Debate Signals Growing Political Role for UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

The forum was sponsored by the Women's Issues of Concern to Women. From left to right: Carla Howell, Libertarian; Warren Tolman, Democrat; Steve Grossman, Democrat; Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy; Shannon O'Brien, state treasurer and Democrat; and Tom Birmingham, senate president and Democrat. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Candidates respond to forum questions which focused on education, healthcare, family leave, domestic violence, and economic security. The questions were designed by a non-partisan committee composed of members of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and other forum co-sponsors. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Anne-Marie Kent

On the night of May 9, Lipke Auditorium was filled near to capacity with voters, students, and members of the media, including Renee Loth from the Boston Globe, Wayne Woodlief from the Boston Herald, and syndicated columnist David Broder from the Washington Post. They were there for the 2002 Gubernatorial Forum on Issues of Concern to Women. The forum was sponsored by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPP) with the Office of the Chancellor, the Women's Education and Industrial Union, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, and more than 25 women's and student organizations.

It was only a year ago October that the university hosted the first presidential debate between Bush and Gore in 2000, an event that transformed the campus into a center of high-level political activity, televised worldwide. While this gubernatorial forum was an event smaller in scope, it signaled UMass Boston's continued involvement as leading host of political debates, especially in Massachusetts and Greater Boston.

University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger said, "Over the years, this campus itself has become a place where public policy and the issues of the day are analyzed and discussed." UMass Boston Chancellor Jo Ann Gora added, "UMass Boston is home to institutions such as the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and countless researchers whose work is relevant to politics and public policy. Our presence itself is symbolic of public purpose, and so we are a logical choice to host public forums such as this one."

CWPP director and forum organizer Carol Hardy-Fanta noted, "The empowerment of women depends upon an informed citizenry through forums such as this." Moderated by former broadcast journalist Sarah-Ann Shaw, the non-partisan forum included opening and closing statements from each candidate and three rounds of questions on issues such as education, abortion, healthcare, family leave, domestic violence, and economic security. The forum also included an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

All of the gubernatorial candidates were invited, but Republican Mitt Romney, Democrat Robert Reich, and Green Party candidate Jill Stein did not attend. Those remaining, Democrats Thomas F. Birmingham, Steve Grossman, Warren Tolman, and Shannon O'Brien, and Libertarian Carla Howell, were present.

"Forums of this nature provide voters with valuable opportunities to take the measure of the courageous souls who step forward to seek positions of public leadership," said President Bulger. "Every one of the candidates here has that virtue in common: courage."

"I think it's wonderful for the students to be able to hear the candidates," added Student Trustee Sandra Karahalis. "I'm hoping that this will become something that will be happening every time there's an election."

Gubernatorial candidates and forum participants gathered at UMass Boston on May 9 to discuss issues of concern to women. From left to right: Carla Howell, Libertarian; Warren Tolman, Democrat; Steve Grossman, Democrat; Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy; Shannon O'Brien, state treasurer and Democrat; and Tom Birmingham, senate president and Democrat. (Photo by Harry Brett)
Campus Officials and Suffolk Ironworkers
“Top Off” Campus Center

By Kim Trauceniek
and Anne-Marie Kent

With construction one-third complete, the final beam was placed atop the frame of UMass Boston’s new Campus Center on May 9—but not until after a “topping off” ceremony commemorated the event.

“This new campus center is really filling a gap,” said President Bulger. “Students at UMass don’t have it easy. They work, have families, and attend classes. I hope students will find it to be a place for them to come together and learn from each other.” Chancellor Gora agreed, “We are celebrating our students.”

“This is historic moment in the life of UMass Boston,” said Chancellor Gora. “It is a concrete step forward towards the advancement of our students.” She thanked everyone for contributing to the success of the new 331,000-square-foot Campus Center, especially Commissioner of Capital Asset Management David Perini for keeping the center “on budget and on schedule.” The commissioner attributed the success to the Suffolk Construction workers’ diligence and a “great relationship” with UMass Boston.

“Students have waited a long time for this. Local #7 has been amazing,” said UMass Student Trustee, Sandra Karahalis. “They really made it happen.” Adorned with a pine tree, an American flag, and a blue UMass Boston banner, the last beam, covered with the signatures of hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and friends, was raised—with President Bulger, Chancellor Gora, and Commissioner Perini standing atop it. “Higher,” insisted Bulger. The crowd cheered as steelworkers raised the beam a few more feet off the ground. Finally, the beam made its way to the top of the campus center alone, with the support of a zealous crowd.

Members of the Campus Center’s “building team” from Asset Management, Hakesy & Aldrich, Kallman McKinnell and Wood Architects, Local #7, and UMass Boston were represented at the event. (Photo by Harry Brett)

A Beacon on the Point: Leaders Present Service Learning 2002 Projects

By Jeanne Wallace-Buckley

On May 13, the 2002 Beacon Leadership Project (BLP) cohort presented their semester-long service learning projects at the Harbor Art Gallery.

“The Beacon Leadership Project is really a microcosm of UMass Boston,” said Joyce Morgan, director of student life and member of the BLP Advisory Board. “We have a traditional sophomore, and we have a grandmother.”

This year’s projects reflected the diversity of interests and passions of its students.

The cohort’s work this year helped bring the domestic violence play “The Yellow Dress” to campus, recruit volunteers for the Ross Center, educate the university community about American freedoms, and form the International Student Organization for graduates and undergraduates.

The program also extended into surrounding communities, with students helping to launch a parish nursing program in Quincy, create a trauma indicators brochure for grade school teachers, and market the MBTA Arborway Restoration project to impacted communities. In addition, they made a presentation to youth about the reality of college life and created activities on the Beta Five ward for terminally ill children.

“This year’s projects were excellent,” said Donna Neal, associate director of student life and co-founder of the BLP. “They were more varied, and the students worked together very well.”

The Beacon Leadership Project, a two-semester service learning experience, was originally founded seven years ago to help develop leadership skills in student government officials and campus activity organizers. The program now provides 25 students with opportunities to develop and enhance their potential and leadership skills. The first semester consists of self-contained workshops on leadership skill-building topics including group dynamics, public speaking, dispute resolution, and cultural diversity. During the second semester the students develop their projects and a relationship with a professional mentor.

Always, the goal of the program is to foster leadership skills. One testament to its success is that all Fulbright Scholars also have been Beacon Leadership Project alumni.

“I love this project—this is service learning at its best,” said Morgan. “They leave with a new group of friends and the ability to take skills they learn, such as communication and motivational skills, into professional or leadership roles.”

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First Teaching with Media Conference Ignites Faculty Enthusiasm for Technology in the Classroom

By Melissa Fassel

On April 24, UMass Boston faculty from across the disciplines demonstrated ways to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom at a "Teaching with Media" conference. The event, sponsored by Chancellor Goras and hosted by the Instructional Technology Center (ITC) and the Center for the Improvement of Teaching (CIT), was a resounding success, drawing more than 75 participants to its 19 presentations.

Staff members of ITC, experienced with the pros and cons of faculty's use of technology, came up with the concept for the conference last semester and sought CIT's assistance, in order to draw many faculty that have not used the ITC in the past. Chancellor Goras, enthusiastic about the university's technological advances, provided funding for the event.

A number of attending faculty remarked on how encouraging it was to find out that their colleagues were using similar technology in their classrooms. Not only did faculty members have the opportunity to showcase innovative uses of technology in the classroom, they were also able to share suggestions as well as woes. As Sara Baron, CIT director, said, "We got a real feel for how people are using technology for learning."

The Graduate College of Education's Gonzalo Bacigalupa, who presented "Collaborative Learning Using Synchronous and Asynchronous Discussions: Dialogical Threading and Chanting," referred to the event as "top notch, incredibly well designed and organized," and was impressed with the level of care ITC took to fit the needs of the faculty.

Vivian Zamel, CIT director, commended the vision of Sara Baron and ITC in developing an original conference, forward-thinking, and supportive of faculty.

A wide range of subjects were addressed, from faculty-developed software for keeping track of the composition of music to innovative methods of combating plagiarism with technology. Other faculty presentation topics included Celia Moore's "Using Technology to Foster Active Student Learning in an Interdisciplinary Course," Mark Pawlack's "Quantitative Reasoning: Linking Pedagogy with Technology," and Thanh Nguyen's "Building a Virtual Learning Community with Promethean."

This is the first semester that CIT and ITC have collaborated on technology in teaching initiatives. The first collaboration was the discussion series "High Tech or Why Tech: A Discussion of the Pros and Cons of Using Technology for Teaching and Learning," which took place in early April. Members of both CIT and the CIT felt the event was a strong success — bringing together the technologically experienced with first-time users in an effort to assist all faculty members in becoming technologically sophisticated in their teaching.
UMass Boston’s “Green” Chemist Named “Distinguished Chemist of the Year”

John Warner, professor of chemistry and director of the green chemistry program, displays his latest award (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Melissa Fassel

Amid shelves and walls covered with awards and recognition rests Professor John Warner’s latest honor, the “Distinguished Chemist of the Year” award from the New England Institute of Chemists, the local branch of the American Institute of Chemists. The award was presented to Warner at an awards ceremony in April.

Warner is perhaps best known for his work and practice of “Green Chemistry,” both worldwide and at UMass Boston. This relatively new field offers industry environmentally sound methods of production and a competitive advantage and UMass Boston is the center for top research in the field. The university currently offers the only PhD program in the world, as well as an undergraduate honors course, in green chemistry. The campus is also home to the new Green Chemistry Laboratory, for Research and Education in Sustainable Innovation and was the recent host of the Commonwealth’s first-ever green chemistry symposium, held in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The driving force behind all this activity is John Warner, professor of chemistry and director of the green chemistry program.

“Most of our work involves understanding how molecules organize and react in natural systems,” Warner says of his research group. “We believe that if one wants to build a material that is environmentally benign and safe, drawing inspiration from nature is a good starting point, because it has already evolved within a sustainable ecosystem.”

Warner and his team are currently working on developing solar energy devices, drug delivery systems, immunosuppression pharmaceuticals, anticancer compounds, antibiotics, microelectronics, holography, and renewable plastics. In 2001, they filed patent applications for sustainable technologies in semiconductor film processing and biorenewable plastics.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Receives Outstanding Marks in Accreditation Process

By Leigh DaPuy

On April 17, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has awarded the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) professional ten-year accreditation for its undergraduate and master’s programs. The commission found the college to be in compliance with all standards for evaluation and issued no recommendations for improvement.

One of the CCNE evaluators was quoted as saying, “It doesn’t get any better than this.”

The college had received preliminary approval status earlier, which was one of the qualifying factors permitting the maximum range of accreditation of ten years. In preparing for evaluation, CNHS faculty, staff, and students worked together to identify areas of strength and needed improvement, and plans to accomplish future improvements. “A high level of teamwork is needed for success in accreditation visits because of the especially comprehensive nature of the investigation,” commented Chancellor Gora in her praise of their hard work.

In November 2001, a CCNE evaluation team visited the campus to evaluate the college’s programs and measure outcomes. The team was composed of a clinician and educators, which typically include deans, associate deans, and faculty members, from across the country. Their job is to assess four areas according to national and institutional standards and measure key components in each area. They examine the input of faculty and community, both externally and internally, and evaluate the college’s and institution’s resources and the clinical competence of the program’s students.

“They are primarily interested in whether our students are able to find a job and if they contribute to quality healthcare for the community,” explains Cherry. “In demonstrating our program’s success, we need to show these outcomes, as well as provide plans for ways we can improve the program.”

The program received approval in all areas, including the plans in place for future improvements of the college. “Continuous quality improvement is key,” explains Cherry.

“The best thing about this is the validation of many years of hard work by faculty, staff, and students. It validates our vision, forecasts, overall quality and expertise in what we’ve been doing,” says Cherry. This could not have been done, she points out, without the support of the entire university community. “This is a testament not only for the college but for UMass Boston. We could not achieve this without their support and encouragement.”

The Bernard A. Stotsky Lecture Series Features Author and Critic James Carroll

Well-known author James Carroll spoke on “The New Urgency of Religious Reform: Learning from the Church and the Jews,” for the Bernard A. Stotsky Lecture Series held in the Chancellor’s Conference Room on May 9. His lecture touched upon the many issues surrounding religious reform and its models, which Carroll also explored his latest book, Constantine’s Sword: The Church and the Jews: A History. The author of nine novels, Carroll won the National Book Award for his memoir An American Requiem. A weekly op-ed writer for the Boston Globe, Carroll is well known for his cultural critiques and draws upon his own experiences as a civil rights worker, anti-war activist, and former Catholic priest. He currently is a research associate at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at Harvard University’s Divinity School.

The series was established to honor George and Bess Stotsky, who were instrumental in bringing over 200 people out of Europe before the Holocaust. The series is hosted by the McCormack Institute.

Caption: Paul Bookbinder, professor of history, Bernard A. Stotsky, who funds the lecture series in honor of his parents George and Bess Stotsky, and James Carroll together at the May 9 event (Photo by Harry Brett)
Stinger: The Newest Addition to Arts on the Point

By Wendy Barney-Gould

On the clear, bright morning of April 25, two flatbed trucks arrived on campus carrying the four black metal sections of Tony Smith's "Stinger." Within five hours, the 36,000-pound sculpture had been gently lowered into place at its new site beside Boston Harbor, slightly on campus carrying the four black granite sections into place at its new site beside Boston Harbor, slightly on campus. Stinger had been created bold, 36,000-pound and worked as an architect until 1961, when he shifted his career path and began to create bold, spare, minimalist sculpture as a way to explore and refine the use of geometric form as a pure design element. "Stinger" conceived in 1967, was first constructed in 1968 in plywood in Smith's spacious back yard at his home in New Jersey. The piece was shown at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and later with other work of this period at various locations in Europe. In the last 20 years, the artist's death, the piece was fabricated in steel and shown at the Paula Cooper Gallery in New York. Its installation here is the second time the piece has been exhibited. In creating "Stinger," Smith was interested in the viewer's experience of entering the sculpture's negative space as providing an opportunity for both a physical and a spiritual passage. His original title for the piece, "One Bud Gan," reflected this thinking but was changed after the piece had actually been constructed. At that time, he decided to call the piece "Stinger," because its shape reminded him of the effect of a sweet, potent alcoholic drink, popular at the time, which, as he said "comes around to nip you in the back of the neck."

Two years ago, the prospect of this piece coming to campus was met with resistance by many of the university's immediate neighbors. "Its installation in the current location marks a turning point for the project and is tangible evidence of the positive, collaborative relationship we have worked to develop within our neighboring communities," commented Paul Tucker, director of Arts on the Point. Those times were a catalyst for positive change. As a result, Arts on the Point is working effectively with members of a committed Advisory Board to create a series of educational and community outreach programs which occur both on and off campus. These programs are designed to contribute significantly to UMass Boston's urban mission and to achieve the original goals of the sculpture park while building lasting, effective partnerships with neighborhood groups and community institutions.

Taylor Outstanding Scholars Honored at Globe Reception


By Elona Sankelle

On May 15, the Boston Globe and the Boston Globe Foundation hosted a reception at their headquarters to celebrate the 2002 graduates of the John L. and William Davis Taylor Outstanding Scholars Program: Anitra Bell, Dave Bowell, Rita Chen, Rachelle Etienne, Myebyl Morales, Thuy Tray, Lori Cook, and Janet Escobar. Over 60 Taylor Scholars and their parents attended an event featuring staff from both the university and the Globe organization.

The program featured remarks by a number of prominent Globe and foundation staff, including Richard Gilman, publisher; Al Larkin, vice president of human resources; Leah Bailey, president of the foundation; and Carol Beggy, a columnist and writer for the "Names and Faces" column, who was the guest speaker. UMass Boston's Chancellor Gora praised the scholars in her address and Mary Beth Mannon, Taylor Scholars advisor, was on hand to introduce the students and thank the Boston Globe for its continued support of the program.

Rick Daniels, president of the Boston Globe, was also there to present this year's George M. Collins award to Myebyl Morales. This award, named after a well-liked employee of the Globe who worked at the paper from 1939 to 1988, was set up by the publication to defray expenses for one outstanding Taylor Scholar each year. After the Boston Globe presented each graduate with a gift, the Taylor Scholars and their families were taken on a tour of facilities. For more than 16 years the Boston Globe Foundation has supported Boston students through this program and has contributed more than two million dollars for their education. Named in honor of the late John L. Taylor, former president, and William Davis Taylor, former publisher of the Boston Globe, the program has helped countless students achieve their dream of earning a college degree.

Every year, students from each of the Boston public high schools receive scholarships on the basis of their commitment to the community and their desire to succeed. The program is a cooperative effort between the Boston Globe Foundation, UMass Boston, and the Boston Public Schools.
Sara Baron, director of the Instructional Technology Center and coordinator of library instruction at Healey Library, presented "Playlist: The Plague of the Internet Age" at the Cape Cod and Islands Library Association's Spring Conference. Her research on librarian instruction was also presented in the closing plenary panel at the 31st Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use held on May 15 in Canada.

The College of Management's Pratibha Bhatnagar and former faculty member Abdy Chaudhry presented "Assimilation of Internet Based Technologies in Small and Medium Sized Manufacturers" at the 2002 IRMA International Conference in Seattle.

Maryellen Brett, director of career services at the College of Management, presented "Business Relations: Better Governance in Africa in Public Administration and Development." Professor James Green of the College of Community and Public Service's Labor Resource Center organized and moderated a discussion of workers' rights with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and sixty members of the Labor and Working Class History Association (of which Green is vice president) in Washington, D.C., on April 12.

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University Celebrates Generous Friends at Donor Recognition Night

On April 25, alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the university gathered at the Fairmont Copley Plaza for the university's annual donor recognition night. The event celebrated donors who have given more than $5,000 to UMass Boston. Also attending were students who have benefited from such donations through scholarships, including Mark D'Agostino '02, the Frances Cosentino Scholar who spoke on the meaning of such support in his "An Expression of Gratitude" speech. The evening also featured performances by Sergeant Daniel Clark '91, the "singing trooper" of the Massachusetts State Police, and current UMass Boston music students Sylvia Allen, Bistra Bogdanova, Sarah Newcomb, and Vanessa Ortega.

Donor honorees Susan Davis of Institutional Advancement (left) and Jacqueline Haslert of the Exercise Science and Physical Education Department (ESPE) (right) pose with friend and ESPE colleague Margaret Maumon (center). (Photo by Margaret Brett)

UMass Boston students representing their scholarships: (From left to right) Olivia Marie Faro, Esq.; Sean McCarthy, Bredm Scholar; and Orisma Hughes, Bredm Scholar. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

(Below) Donor Patricia Flaherty '81 and her husband Phil Pichulo smile together at the event. Flaherty is the president of the UMass Foundation at Boston Board of Directors. (Photo by Margaret Brett)
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### SATURDAY 1

- **2002 Commencement**
  - Time: 10:30 a.m., Bayside Exposition Center. You must have a ticket in order to attend. Contact: 7-5313

### MONDAY 3

- **Instructional Technology Center: Introduction to Fireworks**
  - Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Presented by Jason Belland. Workshop WEB-108. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990

### TUESDAY 4

- **Instructional Technology Center: Introduction to PowerPoint XP**
  - Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Presented by Caroline Cappuccio. Workshop MSP-01A. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990

### WEDNESDAY 5

- **Instructional Technology Center: Creating Flash Elements**
  - Time: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Presented by Jason Belland. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990

- **Massachusetts Education Computing Conference (MECC)**
  - June 5-7, Cape Cod Community College, Open to faculty and staff in both public and private higher education. Register online at www.cte.mass.edu/mecc.

- **Musical Showcase Concert Series**
  - Time: 12:30 p.m., Plaza between McCormack Hall and Wheatley Hall. Presented by Raymond Gonzalez, solo guitarist and UMass Boston Music Department faculty member. Sponsored by the Chancellor’s Office with the cooperation of the Music Department and the Office of University Communications and Community Relations.

### WEDNESDAY 12

- **Meet the Candidate for Governor:**
  - Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall. Presented by Robert O'Brien. Sponsored by the LETS Program of the Gerontology Institute. Each candidate has been invited to address three to four priority issues facing older people in Massachusetts. Public is invited. Contact: robert.gravry@umb.edu or 7-7390.

- **Musical Showcase Concert Series**
  - Time: 12:30 p.m., Plaza between McCormack Hall and Wheatley Hall. Featuring Klezperanto, a six-piece Klezmer band. Sponsored by the Chancellor’s Office with the cooperation of the Music Department and the Office of University Communications and Community Relations.

### THURSDAY 13

- **Instructional Technology Center: Intermediate PowerPoint XP**
  - Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Healey Library lower level, presentation room 1. Presented by Caroline Cappuccio. Workshop MSP-02A. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

- **Massage Therapy**
  - Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st floor, Beacon Fitness Center. Amy Aransky will conduct professional massage therapy by appointment. Cost is $20 per 30-minute session. Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged. Contact: chris.fitgerald@umb.edu or 781-354-3450 for an appointment.

### MONDAY 27

- **Welcome to All New and Old Beacon Fitness Center Members**
  - Time: Enrolled Spring 2002. Contact 7-7801 or for ticketing, call Ticketmaster at (617)508-931-222.