary on Boston's *WBZ Channel 4* and on *New England Cable News*.

Robert Bucci, research director of the UMass Poll, was quoted in the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* on the tax rate rollback initiative.

Lou DiNatale, director of the UMass Poll, appeared on *WBZ Channel 4* news commenting on the 40th anniversary of the Kennedy-Nixon Debate; on October 11, he gave debate commentary on *New England Cable News*.

Professor **Garrison Nelson**, senior fellow of the McCormack Institute and UMass Poll, was quoted by the *Baltimore Sun*, *Burlington Free Press*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *Providence Journal*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post* on the upcoming elections in Vermont. He also was on WKDR-AM and WPTZ-TV giving commentary on the presidential debates.

Professor **James Ward**, Political Science Department, was interviewed by *WLVI Channel 56* to discuss the history of voting on October 18.

Correction

Due to a printer's error, the photos for the October *University Reporter* were scanned improperly, making them unclear and distorted.

Calendar of Events

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

Send submissions by the third Monday of every month to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor; Fx: (617)-287-5317; E-mail: news@umb.edu

Wednesday 1

Group Counseling: Improve your Close Relationships

2:35 - 4:00 p.m. An ongoing, psychodynamic interpersonal therapy group for men and women. For more information, call Brenda Hamady at 7-5690.

Memorial Mass for the Deceased

Throughout November, send names of loved ones for prayers during memorial masses held four times a week. Stop by Catholic Campus Ministry, 3rd Floor, Ryan Lounge, McCormack Hall, or call 7-5389.

Thursday 2

Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead

11:30-12:45 p.m., Wheatley-1-053. "Mari-golds and Skulls: The Living Celebration of the Day of the Dead in Mexico," presentation by Dr. Susan Masuoka, director and curator, Tufts University Gallery, and specialist in Mexican folk art. Hosted by Latin American Studies, Hispanic Studies Department, with sponsorship by offices of the Provost and Dean, CAS. Call 7-7559 for more information.

Friday 3

Biology Seminar Series: "Regulation of X-chromosome inactivation by non-coding RNA genes"

2:30 p.m., Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Dr. Jeannie Lee, Dept. of Genetics, Harvard Medical School, Dept. of Molecular Biology/ MGH. Call 7-6650 for more information.

Monday 6

Learning Center Course: Grantsmanship Workshop Series, #408A

1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey, lower level. Held in cooperation with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Call 7-3990 to register.

Tuesday 7

Engineering 103 Open House: What is Engineering?

8:30-9:45a.m., Ryan Lounge, 3rd floor, McCormack Hall. Engineering 103 teams will be competing with their "anti-gravity" projects. This introduction-to-engineering course is offered at UMass Boston every semester and there is no prerequisite. High school students, prospective engineering students, or the curious-minded are invited and can also enter the competition as a guest. For more information, please contact Tomas Materdey, 7-6435.

Learning Center Course: Jenzabar Hands-on Training

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Learning Center, Healey Library, lower level. Build YOUR web-enabled course site using Jenzabar.com tools. Bring your imagination and come prepared with your coursework on a zip disk. Call 7-3990 to register.

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Seminar

7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd floor, room 209. "An introduction to constructivist listening," featuring Emmett Schaeffer, instructor, winter session course. For more information, call 7-6520 or e-mail cct@umb.edu.

Wednesday 8

CIT Workshop: Teaching (and Learning from) Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart

10:00-11:30 a.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, room 22. In this workshop, an Africanist, a literature professor, and a historian will begin a discussion of how they introduce this novel and how students have responded to it. For more information, call 7-6767

Group Counseling: Improve your Close Relationships

2:35 - 4:00 p.m. An ongoing, psychodynamic interpersonal therapy group for men and women. For more information, call Brenda Hamady at 287-5690.

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Yoga

11:30 - 12:15, McCormack, 1st floor, room 209, free, drop-in basis. Beginners welcome, instruction provided. Mats provided, no change of clothes needed.

Tuesday 14

Learning Center Course: Award Management Workshop Series, #427A

1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey Library, lower level. Held in cooperation with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Call 7-3990 to register.

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Seminar

7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd floor, room 209. "Customizing creativity to produce viable products for one's life," featuring Ben Schwendener, CCT 612 instructor, spring 2001. For more information, call 7-6520 or e-mail cct@umb.edu.

Wednesday 15

McCormack Institute Forum on Africa

2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference Room. Sponsored by the Center for Democracy and Development. Reception following. Call 7-5550 for more information.

Thanksgiving Outreach and Celebration Program

12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall Student Lounge, 4th Floor. Sponsored by the Office of Dean of Student Affairs and the Interfaith Campus Ministry. Turkey and vegetables will be provided. All are encouraged to bring their favorite dishes or desserts. Call 7-5839 for more information.

Saturday 18

Tibetan Cultural Festival

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Wheatley, 1st floor, Snowden Auditorium. Featuring Tibetan dancers, traditional Buddhist ceremonies by Tibetan monks from India; and guest speakers. Free. Organized by Students for a Free Tibet. Call (617) 628.1285 for more information.

Monday 20

3rd Annual Years of Service Reception

2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Cafeteria. Reception to honor UMass Boston employees' years of service. Call 7-5157 or 7-5311 for more information.

Learning Center Forum: Issues in Technology, #969

1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey Library, lower level. "Understanding the Print Process," a discussion forum moderated by Jason M. Belland and Central Reprographics. Call 7-3990 to register and for more information.

Tuesday 21

Learning Center Course: Jenzabar Hands-on Training

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Learning Center, Healey, lower level. Build your web-enabled course site using Jenzabar.com

tools. Bring your imagination and come prepared with your coursework on a zip disk. Call 7-3990 to register.

Learning Center Course: Introduction to Multimedia, #722A

1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey, lower level. What are your campus technology options? Let us walk you through the possibilities of using technology in the classroom. Call 7-3990 to register.

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Seminar

7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd floor, room 209. Public presentations by synthesis students. For more information, call 7-6520 or e-mail cct@umb.edu.

Thursday 23

Thanksgiving Day, University Closed

Tuesday 28

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Seminar

7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd floor, room 209. Public presentations by synthesis students Tim Eagan and Cyndie Mignini. For more information, call 7-6520 or e-mail cct@umb.edu.

Wednesday 29

Women's Research Forum: Abortion Rights of Minors in Massachusetts

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference room. Speakers J. Shoshanna Ehrlich, J.D., CPCS, Attorney Jamie Ann Sabino, and Carol Hardy-Fanta, Ph.D., will present the results of a major three-year study. Co-sponsored by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, the Office of the Chancellor, the Women's Studies Program, and the College of Public and Community Service. For more information, call 7-5530.

CIT Workshop: Through Students' Eyes: Students' Expectations and Experiences Across the Curriculum

2:30-4:00 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, room 22. Call 7-6767 for more information.

Thursday 30

State House Forum: Paying for Long-Term Care — Is Private Insurance an Answer?

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston. Featuring speakers: Jane Tilly, Urban Institute, Washington DC; Katy Cushman, Senior Insurance Solutions; Nancy Flavin, Massachusetts State Representative. Sponsored by Massachusetts Legislative Caucus on Older Citizens and Gerontology Institute, UMass Boston. For more information, call 7-7361.

Save the Date!

CIT's January Conference on Teaching will be held on Friday, January 26, 2001. More information will follow.

Miscellaneous

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Masses: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Tuesdays, Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. All activities located in McCormack hall, Ryan Lounge. Call 7-5839 for more information.

Beacon Fitness Center

First Floor, McCormick. Monday and Wednesday: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday: 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 1-6 p.m. Group orientations and personal training coming soon. Call 7-6786 for more details.

Jenzabar.com Training

Learn how to access this 24x7 accessible web-enabled site, using easy-to-manage templates, and put your coursework on the web. Call The Learning Center at 7-3990 to register for this free training

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

Meditation

Daily, 12:30 -12:50, McCormack Hall, 1st floor, room 613. Free, drop-in basis. Beginners welcome, instruction provided.

Tai Chi

Mondays, 12:45 - 1:15, McCormack, 1st floor, room 613, \$1, drop-in basis. Stretching, mental calm, physical balance, self massage; 24 movement form.

Yoga

Thursdays, 11:30 - 12:15, McCormack, 1st floor, room 209, free, drop-in basis. Beginners welcome, instruction provided. Mats provided, no change of clothes needed.

Stress Reduction/Life Enhancement Program

Four Wednesdays, beginning 9/27. Incorporates mindfulness, meditation and teachings on how our thinking helps or hinders us. \$12. Call 7-5685 to register.

Study Smarter, Not Harder

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

Smoking 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 and leave contact information and available times; you will be contacted with meeting times.