Chancellor Penney Reflects on Twelve Years At UMass Boston

by Sherry H. Penney

It has been a great year for UMass Boston! The highlights have included our new Carnegie classification as a doctoral/research university; completing our first capital campaign on target and ahead of schedule; the most successful year of grants and contracts in our history; the addition of a national freshman honor society chapter; and international recognition as host of the first presidential debate of the 2000 campaign.

As I reflect on UMass Boston, what comes to the fore is the crucial importance of contributions from so many people: a brilliant faculty committed to teaching and research, truly interesting and motivated students, a dedicated staff, and remarkable alumni. Our success is truly a collaborative achievement.

UMass Boston's core strength has always been the quality of undergraduate teaching and learning, and the excitement that our student body brings to our campus. Our students increasingly reflect the diversity of our surrounding community, and we have seen a steady increase in SATs for incoming freshmen—1001 in the fall of 1997, 1033 last year, and now 1046 this year.

The undergraduate experience is now supported by a newly revised General Education Program, designed to develop critical thinking skills and give students more experience in science, technology, and foreign languages. In March of 2000, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges evaluating team spoke enthusiastically of the good principles and innovative quality of GenEd at UMass Boston.

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UMass Boston First Celebrates Early Victory

by Melissa Fasel

We've all seen the "UMass Boston First $10 Million Campaign" banner hanging on the Science Building. Not only does this slogan signify putting our public university first, it also celebrates the university's first major fundraising campaign. Soon, like the presidential debate signs, it will be taken down. Having reached its goal of raising $50 million in private contributions one year early, the campaign has come to a triumphant close.

Most capital campaigns usually begin with 50 to 60 percent of their monetary goal already committed. When the UMass Boston First Campaign kicked-off in 1996, Institutional Advancement came up with just 20 percent—leaving $40 million to raise over five years.

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Celebrate the Season!

Go to a Music Department concert featuring faculty, staff, and students: December 3, 2:30 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, University Chorus and Chamber Singers. December 9, 7:30 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, University Jazz Band. December 10, 3:00 p.m., People's Baptist Church, University Chamber Orchestra. Call 7-6980 for more information.
Years of Service Reception Honors 152 Employees

by Anne-Marie Kent

On November 20, University of Massachusetts Boston held its fourth annual Years of Service Reception, honoring a total of 152 employees from throughout the university. Twenty-six were honored for ten years of service; fifty-two for fifteen years; thirty-seven for twenty years; thirteen for twenty-five years; eighteen for thirty years; and six for thirty-five years with the university. Gifts reflecting these different milestones ranged from golf umbrellas to pen and pencil sets to rosewood table clocks.

Director of Human Resources Beth Marshall said, "Four years ago, the Chancellor inaugurated the Years of Service event as a means of celebrating the service milestones of UMass Boston faculty and staff. This event, which has grown steadily in participation since its inception, provides a means for the Chancellor to publicly convey the institution's gratitude for the service of faculty and staff to the organization."

Appraising the contributions of all university employees, the Chancellor said, "As UMass Boston has changed—as we have added new programs, made plans for expansion, developed more opportunities for our students, and reached new levels of distinction as an urban university—one thing has not changed and that is the quality of the people who work here." She added, "Each and every one of you is an important part of UMass Boston and as Chancellor, I thank you for your hard work."

Chancellor Penney also thanked members of the Years of Service committee who put together the reception: Denise McNair and Claire Poitier from Human Resources; Cathy Hennessy from Procurement; and Donna Dunn from Grant and Contract Administration.

Following her remarks, Chancellor Penney gave special recognition to those who marked thirty-five years of service: Jean-Pierre Anseline from Chemistry, Martin Coyne from Facilities, Alyce Currar from the Healey Library, Lawrence Foster from Philosophy, and Lee Groves and Shaun O'Connell from English, all of whom received rosewood table clocks.

Reflecting on her thirty-five years at UMass Boston, Alyce Currar said, "I think the most exciting thing to happen during these years has been to see how far we've come from those fabulous—and they were fabulous—days in Park Square to the present. It's always exciting to see something develop and grow. To be a small part of that is a great feeling."

The event, which has followed essentially the same format since its inception, did include one surprise: a special gift to a particularly esteemed university employee, Chancellor Penney herself. She was presented with a clock inscribed with the words "Vision, Competence, Energy, Intelligence, Dedication" and her years of service: 1988-2000. Marshall said, "This year's event was particularly poignant as we honored the Chancellor for her years of service."

Also, one particularly beloved employee, who served UMass Boston for more than twenty years as the Assistant for the Graduate Program in English, was notably absent from the Years of Service reception. In October, Mary Bonner left not only the university but the country, moving from Dorchester to start a new life in Donegal, Ireland. At a bittersweet October 17th reception at the University Club, Bonner was honored by over sixty well-wishers, including English Department Chair Louise Smith, who presented her with an official UMass Boston chair in recognition of her years of outstanding service to the department.

Sherry H. Penney Endowed Professorship in Leadership

by Kim Burke

On November 8, the University of Massachusetts approved the establishment of the Sherry H. Penney Endowed Professorship in Leadership in the College of Management, which will be effective on January 1, 2001. The Board of Trustees also approved that the Chancellor be appointed the first Penney professor.

An anonymous and longtime generous donor who is close to UMass Boston pledged $850,000 to establish the endowed chair on September 1. The gift was made in support of Penney's long service to the UMass Boston campus as well as the University System as its President in 1995.

The gift will be matched by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with $650,000 under President Bulger's special Endowed Chair Matching Program, bringing the total to $1.5 million.

The professorship will bring the number of endowed chairs at UMass Boston to five, including a visiting professorship, during the UMass Boston First Campaign.

One of the major functions of the endowed Penney Chair will be to develop a Center for Collaborative Leadership, created to provide inner-city leadership development for women and members of minority groups through teaching, research, and outreach programs.

During her twelve years as Chancellor, Dr. Penney has taught graduate seminars on leadership, as well as leadership in politics and education in Nineteenth Century America. Penney has published many articles on the issues of leadership and management in education, examined educational policy, governance and curricula, and has written a book on Nineteenth Century New York political history and leadership.

Dr. Penney is a member of the Board of Directors of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Council of Education.

She takes a leading role in education as a Chair of the Board of the Education Resources Institute (TERI), as a member of the Urban 13 (now 21) group of universities, and in the Business-Higher Education Forum, a group of Fortune 500 business executives and university presidents. During her career, she has been the chair of seventeen visiting committees (and member of an additional seven), evaluating colleges and universities across the country for the leading accreditation organizations in higher education.

She is equally active on the boards of Boston educational, economic, and civic organizations, including the Boston Coalition, the Boston Private Industry Council, the Boston Edison Company, the New England Council, the New England Aquarium, and the Partnership, and the University of Massachusetts Foundation.

In 1996, she was awarded the New England Women's Leaders' Award for education, in 1998, the Pinnacle Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce; and in 1999, an honorary degree from Quincy College. She has also received the Distinguished Alumni Award and an honorary degree from Albion College.
Situation Critical: UMass Boston Releases Vital Housing Study

By Kim Burke

With today’s booming economy, it is easy to forget that there are people who are struggling to make ends meet. Part of the struggle for heads of households is to find affordable housing and still have money left over for other essentials such as electricity and the telephone. Researchers at the Center for Social Policy and the McCormack Institute have completed the study, “Situation Critical: Meeting the Needs of Lower Income Massachusetts Residents,” and found that “housing affordability continues to be a very serious problem in Massachusetts.”

Coauthored by Michael Stone, College of Public and Community Service and public policy professor, Elaine Werby, McCormack Institute senior fellow, and Donna Hig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, the study adds to the body of work produced by the McCormack Institute and the Center for Social Policy on affordable housing issues. Werby differentiates this study from other housing reports produced recently because it focuses on lower-income households rather than middle income and lower middle income households.

The current report finds that “almost one-third of the people of Massachusetts have serious housing affordability problems and that about 370,000 renter households and 300,000 homeowner households are shelter-poor.” The demographics of the shelter-poor came as no surprise to the authors, but are a key element in understanding how to find a solution to the housing needs of the lower-income population. The report found that the shelter-poor and homeless are mostly either single-parent families, elderly, and/or people of color.

With such a critical issue, the recommendations argued by the authors are a step towards keeping the promise made in the 1994 Housing Act for “a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.” The authors hope that both the state of Massachusetts and the country at large can find a way to meet the needs of those still looking for the economic boom to hit home.

Released in late September, the report has garnered much attention and was covered by articles in the Boston Globe, Patriot Ledger, Lowell Sun and newspapers in Westfield, Attleboro, and Worcester.

Gordon Wallace Named Outstanding Faculty Member

by Patrick Dwyer

Standing faculty members at UMass Boston recently held an annual awards ceremony honoring seven extraordinary professors of the University of Massachusetts System. One of the seven extraordinary professors of the University of Massachusetts was recognized.

UMass Boston Professor Gordon T. Wallace, of the Department of Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences, was recognized by President William Bulger as one of the seven extraordinary professors of the University of Massachusetts.

At the awards ceremony, which was attended by chancellors, trustees, and staff from Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Dartmouth, and Worcester, President Bulger said, “It takes effort on the part of individual faculty and staff members, and the leadership of trustees and chancellors, to engage our campuses in the life of the community in a helpful way. The individuals we honor today accomplish that mission in the field, in the classroom, and in the laboratory.”

Wallace was presented with a University Public Service Award for “his efforts to protect, preserve, and restore coastal marine and watershed environments of New England over the last seventeen years, including the provision of technical advice and assistance in the restoration of Boston Harbor, the Merrimack River, and the Charles River.”

He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island, and his research interests with the University focus on biogeochemical processes and their control of the specialization, distribution, and transport of metals in coastal ecosystems. He teaches Marine Chemistry and Biogeochemistry for the multidisciplinary Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) program. ECOS offers both master’s and doctoral degrees, and trains individuals for leadership roles as environmental scientists. Established in 1982, the program has achieved a national and international reputation for its successful interdisciplinary approach to teaching, research, and service.

WUMB Holds Record Fundraiser

by Leigh DuPuy

WUMB 91.9 FM raised over $126,000 during their fall member drive held from October 20-30. Receiving over 1,200 phone and on-line pledges, WUMB exceeded all previous fundraisers and celebrated a fifty percent increase from last year’s campaign. Forty-seven percent of respondents were new donors and the radio station gained 600 new members, the largest number of members gained in any single drive.

“Almost the best fundraiser we have ever had,” said Pat Monteith, general manager of WUMB. “It was tremendous to see such support from listeners throughout the country.”

One listener pledged after listening for only two hours. Another donated an unprecedented $5,000, energizing others to contribute. It was this kind of response that enabled the fundraiser to conclude four and a half hours early with great excitement.

Listeners weren’t the only enthusiastic pledges. Musicians like Rhonda Vincent and the Rage Bluegrass Band performed during the drive. Folk music fans Judy Collins came in for a few hours on October 25 to lend her support and chat with volunteers. She also made a personal donation to the station, joining musicians Tom Rush, who called from Wyoming with his pledge, and Candy Sheridan, who did the same from Utah.

WUMB had over seventy-five volunteers who worked tirelessly alongside of WUMB’s dedicated staff and work-study students throughout the campaign. All involved raved about the camaraderie, food, and positive attitudes that characterized the drive.

The station generates nearly fifty percent of its operating budget from listener support, and WUMB uses these contributions to support their cultural programming and radio membership benefits. WUMB is one of three public radio stations in Boston and is recognized as the premiere folk station in the country. Located in the lower level of the Healy Library, the station offers a wide range of diverse folk, roots, and cultural programming, like the award-winning public affairs program Commonwealth Journal.

WUMB fundraisers meet folk legend Judy Collins. (From left to right): Judy Wong, D.B. Sweeney, Judy Collins, Linda Wheeler, Carol Soldier

Commonwealth Journal

Tune into WUMB 91.9 FM on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. for Commonwealth Journal, a weekly, half-hour public affairs program featuring interviews with scholars, writers, cultural workers, and public officials examining current topics and issues of particular interest to Massachusetts listeners. November’s topics included:

“The Story Behind the Song and Film Alice’s Restaurant,” featuring author Laura Lee of Aris, Alice & Angelines: The Life of A New England Church.

“Taking Shakespeare to Youth,” featuring Kevin Coleman, director of education, Shakespeare & Co.

“Gender Bending Shakespeare,” featuring Lisa Wolfe, director, all-female cast of Taming of the Shrew.

“Genetic Counseling,” featuring Kathryn Spitzer Kim, co-director, Genetic Counseling Program, Brandeis University


For more information about upcoming guests, go to www.wumb.org. The program is produced by WUMB Radio at UMass Boston and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.
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mental sciences, higher education administration, leadership in urban schools, computer science, and nursing. This achievement, made possible by extraordinary efforts on the part of the faculty, resulted in the Carnegie Foundation's recognition of UMass Boston as a doctoral/research university earlier this year, which puts us in a whole new league and makes us eligible for new sources of grant funding.

Accompanying growth at the doctoral level was an expansion of centers and institutes. We added the Mauricio Gastin Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy in 1991; the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy in 1992; the Center for Social Policy in the 21st Century, engaging local leaders in discussion of public issues. We work closely with the Harbor School, Dorchester High School, and numerous other schools in the city. These are just a few examples of the many programs totaling nearly $24 million. Sponsored research has gone from $7 million in 1988 to $18.2 million capital campaign one year early. Our endowment has increased over the last decade from $13 million to over $24 million. As our original mission statement was approved in 1965, UMass Boston fought the expansion of higher education. Today we sponsor the Forums for Urban Problems totaling nearly $24 million. Sponsored research has gone from $7 million in 1988 to $18.2 million capital campaign one year earlier. Our endowment has increased over the last decade from $13 million to over $24 million. As our original mission statement was approved in 1965, UMass Boston launched the Carnegie Foundation's reclassification of the university earlier this year, which puts us in a whole new league and makes us eligible for new sources of grant funding.

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History of Columbia Point

You might not realize how appropriate the old nickname "Harbor Campus" is in describing the University of Massachusetts Boston area. Like much of Boston, what appears to be solid ground today was water when the city was first settled.

Over the past 370 years or so, the Boston landscape, particularly UMass Boston's corner of it, has changed dramatically. Now you can see through charts and aerial photographs just how Columbia Point has changed. You will also be able to answer that perplexing question of what the pump house is in describing the Boston landscape, particularly parts of UMass Boston's History of Massachusetts: Struggles, Strategies and Successes at the College of Community Development and Public Service by drawing upon the interdisciplinary discussion.

CIT's forum are designed to promote the improvement of teaching and learning. CIT was established in 1983 with an initial goal to improve the quality of teaching within the College of Arts and Sciences by drawing upon the experiences of UMass Boston faculty. In addition to the forums, CIT sponsors semester-long, collaborative faculty development seminars.

Miren Uriarte serves as interim director of the Gaston Institute

Miren Uriarte has assumed the position of interim director of the Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy for 2000-2001 while Andre Torres, director, is on sabbatical. A sociologist and faculty member of the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), Uriarte served as the founding director of the institute from 1989-1992. Uriarte joined UMass in 1981 as an associate professor of human services at the College of Public and Community Service. She works in the areas of institutional development, social policy, and applied research primarily focusing on Latino/as in the U.S. Uriarte specializes in analyzing the implementation and impact of social policy on minority populations and recently codirected a special education report, Latino Students and the Massachusetts Public Schools.

Dispute Resolution Conference

On October 27, 150 graduate students, some from as far away as Africa, traveled to UMass Boston for the two-day conference, "Conflict Studies: The New Generation of Ideas." The conference was hosted by UMass Boston's graduate program in Dispute Resolution and sponsored by CPCS, the Office of Graduate Studies, and the Graduate Student Assembly. The only national conference of its kind, the meeting allowed graduate students representing more than twelve different dispute resolution disciplines—including law and mediation, cross-cultural conflict, and organizational conflict—to present scholarship, discuss ideas, and build community. A total of forty-five papers were presented in fifteen sessions.

The keynote speaker was Professor Craig McEwan, the Daniel B. Fayweather Professor of Political Economy and Sociology at Bowdoin College, and coauthor of Mediation: Law, Policy, and Practice. At the end of the conference, a Career Expo provided students access to professionals employed in dispute resolution fields and answers to career-related questions.

New Ads Feature On-the-Spot Admissions

Boston area radio stations have been airing new sixty and fifteen-second ads that promote the undergraduate On-the-Spot Admissions Decisions Week in early December. The ads are a collaborative effort of many in the University community. Joel Conterell, University Communications, organized the campaign, marketing director Sherry Rhyno directed the spots that Jon Hutton, marketing assistant, wrote. Dave Palmeter, WUMB FM announcer coordinated the taping in the newly refurbished recording studies, under the aegis of General Manager Pat Montez. The sixty-second spot is an audio skit between student senator Cheryl Potter and Patrick McCormack, student and staff member in the marketing department. Enrollment leader Jamie Kidder serves as announcer for these spots, which include the University/Broadcast logo, a whispered "UMass Boston. Listeners can hear the spots on WUMB 91.9 FM, WJMM 94.5 FM, WBOT 97.7 FM, WODS 103.3 FM, and WMEX 1060 AM.

The Health Careers Opportunity Program at UMass Boston

UMass Boston pre-college students have been exploring health careers through the Health Careers Opportunity Program, which is closing in on its one-year anniversary at UMass Boston in February. Students from such programs as Urban Scholars, Upward Bound, Project REACH, and Admissions Guaranteed have been participating in health career seminars, shadowing programs with health care professionals, and attending public health symposiums. All are designed to educate students of the opportunities that exist beyond being a doctor or nurse, such as careers in public health communications, clinical research, or environmental science.

HCCP is a federally funded educational program designed to help students from economically and educationally disadvantaged to succeed in health and public health careers. The Massachusetts Public Health Association has partnered with Tufts University School of Medicine and UMass Boston to create a "pipeline" that starts in the Boston middle and high schools, continues through the undergraduate program at Tufts University and culminates in the public health and medical programs at Tufts University School of Medicine. Anyone interested in more information should call Gallia Kagan, HCCP coordinator at 7-5412.

Philip Hart Joins Main Streets

Professor Philip Hart, Director of the Trotter Institute, joined a team of local business leaders, residents, and elected officials on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Streets Program. A national program, their goal is to revitalize downtown areas, using historic preservation as a tool. To accomplish this, they form a community framework to oversee development in overlooked downtowns. The team launched Boston's newest Main Streets Program in the Grove Hall district, visiting the area for three and one-half days in September. The resource team held public meetings and looked at points of interest, such as the Franklin Park Zoo, to discuss issues related to organization, economic development, promotions and marketing, and design. The National Trust for Historic Preservation in Boston will be putting together a report before the end of the year with recommendations by the team to assist further development in Grove Hall.

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Spotlights
By Anne-Marie Kent

Finding hope in seemingly hopeless situations is the work of those dedicated to dispute resolution. As newspapers reported escalating Middle East violence, UMass Boston's Dispute Resolution Program presented the Ben and Sylvia Slomoff Lecture by Harvard professor Herbert Kelman. Kelman is UMass campus and calculating Middle East violence, treating Israe1i and Palestinians, and described the problem-solving workshops for the Israelis and Palestinian groups he and UMass Boston's Nadim Rouhana have held since 1990.

Although Dr. Kelman did not address current events, he did suggest that long-term resolution of the conflict might be achieved through negotiation at the level of national identity. National identity is a powerful part of the Middle East equation. Dr. Kelman explained, "For many involved, simply acknowledging the other's identity becomes tantamount to recognizing the identity...of each own group."

Despite this powerfully divisive crisis, Dr. Kelman said that the concept of negotiating at the national level provides hope for change. According to Kelman, national identities are to a large extent constructed and they can be redefined. He explained, "While neither Palestinians nor Israelis will give up the core of their identity, there remain various elements of each group's identity that can be 'negotiated' in the interest of mutual accommodation."

For example, in working with Israeli and Palestinian groups facilitated by Drs. Rouhana and Kelman, "Many members of both communities have become able to remove the negation of the other's identity as an integral part of their own identity."

Reflecting on the success of the lecture, program director David Matz said, "Dr. Kelman brought to his lecture over twenty-five years experience working with Israelis and Palestinians, and he gave us the theory, the practice, and the stories. It was a unique moment for faculty and students."

Herbert Kelman, Harvard professor, discusses his work

Snow Policy 2000-2001

The Farmer's Almanac predicts that this winter will be a snowy one! Take a look at UMass Boston's Snow Policy to prepare yourself. The decision to close campus depends on the timing and extent of snowfall and the current and expected severity of the snowstorm or severe weather. The safety of the University community and its visitors is an essential factor in the decision. However, severe weather affecting only a limited number of commuters generally will not result in a campus closure.

Campus Closings

Closings announced prior to the work day - The closing announcement will be available on the main switchboard, the UMB website, and local television and radio stations. The closing may be for the entire day or only for morning classes.

Closings announced during the work day - Faculty and staff will be notified via a telephone tree by the offices of Human Resources. Information also will be available at the main switchboard and UMB web site, as well as on television and radio stations whenever possible. Staff on the second shift should consult their supervisors. Announcements

UMB Main Switchboard numbers 287-5000 will carry a voice mail announcement which notifies callers if the campus will be open for operations. Please do not call public safety offices. The phone lines must remain open in case of emergency.

The University website - The bulletin board at the UMB website will contain weather announcements. Go to www.umb.edu.

Radio and television broadcasts - Tune in to WBZ TV (Channel 4), WCVB TV (Channel 5), and WHDH TV (Channel 7) or listen to WBUR (99.1 FM), WGBH (90.9 FM), WRKO (680 AM), and WBZ (1030 AM) after 5:30 a.m.

Types of Announcements

University closed - All classes are cancelled, all offices and the library are closed, and only designated and assigned snow personnel will report at the regular time.

Delayed opening/opening/no morning classes - All morning classes are cancelled. Regularly scheduled classes from 11:30 a.m. will resume normally. Snow day personnel will report at regular time. All other staff will report at 10:00 a.m.

No evening classes - All classes beginning from 4:00 p.m. and on will be cancelled. Snow day personnel will work their regular hours and all others will be allowed to leave by 4:00 p.m.

Other Snow-Related Issues

Off-campus classes: Decisions about cancellations off-campus sites are made by the local facility, not by the University. Students taking classes at off-campus sites should listen for radio announcements concerning the closing of those locations.

Transportation: The UMB shuttle from the campus to JFK station will continue even thought classes may be cancelled. In the event of an early closing or late opening, the shuttle will continue to operate for several hours after the closing or the opening. Weather conditions may cause delays.

Food Services: Every effort will be made to have some level of services available in the Quinn Building when the campus is open for operations.Menus may be limited.

Athletic Events: If the University closes early and there are athletic events scheduled, the Athletic Department will consult with Public Safety and determine if the event will continue as scheduled. If cancelled, the Athletic Department will have a recording on the main University phone line: 617-287-5000.

Day Care Center: If the University is closed, the Day Care Center will be closed during the same time. If there is an early dismissal, the Day Care Center will arrange with the parents for appropriate pickup time.

Special Events and All Other Activities on campus: If you need to inquire about the operation of Continuing Education, the library or a special event scheduled to occur on campus during the weekend, you should call the main campus number 617-287-5000 for specific information regarding the activity.

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prove the total educational environment.

Some of the "firsts" to UMass Boston include four new endowed professorships and a visiting professorship that recognizes leading scholars; the first comprehensive alumni directory of graduates of UMass Boston and Boston State College; UMass Boston, the first alumni/campus magazine; and an establishment of a Retired Faculty Coalition and Endowed Faculty Development Fund. Also, a comprehensive alumni club and reunion program has been formed, with the first Alumni Homecoming included in the annual WUMB Folk Festival. The Arts on the Project brings from the campaign, a large-scale collection of world-class monumental art which puts UMass Boston on the map. Finally, the campaign enabled the establishment of the UMass Foundation at Boston Board of Directors which is comprised of exceptionally committed proponents of public education whose goal is to foster and promote the progress, excellence and general welfare of the campus.

The most notable achievement of the campaign is the tripling of UMass Boston's endowment from $8 million to over $24 million. This increase in endowment will help ensure that we have the permanent resources necessary for a public university of the first rank. Of particular significance is the creation of more than $7 million in new scholarships and awards for students which will provide our newly and academically worthy graduate and undergraduate students with an opportunity for education by recognizing and supporting talent, ability, and promise.

Endowed funds have also been established to support faculty development in the sciences, liberal arts, education, and the college of management. The campaign also generated on-campus support by creating the first Institutional Advancement newsletter, Institutional Advancement Update, which is sent regularly to faculty, staff as well as retired and former employees.

On November 30, the campaign was concluded with a cabaret-themed celebration at the John F. Kennedy Library called "Milestones, Memories and Mirth...". The event joined all donors to celebrate a common goal: the support of the only public university in Boston. Judy Byrne-Ariel, director of Donor Relations and Planned Giving, refers to these donors as "recognizing the worth of public education." The campaign celebration featured entertainment by TV personality and comedian Jimmy Tingle, poetry by Professor Duncan Nelson, and a medley of songs performed by renowned local pianist and vocalist, Bobby Wetherbee. The several hundred attendees also had the pleasure of premiering the second UMass Boston First film which chronicles the life of the campaign and gives recognition to many of the donors.
Edward Roeser's paper, "Virtue is Good Business: Conformism as a Practical Business Virtue," has been accepted for the conference "At Our Best: Moral Lives in a Moral Community," sponsored by the Manhattan Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. Roeser is the College of Management's management and marketing department lecturer.

On October 18, Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and Carol Hardy-Fanta, former research director, spoke at Boston College on "Elections 2000: Will Women Make the Difference?" Sherman also led a workshop entitled, "Get Your Vote... So What?" at the "Women 2000" Worcester Women's History Conference commemorating the first national women's rights convention held in Worcester 150 years ago. Carol Hardy-Fanta served on the panel.

Miron Uriarte, interim director of the Gaston Institute, presented a paper at the APHA conference in November, "The Rise of Public Health as a Multidisciplinary and Linguistically Diverse Community: The Case of the Cape Verdean Community in Boston," which she coauthored with Carole Uphoff of the Ph.D. program in public policy.

College of Nursing Professor Lin Steen delivered the keynote speech, "Nursing Education for the Twenty-First Century," via video conference at China's national conference, on October 18. She also gave the keynote address, "Asian Women: Asian and Asian American Health Educators Speak Out," at the 7th Annual Yrane Lecture and Nursing Research Award at Massachusetts General Hospital on November 9.


On November 15, the Center for State and Local Policy held a panel discussion on "An American Conversation: Democracy and Public Opinion" at the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston.

Publishers
College of Management's assistant professor of accounting and finance James Bierstaker has coauthored a paper titled "The Effects of Risk Assessments and Partner Preferences on Audit Planning Decisions," with Amie Wright, which will be presented at the Mid-Year Auditing Session Meeting in Houston in January.

Robert Crossley, professor of English, is author of the cover essay, "Personal Letters from the Jungle of Mars," in The Massachusetts Review Autumn 2000 issue. He also has contributed the chapter "Sign, Symbol, Power: The New Martian Novel" for the new book Histories of the Future: Returning to McCormack Institute as a visiting fellow, Professor Neil Hamilton has started work on a new, full-length biography of Bill Clinton, Bill Clinton: An American Journey. Following the three year process, Hamilton has developed a new interactive website, located at www.mccomack.edu to include an expanded multimedia Clinton bibliography and a regularly updated record of the project with streamfed interviews, news updates, and a message board.

Professor Marc Prose of the African Studies Department recently published an article entitled "Haitian Creole Ethnomusicology: An Attempt at Classification" in the Journal of Haitian Studies. This paper is the first systematic effort to study the status and structure of Haitian Creole ethnomusicology.

The Center for Social Policy has released "A Comparative Portrait of Individuals and Families Utilizing Massachusetts (Emergency Shelter Program)." 1999." Data were collected by the Connection Service Partnership through Technology (C2SF Tech) Project. A statewide data collection effort.

Honor
Jennifer Arnold, Ph.D. candidate in biology, received Best Student award at the Waterbird Society meeting in November.

At the University Continuing Education Association's (UCEA) New England conference in November, Professor Jack Hughes, director of Professional Training Programs in the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education, was awarded a 2000 Award for Innovative and Creative Continuing Education Programming for the Ireland Program: Burton Holmes, director of Continuing Education, in Marketing of the Division in Enrollment Services and University Communications, received the 2000 Outstanding Professional Continuing Educator Award.

Appointments
Professor Winston Langley, from the department of political science and international relations, has been appointed associate professor. Langley will assist Provost Charles F. Criddle and Vice Provost Theresa Mortimer in developing international programs and serving as the liaison between the Institute, faculty council and the provost's office.

Carole Upshur, program director of the Department of Public policy, was appointed a member of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Planning committee for its annual research conference held in Seattle in November.

Lin Zhao, professor for the College of Nursing, and Jane Clouten-Lett have been appointed as research fellows by the Research Institute. Harvard-Belmont for the Aging in Boston. Professor Clouten-Lett and Zhan currently conduct research studies concerning Asian and African American caregivers experiences of persons with Alzheimers and related disorders.

Grants and Research
Tatjana Mascheide, Ph.D. candidate in the public policy program and research associate at the Center for Social Policy, has been awarded a three-year grant funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to evaluate the coordination of services among agencies serving the homeless street population as well as identifying patterns in health care, shelter and other substance abuse service utilization.

The Center for Social Policy was awarded a three-year grant by the Fireman Foundation One Family Campaign to help end family homelessness. The Center's will evaluate the direct and indirect community outreach components of the One Family Initiative.

On January 1, 2001 the UMass Poll will launch a joint project, "Health Care Benchmarks," with UMass Worcester Medical Center and the Attorney General's office.

Deaths
John McGauch, Center for Social Policy, and his wife Ashley had their first child, Nellee, on October 27.

In the News
The Patriot Ledger gave an enthusiastic review to Steve Dozier's "The Lion's Bedrot Story" which featured communications and theatre arts professor John Cooley, and UMB alumni Richard LaFrance and Maria Papaio.

Leo DiNatale, director of the UMass Poll, was a guest on The Connection, November 9, to discuss the election and concept of internet polling and voting in 2004.

Professor Garrison Nelson, McCormack Institute senior fellow and Cooper with the Center for State and Local Policy, was interviewed about the impact of same sex civil union legislation in Vermont in the Boston Globe, Boston Phoenix, Congressional Quarterly, San Francisco Chronicle, Providence Journal, U.S. News and World Report, Seven Days, and Vermont Education Television. He also appeared on CNN's "Inside Politics," WKDR-Am and WPIT-TV.

Also speaking to the election, Professor James Ward appeared on WGBH News to discuss political participation. Professor Maurice T. Cunningham explained the electoral college system on WGBI, spoke with the Metro West News and Worcester Telegram & Gazette, and was interviewed on election night with Andy Hiller on WHDH-TV Channel 7. She was also quoted in the Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, and USA Today.

Professor Paul Watanabe commented on the election in the Boston Globe, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Boston Herald, San Francisco Examiner, Quincy Patriot Ledger, East Bay Times, Concord Monitor, Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Boston Business Journal and the Associated Press. Watanabe was interviewed about the election on television stations and appeared on radio stations in Boston, Albany, NY, Seattle, on the BBC and the Lehrer Newshour and Boston Globe online.

Miscellaneous
A few and a half minute film entitled "Highlights from the President's Debate at UMass Boston," was produced from over 300 minutes of debate footage. Sherry Ryno, director of marketing, interviewed over fifty guests and personalities while directing a film crew from Northern Light Productions in Boston. A thirty-second cable television ad for UMass Boston, a highlights from the debate aired throughout metropolitan Boston and southeastern Massachusetts recently, via a newly expanded AT&T broadcast channel. The advertisement was directed by President William Bulger, Elizabeth Sherman, Shube Jones, along with Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci.

On Saturday, November 4 the ARP Committee, "Experiencing the Community," had 40 employees, family and friends travel to New York City. While there, many took carriage rides in Central Park, hopped on the City Bus Tour, or just simply enjoyed the many sights and sounds of the "Big Apple." The day was topped off with a performance of the Christmas Show at the Radio City Music Hall and the famous Rockefeller. If anyone has ideas for future trips, please email Cies Poirier at cplas.poirier@umb.edu.

Correction
Brian White, Biology Department, recently received the five-year $500,000 NSF Early Career Investigator Award. Maria Papaio was reported erroneously as the recipient in the November issue.
### Calendar of Events

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