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Energy-Saving Campaign Launches

By Lissa Harris

If you’ve been wasting energy, Aparva Mehta can tell.

“We’re scanning the network to see how many computers are left on at night,” says Mehta, the director of client services and educational technologies. And not just how many computers, but which—so if you haven’t turned yours off since summer vacation, you might want to start doing it now.

Why? Turning a computer off at night instead of leaving it in sleep mode saves 15 kilowatts of electricity—about two dollars—a year, which adds up on a campus with roughly 4,500 computers, printers, and other networked devices.

This high-tech penny-pinching is part of an effort to find a silver lining—and maybe a green one as well—as UMass Boston adjusts to a year, which adds up on a campus with roughly 4,500 computers, printers, and other networked devices.

Dorothy Renaghan is analyzing student use, and electricity, they can carve at least $300,000 out of the campus’s nearly $8 million annual utility bill, a savings which could save jobs.

“It was our desire to save money without impacting programs on campus, and without harm to students and faculty,” said Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Ellen O’Connor.

“The way to do that is with the cooperation of the campus community.”

While the campus has a long way to go, the effort is already under way: The IT department has put new energy-saving measures in place in the student computer labs. Instead of leaving computer users on all night to update their software, lab managers are now shutting them down at night and doing software updates in the wee hours of the morning, before students come in.

The bulk of the savings will most likely come from heating and cooling. Assistant Vice Chancellor for facilities management Dorothy Renaghan is analyzing energy use across campus, monitoring temperatures throughout all the buildings through the central computer system that controls the campus’s heating and cooling schedules. By analyzing how students and staff use the buildings, they hope to tailor the schedules so they aren’t wasting heat on empty spaces.

“You can see what’s happening in a particular space. It’s fairly sophisticated,” said Renaghan.

“We are now reviewing all those schedules to see how they relate to building occupancy.”

Expert Entrepreneur Guides Others with Big Ideas

By Geoffrey Kula

In 2005, Josh Anyaosah was a refugee from Sierra Leone pursuing a liberal arts degree at UMass Boston. He wanted to further his studies and become a nurse, but with limited resources and support, he wasn’t sure he’d be able to pursue his dream.

But the way became clear after a meeting with entrepreneur-in-residence Dan Phillips—whom Anyaosah referred to as “an angel in disguise”—led to a merit-based scholarship. Today, Anyaosah works at Children’s Hospital Boston and is also the founder of United for African Growth Organization (UAGO), a non-profit that aims to improve health care and social welfare in Africa.

Anyaosah is just one of the many students whose careers and lives have been transformed by Phillips through his multifaceted work with the school over the past 15 years. And with aggressive plans to expand an internship program, launched in October, which places graduate and undergraduate students in paid, part-time internships at venture-capital-funded technology start-ups throughout the state, Phillips is just getting warmed up.

A former executive at four venture-capital-backed software firms which were either acquired by Fortune 200 companies or went public, Phillips has privately funded scholarships for UMass Boston students, lectures about starting businesses at the College of Management, and will consule at the school’s new Venture Development Center, slated to open in February, with a grand opening celebration being planned for this spring. What Phillips finds at UMass Boston is a student population that mirrors the profile of his former hires: a hardworking, creative, purposeful group that is used to handling adversity.

“The UMass Boston student culture and personality are a perfect fit for a start-up entrepreneurial venture,” he explains. “People are already doing this for MIT, Harvard, and Babson students, [but] no one’s doing this for UMass Boston, where I’ve found the stuff...” (continued on page 2)
University/Community Partnership Addresses Health Disparities

By Emily Sullivan and Jim Monterson

Led by UMass Boston, a partnership that includes the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and the Cherishing Our Hearts and Souls Coalition (COHS) of Roxbury is making important progress in reducing socioeconomic-based health disparities.

The effort is based out of the HORIZON Center in Roxbury, a community which is 51% African-American and 23% Hispanic. Funding for this community-based and multidisciplinary project comes courtesy of a $7.7 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health.

“We have worked successfully to get people on campus who are doing research in health disparities to submit ideas,” explains Celia Moore, professor of psychology and the project’s co-principal investigator.

Although the Center is only halfway through its first year of funding, faculty members are already making progress, most notably on the “Heart and Sole” project, which studies the efficacy of a risk-prevention program aimed at African-American adults in Roxbury who are at risk for cardiovascular diseases.

People think you can’t do this kind of work in the community. That really hasn’t been our experience,” says Dr. Eileen Stuart-Shor, associate professor at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the study’s co-principal investigator. “There’s a real sense of companionship among the members.”

Participants attend 12 weekly three-hour sessions that combine education with active engagement in exercise, nutrition and cooking demonstrations, relaxation techniques, and stress reduction that is culturally sensitive and tailored to community issues.

“What’s unique about the program is it’s not just about exercise or diet but really helps people understand the connection between the two,” explains Stuart-Shor. The aim of the program, she continued, is to help participants understand these connections so that the progress made will extend beyond the end of the study’s 12 weeks. Currently, 28 patients are enrolled, but Stuart-Shor expects the number will grow to 64; future plans include involving UMass Boston undergraduate students, who will be called HORIZON Scholars, in the research process, and possibly implementing a similar program in Kenya.

Another study which is also making great strides is a health literacy education project led by Lorna Rivera, an associate professor of sociology and community planning at the College of Public and Community Service. Together with Dr. Marcia Hohn, director of the Roxbury-based Public Education at The Immigrant Learning Center, they are studying three adult basic education programs funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

“Our project focuses on a segment of the population that is quite neglected—adults who can’t read or write,” says Rivera. As her study notes, there are about 98 million people in the U.S. who have basic or below-basics literacy skills, mostly concentrated in minority communities. Health literacy is especially low, which is particularly alarming because, as Rivera explains, “We know that there is a very strong correlation between literacy and your health. So such programs have a lot of potential to make a difference.”

By examining which models are most effective, Rivera hopes to help these programs make even more of a difference for participants. Though still in the data-collecting stage, Rivera and her team have already noticed changes happening: “Participants are feeling more empowered by what they are learning.” Regardless of the outcome of her study, it is clear that such programs are making a big difference in the community: “It’s very inspiring to see these positive changes taking place.”

Defibrillators (continued from page 1)

“Defibrillators analyze the victim’s condition and, only if warranted, deliver an electric shock to the heart to reverse sudden cardiac arrest,” explains Golden McAndrew. “The devices are extremely safe, with no risk of inappropriate shock given to individuals who are not in sudden cardiac arrest or to the person operating the device.”

Although AEDs talk you through the process, Golden McAndrew adds that CPR can be important to know when using an AED. If the AED delivers an electric shock, the device will then prompt you to administer CPR. CPR classes are available through American Red Cross and American Heart Association chapters.

One of the 19 new defibrillators. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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By Anne-Marie Kent

When Dorchester probationers first encounter Taylor Stoehr, the English professor who will lead them in the “Changing Lives through Literature” program, many are dubious—not just about Stoehr, but about teachers and classrooms in general. For many of them, school is a distant and unpleasant memory, and the program represents time off probation more than any promise of life change.

But Stoehr isn’t daunted. Aided by a team that includes a judge, probation officers and volunteers, he has seen attitudes—and lives—change among the nearly 300 students he’s taught during his 14 years of involvement in the Dorchester District Court’s chapter of the program, which was founded in New Bedford in 1991 and is now practiced nationwide.

Last month, Stoehr was presented with one of six 2008 University of Massachusetts President’s Public Service Awards, but like any good teacher, he prefers to talk about his students. In doing so, he engages the full range of issues which affect their lives, including poverty, racism, family breakdowns, addictions, and the considerable social and economic repercussions of having a criminal record.

“For many of them, the future is bleak. Job opportunities are rare, thanks to the Criminal Offender Record Information Law. Nobody will take a risk to change anything; it’s double punishment,” says Stoehr, who adds, “We can’t change records, but what this program does for people is change their self-esteem.”

That type of change, program founders believe, is one of the keys to avoiding further acts of crime, although Stoehr cautions that it’s not an instant fix. Each semester, he and his teammates confront distrust and cynicism early in the term. As the semester goes on, some students drop out. Those who persevere, working in small group settings, discussing specially chosen texts, and exploring ideas through writing, undergo a process of dialogue and reflection that often leads them to ask themselves how they ended up on probation in the first place.

The primary text is Frederick Douglass’s Narrative of the Life of an American Slave, which opens up discussion of issues such as poverty, racism, family division, and the struggle for social justice.

“Other readings clarify issues Douglass raises by putting them in a broader context,” says Stoehr, who chooses texts to fit the needs of the men he teaches. Writing assignments are responded to, not graded.

“Our method is to engage stu-
dents over their ideas, rather than their ability to articulate them,” Stoehr explains.

Meeting in small groups at first helps build trust. Participants ponder weighty questions, such as “What is necessary for a normal childhood?” and “Where do people get their self-esteem?”

Factors, including Stoehr, ensure that the classroom remains a safe place where all opinions are considered respectfully. It is a type of environment, Stoehr notes, fast disappearing in our culture.

The effect of such discussions can be profound.

“I think this will affect the way I view people in general, and to a lesser extent, the court system. I can see a more positive side in people and trust a little more,” writes one program graduate. “I will take a lot of satisfaction, that I have been involved in my discus-
sions and my writing, and I will have more confidence to pursue more of my goals.”

Another adds, “I didn’t want to be here to learn, but to be done with my probation, but as the time went by, I have seen a lot of changes, just by having conversa-
tions with my classmates, seeing and hearing people talking posi-
tive about the program and how it has brought some changes to their lives.”

In “School on Probation: Teaching That Saves Lives,” pub-
lished in the fall 2008 issue of The Higher Education Journal, Stoehr writes, “[CLTL] Students profit most of all from the simple act of coming together to talk about their own plight…Struggling to understand what the world of-
fers, demands, owes, or withholds from them, and sharing their opinions with growing respect for other voices and views, they can learn to take themselves seriously in a new way. If they do, their lives will have changed.”

Brah predicted the program will attract more students to UMass Boston. “If I knew there was a guy like Dan around, I’d be asking that school about choos-
ing the words of those who have benefited from Phillips’s mentor-
ing. ‘Dan is giving our students something more valuable than money—he’s providing them with the opportunity to gain real-world experience needed to secure a good job in the future.’

Working alongside Phillips to expand the program, Brah noted that once it reaches 50 to 100 students, the school will seek a foundation grant or ask VC firms to contribute financially or with personnel to help screen resumes. He and Phillips also aim to make the program regional, eventually involving other state and commu-
nity colleges. More immediately, however, Brah plans to expand the program to the College of Science and Mathematics, the first step on the way to making the inter-
ship program—and Phillips’s idea—university-wide.

“He’s a person that’s going to help the university evolve to its potential,” Brah said. “That will be his legacy at UMass Boston.”

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2008 through the lens of Harry Brett

CLOCKWISE: Freedom and the press: American Studies Department chair Lois Rudnick and WBZ Radio’s Dan Rea (Boston State College, Class of 1970). | At the launch party for WUMB’s new logo, a camera-shy Dylan, son of Kim Howard and husband Scott. | Associate Provost Peter Langer points two students in the right direction (onward and upward) during opening week. | One of many happy reunions at the State Teachers College at Boston Class of 1958 Reunion.

CLOCKWISE: Moonrise over the plaza. | Former Vice Chancellor Arthur Bernard; Vice Chancellor for Athletics, Recreation, and Special Programs Charlie Titus; and “Virtual Arthur.” | Veterans Upward Bound graduation ceremony.
Just a few of our favorite photos out of the thousands taken by University Photographer Harry Brett in 2008.

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: The Chancellor, the Mayor, and the Governor celebrate the signing of the Commonwealth Compact. | Interim Provost Winston Langley at the Alpha Lambda Delta Society induction ceremony. | Singer in silhouette at WUMB's Mockingbird Festival.
PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES
Padraic O’Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormick Graduate School of Policy Studies, spoke at Cape Cod Community College on December 10. Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Christian Weller gave two presentations recently: “The Asset Allocation of Public Sector Pension Plans” at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in Los Angeles on November 6, and “Addressing the Crisis: Plan Design Issues and Economic Challenges” at the annual conference of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, held in San Antonio, Texas, November 17 and 18.

On December 15, François Carrió, research director at the McCormick Graduate School of Policy Studies, spoke at a conference hosted by Professor Chris Tilly of UCLA (previously of UMass Lowell), convened a group of national researchers on novice community and local government officers on low-wage employment and low-wage workers. The event was part of a Ford Foundation project on low-wage employment that involved a number of the faculty and staff who took part included Professor of Economics and senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy Randy Almeda, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Ramon Bargas-Mendoza, senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy and professor emeritus at the Department of Economics at MacEwan, CSP Senior Fellow Elaine Wurby, and Public Policy doctoral candidate Brandyn Hollgate.

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synthesis of quinoxaline derivatives.” These papers are part of a research collaboration on free radical chemistry and heterocyclic chemistry with Szuloch University in China.

Assistant Professor Melissa Pearrow of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology published the article “A critical examination of an urban-based youth empowerment strategy: The Teen Empowerment program” in the Journal of Community Practice following recent elections.

Assistant Professor Scott Crouter of the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences co-authored “Walking, cycling and obesity rates in Europe, North America and Australia” for the Journal of Physical Activity and Health.

Michael Kcenting, associate director and senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Democracy and Development, had an article titled “Nigeria’s Enduring Fault Line” published in the December 11 edition of World Politics Review on the civil unrest in Nigeria following recent elections.

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Professor of Psychology John Perez and Associate Professor of Nursing Mary Anne Pearrow serve as the principal investigator and co-principal investigator, respectively, for a grant from the National Cancer Institute in the amount of $99,937 for a study titled “Effects of Prayer on Well-Being among Cancer Patients.” Also involved was Laurel Radwin of Massachusetts General Hospital, who will serve as co-prin- cipal investigator. Perez will also serve as the co-principal investigator of a grant from the National Cancer Institute in the amount of $103,899 for a project titled “Cancer Screening among Latinos in Churches.” Also involved is Josephine Allen of Boston College and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, who will serve as co-prin- cipal investigator. Both grants are part of the US6 grant partnership between UMass Boston and Dana- Farber/Harvard Cancer Center.

During the month of November, the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement partnered with Boston University Connect, a video chat that runs through the City of Boston, to help feed the citizens of our community. The drive, which was run in conjunc- tion with Harvard University’s Homelessness Week, collected eight boxes of food for the Greater Boston Food Bank, and $100 was donated to the city’s Fresh Food Fund.

Assistant Professor of Art Erik Levine has received a grant from the Jerome Foundation in the amount of $10,000 for “Gookers,” a video work which challenges the percep- tion, meaning, and definition of cultural masculinity and values as seen through the ritual, history, traditions, and sport of cockfighting.

Assistant Professor of Exercise and Health Sciences Jessica Whitney received a grant from NHFNC through the US6 UMass Boston/Dana- Farber Cancer Institute program for a year’s grant study titled “Health Com- munication Channels among Nontradit- ional College Students.”

Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Nursing Laura L. Hay- man and Associate Professor of Nursing Mary Anne Pearrow received funding from the NHFNC through the US6 UMass Boston/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for the pilot study entitled “Current Health Behavior Research on Us.” Work,” to conductors at the All-New England Band Festival, held at Plymouth State University, in Plymouth, New Hampshire, on November 24.

Associate Professor Carol Hall Ellen- becker of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been awarded a Center to Champion Nursing in America Fellowship funded by the Public Policy Institute of the Ameri- can Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The Fellowship will be based in Washington, D.C. where she will be working on nursing public policy and Public Affairs at the broader health care system and health care reform.

Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology Laurie L. Charles has been selected by the Board of Assessors of the U.K.- based Journal of Family Therapy.

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**Monday 5**
Winter Session begins

**Monday 19**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
University closed.

**Friday 23**
Winter Session ends
Teaching for Transformation 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Ryan Lounge and other locations.
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**SUBMIT TO THE CALENDAR**

Have an event you’d like to see listed for February? Email the date, time, location, title of the event, and a brief description, including sponsors and admission charge (if any), to news@umb.edu.

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**CALENDAR EVENTS OF INTEREST**

- **January 5:** Teaching for Transformation
- **January 9:** Winter Session ends
- **January 19:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **January 23:** Winter Session ends
- **January 26:** Spring semester begins

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**In the Community: Chancellor Cheer**

Chancellor J. Keith Motley visited the Mason School for an early holiday celebration, and to meet with the top three finishers in its holiday card contest, including runners-up Maris (left), Denice (back), and winner Loriana (right), whose design appears below. (Photo by Harry Brett)