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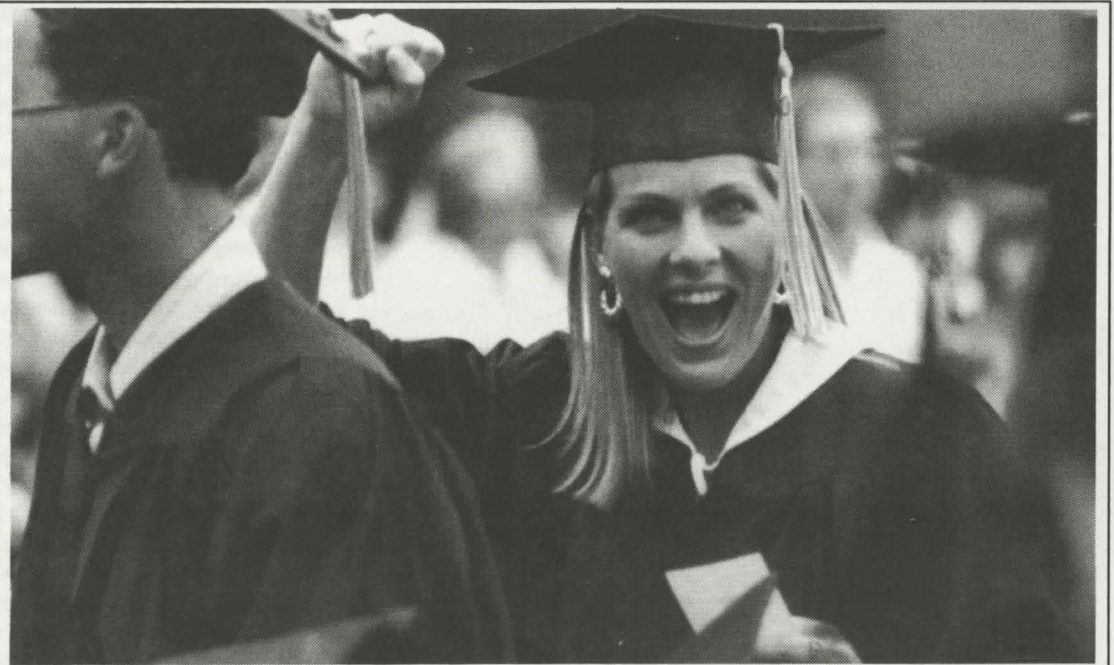
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COMMENCEMENT 1990

Three cheers for our graduates: two Doctors of Philosophy; 250 Master's degree recipients, and over 2000 baccalaureates. Graduation exercises on June 2, 1990 were among the best attended and liveliest ever to take place on the Harbor Campus. The special awards presented at Commencement includes the Distinguished Alumni Award to Georgette Watson (1979); the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship Award to Prof. Garrison Wilkes, Biology Department, for his extraordinary work on the genetics of plants in the corn family; and the John F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence to Barbara A. Robertson, who majored in psychology. Ms. Robertson also delivered remarks on behalf of the Class of 1990. Other Commencement addresses included greetings from President Joseph Duffey and speeches by honorary degree recipients Robert Redford and Donald Woods (see inside.) This special Commencement issue of *News and Views* is devoted entirely to the sights and scents of the conclusion of the academic year.



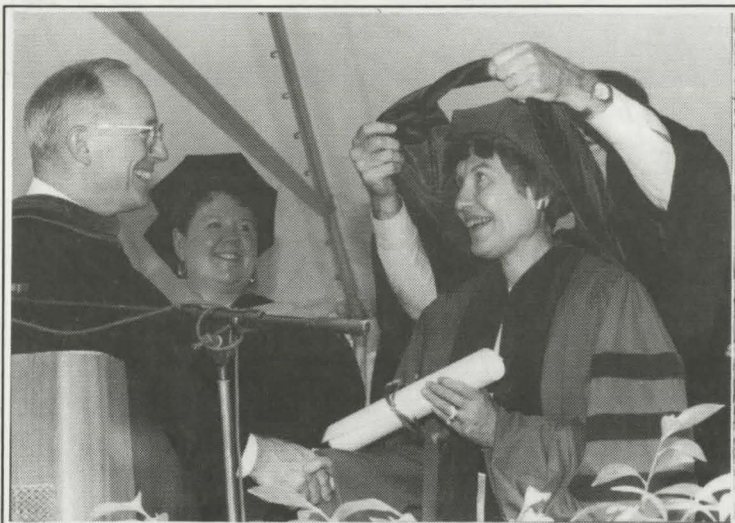
Honorary degree recipients pose with Chancellor Sherry H. Penney. Left to right: Arthur M. Schlesinger, Henry E. Hampton, Joan Bok, Robert Redford, Chancellor Penney, Donald Woods, Arthur R. Osborn.



Jubilant graduate reminds us of our origins as Commencement 1990 concludes UMass/Boston's 25th anniversary celebration.

LET US NOW PRAISE FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN

The Class of 1990 includes seven honorary doctorates



President Joseph Duffey and Vice Chancellor Jean MacCormack smile their congratulations to Doctor of Laws Joan Bok.



Doctor of Laws Elsie Frank shares a thought with Chancellor Sherry H. Penney and President Joseph Duffey.



Doctor of Humane Letters Henry Hampton accepts his diploma from President Duffey; Vice Chancellor Desmond looks on with approval.

Commencement 1990 will be remembered for many reasons: the break from the traditional manner in which graduates had heretofore received their degrees, the blazing heat of the noontime sun, the nick-of-time repair of the elevator in the Administration Building. But after the return of the rented chairs, after the debriefing of the long-suffering, hard-working, and unsung members of the Commencement Committee, after the last diploma is signed and sealed, the 22nd Commencement of the University of Massachusetts at Boston will be remembered for the distinguished guests its brought to Campus. Seven individuals were awarded honorary doctorates by the Trustees of the University, a bumper crop of talent and celebrity. Chancellor Penney saluted each of the honorary degree recipients with citations, excerpted below, highlighting their achievements.

Joan Toland Bok Doctor of Laws

Joan Bok, we honor you today to recognize your unique and substantial contributions to the quality of life in New England and the Commonwealth. Your distinguished career at the New England Electric System began over 20 years ago and culminated in your appointment in 1984 as Chairman of the Board. That you were the first woman in the United States to be named Chairman of a public utility demonstrates that our Commonwealth leads the nation in recognizing true economic empowerment of women occurs only when the highest leadership positions are opened to them. Your six years as Chairman of the Board provide a lasting paradigm for women who aspire to success in the upper echelons of the corporate structure.

Your dedicated service as Councillor to the American Antiquarian Society and Trustees of the Boston Athenaeum has ensured that our common heritage is preserved for generations to come. Your special commitment

to higher education and the advancement of knowledge has shaped policy that in turn has set a regional, a national educational agenda. Your concern for the health and welfare of all citizens is evidenced by your devoted service to the Massachusetts General Hospital as both Corporation Member and Trustee of the MGH Institute of Health Professions. Your continuing interest in your original profession, the law, has been recognized by your peers through your Fellowship in the American Bar Association.

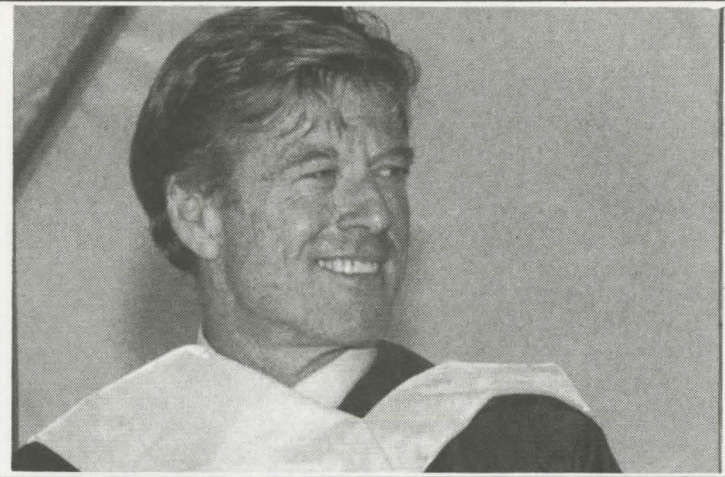
Joan Bok, we honor you for extraordinary achievement in the corporate world; we thank you for contributions in virtually every area of civic concern.

Elsie Frank Doctor of Laws

Elsie Frank, tonight we honor you because you have been a devoted mother and grandmother, sensitive neighbor and tenacious advocate, enterprising professional and public-minded citizen. As a widow and working woman, you raised a family of four; each of your children in turn has built a professional life grounded in the precepts of social justice and activism your shining example made part of their heritage. Your advocacy on behalf of the Commonwealth's and the nation's elders has directly benefitted and improved the lives of countless Americans. Through your presidency of the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans, your vice presidency of the Advisory Council to Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, and your membership in numerous civic organizations, you have given voice to the difficulties of persons who otherwise would have remained mutely in distress. Your special concern that older Americans receive decent health care and dwell in safe housing has raised cultural awareness of these critical issues.

Elsie Frank, we honor you so that all citizens of the Common-

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Dr. Redford. Sometimes the whole world smiles at the same time.

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wealth will recognize their indebtedness to you. We honor you because your life's work invites us all to "grow old along with [you,]" for truly, "the best is yet to be."

**Henry E. Hampton
Doctor of Humane Letters**

Henry Hampton, to honor you is to recognize that in one individual can be combined journalistic perception and artistic vision, commitment to social justice and devotion to historical accuracy. Your work of over 20 years has brought American history to life for the millions of persons privileged to watch your documentaries, *Eyes on the Prize I and II*. These chronicles of black Americans' 20th Century crusade for justice and equality define the reasons we study and preserve the record of our country's achievements and mistakes, proud moments and shameful ones. You have set before us an account from which we can learn about ourselves and our heritage. With that heightened awareness, Americans may reach a common ground of understanding and tolerance.

In honoring you today, we join with the distinguished institutions that have hailed your life's work. *Eyes on the Prize* has also been specifically cited as a milestone in broadcasting, winning both the DuPont-Columbia and the Peabody awards for excellence in electronic journalism.

You have also been a stalwart son of the Commonwealth, locating your film and production

company, Blackside, in Boston. Through your chairmanship of Boston's Museum of Afro-American History, you have led the campaign to restore the African Meeting House, a sanctuary of considerable historical and religious significance. As a founding Trustee, and Director of the Boston Center for the Arts, a board member of the Metropolitan Cultural Alliance, and the Massachusetts Film Advisory Board, you have shared your professional expertise so that all citizens of the City and the Commonwealth can better enjoy Massachusetts cultural riches.

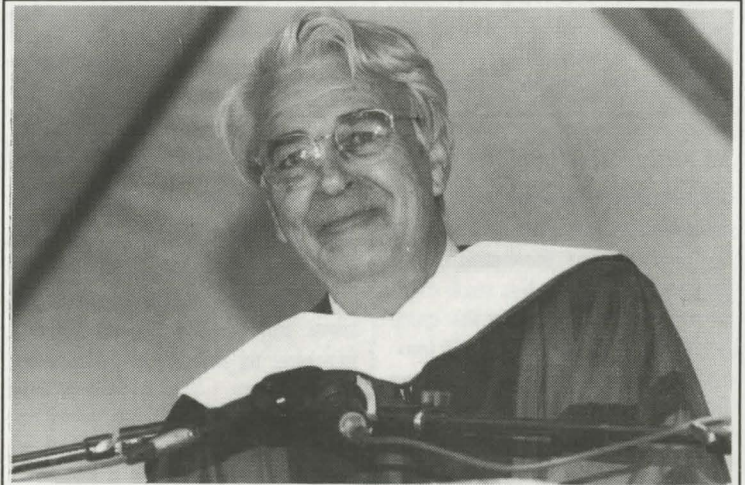
Henry Hampton, we esteem your achievements as film maker, historian, and journalist. But we prize even more the truths you have shown us, and the lessons in respect and humanity you have helped all of us to learn.

**Arthur R. Osborn
Doctor of Laws**

Arthur Osborn, we honor you for your contributions to the welfare of working men and women of our Commonwealth. You have served three terms as president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. Your dedication to improving the quality of life for all workers has found outlet in every arena of human concern, be it in the struggle for fair compensation, for a safe and healthy work place, or for adequate medical insurance and retirement benefits. We of the academy particularly esteem your special commitment to enrich and expand educational opportunity for all workers. We also admire



Arthur Schlesinger and Arthur Osborn discuss U. S. labor history.



Doctor of Laws Donald Woods delivers the Commencement address.

your leadership in a movement that extends beyond the borders of the Commonwealth: yours has been a tireless voice in national policy discussions concerning such issues as trade policy, equitable compensation for injured workers, and the provision of affordable housing.

We note your contributions to improving life in the Commonwealth. These efforts have touched each individual residing in Massachusetts, especially those unable to preserve and protect their own rights. Your great skill as advocate and negotiator has benefitted, among many other organizations, the United Way, the Massachusetts Higher Education Finance Assistance Corporation, the Governor's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped, and the Massachusetts Water Resources Citizens Advisory Committee. Arthur Osborn, we honor you as a leader and as a public-spirited citizen. At the

same time, we honor the tradition of a labor movement that has helped to build our country, improve our society, and raise the standard of living for countless millions of Americans.

**Robert Redford
Doctor of Science**

Robert Redford, your distinguished accomplishments have brought you international recognition in numerous fields. You are an acclaimed actor, Academy Award-winning director, author and producer. But we honor you today for your passionate dedication to the preservation of the environment. The 20th anniversary of Earth Day signaled a reawakening of public interest in ecological concerns. Your interest, your commitment required no such reminder, for they have been the interests and the commitment of a lifetime. Your dedication to the goal of a clean and healthy

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ANNUAL LUNCHEON HONORS RETIRING FACULTY

Perhaps the most bittersweet event that leads up to Commencement is the annual luncheon to honor faculty members who will be retiring at the end of the academic year, and this year's, which took place in May in the Chancellor's Conference Room, was no exception. Chancellor Penney and Provost Zompa formally recognized and thanked the retiring 18 faculty members for their years of service to the University, their departments and centers, and, most of all, to their students. Each of the 18 will receive a University captain's chair as a token of the Campus's esteem.

Chancellor Penney addressed

the 18, and said, in part: "your loyalty and dedication to this institution, its students, and its mission has been of incalculable benefit to maintaining its excellence. You have set an example and standard of excellence through your years of teaching and service that your younger colleagues can emulate. You leave as your legacy an institution made more vibrant by your presence. It is this legacy our younger faculty inherit."

In addition to the those pictured, the following faculty also have retired this year: Professors Ros Barron, CAS; Camille Celi, COE; John Huggler, CAS; Donald Krus, CAS; Perry Miller, COE; William Squires, PE.



The circle is unbroken. Clockwise from lower left: Chancellor Penney; Professors all: Elisabeth Johnson, CPCS; Robert Spaethling, CAS; Joseph McCue, CM; Herbert Lyken, CM; Renee Watkins, CAS; George Berkley, CPCS; Richard Robbins, CAS; Edith DeAngelis, PE; Raymond Gilbert, COE; Taffee Tanimoto, CAS; Cornelia Veendendaal, CAS, Martha Cummings, PE; Provost Zompa.

Seven receive honorary degrees at Commencement 1990

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environment led you to establish the Institute for Resource Management, which studies such critical and diverse issues as the quality of urban air, off-shore oil leasing, and resource development on Native American lands. Last year the Institute brought together American and Soviet scientists, policy makers, industry leaders, and artists troubled by the signs of global warming, and the apparent lack of public awareness of this threat. This conference in turn led to the production of a documentary film that will inform many millions of this clear and present danger. Through your membership such boards as the Environmental Defense Fund, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Solar Lobby, and the Yosemite Institute, you have helped forge environmental policy, and help shape public perceptions of environmental issues.

Robert Redford, we honor you for your outstanding achievements in your profession as actor and director. We hold up with greatest respect and admiration your vocation as a defender of land, air, and water. As activist and conservationist, you remind us that we, too, must dedicate ourselves today to protect our environment so we ensure its preservation for generations to follow.

Arthur M. Schlesinger Doctor of Humane Letters

Arthur Schlesinger, we honor you for the enlightenment you have brought to all Americans, teaching us about our culture and our heritage. You have informed and inspired, reminding us of lessons no enduring society can afford to set aside. As a historian, scholar, and university professor, your career spans half a century. As adviser to President Kennedy and to other statesmen, you made certain that decisions of national and international consequence were informed by historical precedent and context. It would be impossible to underestimate the significance of this contribution to the modern American way of life, for no society prevails that does not discover and apprehend its origins. It has been your life's work to make such discoveries, and to share them with your fellow citizens. Not only have you sparked debate in governmental chambers and in classrooms, you have made the study of history, social and political analysis accessible, interesting and immediate to all Americans.

You have received virtually every prestigious award presented to writers and historians. Some—the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize—you have twice received. We take special pleasure in this recogni-

tion, for it is public affirmation of standards of scholarship and principles of inquiry that we hold most dear.

Your public service has been national and international. You have helped shape policy and opinion as a member, or officer, of the 20th Century Fund, the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, the American Historical Association, and the Harriman Institute of Russian Studies. But we also hail for as a friend to Massachusetts. You have served on the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, as well as the Advisory Board of Harvard's Schlesinger Library on the History of Women.

Arthur Schlesinger, we honor you tonight for all that you have taught us about ourselves and our heritage. We honor you for transcendent patriotism, for your special ability to understand the lessons of the past and make them an influential part of contemporary life.

Donald James Woods Doctor of Humane Letters

Donald Woods, we honor you for your idealism and for your extraordinary courage. As reporter, then editor, of the *Daily Dispatch* in South Africa, you not only lived under the system of apartheid, you studied and observed it,

and told South Afrikaners, and subsequently the world, about its horrors. Harsh efforts to still your pen only inspired you to bring your message, with greater urgency, to an even larger audience.

Systemic change, especially social and political change, requires great personal sacrifices. These you have made, at great cost to your own safety and that of your family. You have lived in exile from the country of five generations of your family. You have seen friends, colleagues, and fellow countrymen tortured and killed. And yet your message, your voice, have remained steadfast and clear. We honor you for your persistence. We honor you for your commitment to justice for all persons. We honor you for your refusal to remain silent in the face of overwhelming pressures. Your work and commitment have helped focus the attention of the world on South Africa and apartheid. Although change is slow in coming, and resistance very strong, it is clear that your efforts have helped set in motion the inevitable destruction of a governmental system of repression and shame.

Donald Woods, we are privileged to affirm, by honoring you, that no system of government or racist social policy can dim the flame of justice and humanity that resides within the human heart.