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Briefly . . .

Violet Harrison, a senior citizen who returned to college after a four decade absence and graduated from UMass/Boston last May, will have her own art exhibit in Paris, France November 14-20. The gallery at La Salon de Nation a Paris will show five of her paintings, three of them oils.



Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan recently taped a lengthy interview with Voice of America's Aviva Taitz LeKuch. The program was beamed into Russia. Ms. LeKuch came in from Washington, D.C. to tape the program.

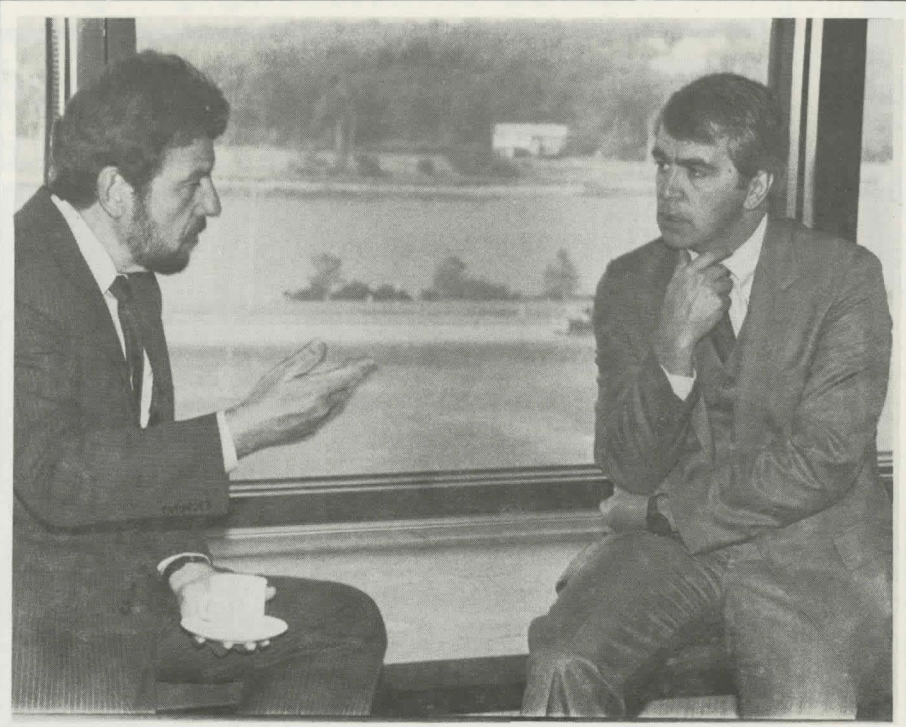


Dr. Joseph J. Cooney, Director of the Environmental Science Program, participated in recent scientific meetings in San Diego, Wolfeboro, N.H., Sarasota, Florida, and at Michigan State University. (He gets around!) Dr. Cooney also was elected to the Editorial Board of *Developments in Industrial Microbiology*, published by the Society for Industrial Microbiology.



Dr. John C. Papageorgiou, Chairman of the Management Sciences Department and currently on sabbatical leave, has been appointed Editor-at-Large of *Interfaces*, an international journal published by the Institute of Management Sciences and Operations Research Society of America.

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Chatting prior to Convocation at the Harbor Campus, Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, left, makes a point to keynote speaker U.S. Senator Paul E. Tsongas. UMass/Boston Chamber Singers, directed by Mark Aliapoulous, provided music for the affair.

20th anniversary celebration opens with dinner for Founding Faculty

A dinner hosted by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan in the Clark Athletic Center kicked off the official 20th anniversary celebration of UMass/Boston.

Dr. Gregory Anrig, former Commissioner of Education in Massachusetts and now President of the Educational Testing Service, delivered the keynote address. Dr. Anrig spoke on the future of public higher education and the importance of institutions such as UMass/Boston.

More than 100 members of the founding faculty and staff were feted. The dinner inaugurated a series of events running throughout the 20th anniversary year.

Dr. George Goodwin of the Political Science Department is chairman of the Program Coordinating Committee of the 20th anniversary.

Dr. Paul Gagnon (History) was much involved with the University's gestation. The Springfield native attended UMass/Amherst and received his masters and Ph.D. (1960) from Harvard. He taught at UMass/Amherst for 12 years and helped organize the opening of UMass/Boston.

The University's original statement of purpose, written by Gagnon in 1965, stated:

UMB was to serve all and, by doing that, to serve particularly

well those who have been denied access to a veritable higher education. And what was held true for race and class was true for age as well. . . the University was founded for everybody, from all classes on the notion that the more varied the student body, the better for each.

On the quality of UMB education, Gagnon noted:

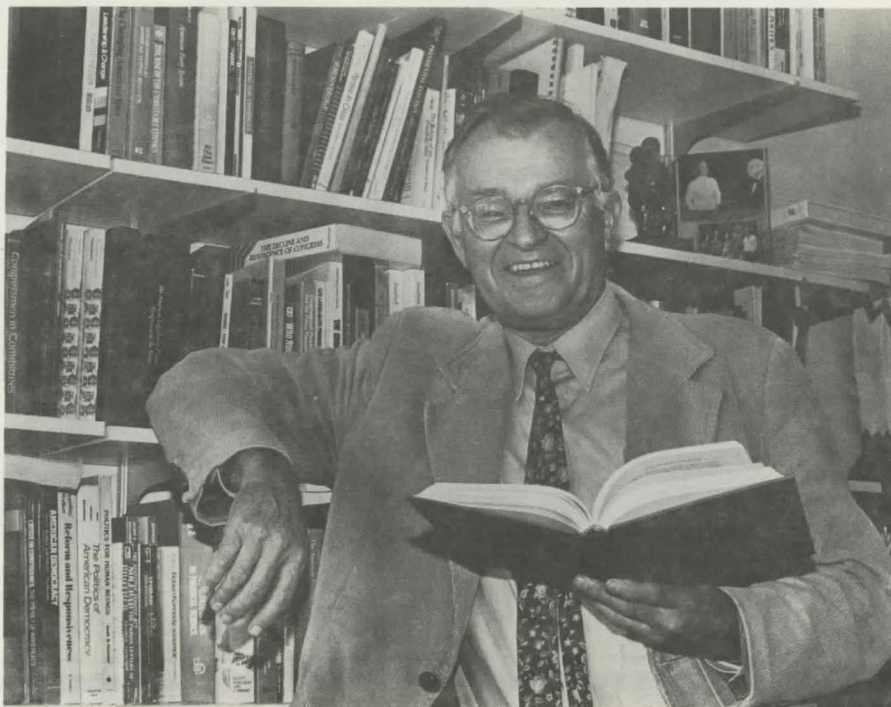
Hundreds of parents in Boston, Quincy, Cambridge, Chelsea, Somerville and elsewhere scrimp and save, deny themselves everything, then go into debt. . . (the) irony is that most of the private colleges they choose for their children offer a lower quality of undergraduate education than we do. . .

Nearly all of the founding faculty and staff have special memories. Dr. Ernest Becker (Chemistry), for instance, recalls "doing experiments in a closet" and current Alumni Director Don Costello, who then was working in Admissions, remembers "working out of my garage until 100 Arlington Street was chosen as the site of the new school."

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twentieth anniversary profile

Personalized education lured Goodwin to UMass/Boston in '65



How many students ever run into teachers who make themselves available for advice and assistance during after-school hours? More fantastic still... during most of the summer? Or how about one who gives out his home phone number to students and encourages them to call at any time?

Not in this day and age, you say. That's the stuff of fiction writers... of Mr. Chippings who, like the beloved teacher in "Good-bye Mr. Chips," were more rooted in things that "stood the test of time and change."

Well, don't let your cynical conclusion reach the ears of students, both past and present, of a UMass/Boston political science professor whose interest in the well-being and success of his students and his school, like that of many of his colleagues in the UMB faculty, transcends his classroom at the Harbor Campus.

He is George Goodwin, Ph.D., 62, of Newton Corner. Goodwin joined the faculty of Boston's only state university back in 1965, two years after the Boston campus was launched by legislative decree and had its beginning in a modest building in downtown Boston.

During the academic year 1983-1984 UMass/Boston is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Appropriately, Dr. Goodwin has been named chairman of the committee readying all the events for the celebration.

He and 74 other members of the founding faculty and staff were honored at a on-campus dinner hosted by

UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan. The event officially opened the 20th anniversary program.

Goodwin, a man of gentle, agreeable manner and unfailing interest in his students and the school where he unstintingly gives of his many talents, was asked to explain the importance of a university like UMass/Boston.

Not given to academic pomposity in the classroom or, indeed, anywhere else, Goodwin likes using illustrations rather than a lecture to make a point. So he replied in a typical Goodwinian allegory.

"I suppose it's as simple as what a student recently said to me. The fellow is about 40 years old and has returned to school after a 20-year absence while keeping a full-time job in charge of all the bars at a Boston hotel.

"We stood and talked about his studies and about his future," Goodwin continued. "Then the fellow said to me, 'What's great about this place is that they believe I'm worth an education.' To me it's the sort of thing that epitomizes the importance of this institution."

The university has grown in leaps and bounds since he arrived in 1965, according to Goodwin. But the things that enticed him to join the educational experiment in Boston have not changed.

"I came because I was told we were to have small classes, that the emphasis would be on liberal arts, that there would be lots of discussion, and that all faculty would be teaching both upper class and introductory courses. This sort of thing was very appealing," said Goodwin, who

previously taught, first at UMass/Amherst, and then at the University of Rhode Island.

Goodwin said UMass/Boston has pretty much stuck to that academic format. "Really, we got architected into it," he laughed. "To change it now, they'd have to remove a lot of walls before they could go into the typical big lecture-discussion section approach."

In addition to classroom work, Goodwin keeps involved with activities in his field off-campus and also tries to keep his students involved.

As part of a Political Parties class he teaches, Goodwin encourages his students to participate in election campaigns with the option of turning in a written political diary on the campaign with which they were involved for credit, rather than formal term paper.

In 1965, he started, and for six years ran, a legislative Internship program with Ford Foundation funding that was open to graduate students from UMass/Boston and Amherst as well as a number of other Greater Boston universities.

"About half of all those young men and women we recruited for the program are still on the staff of the legislature," Goodwin revealed. "It chose to keep them because they had the best of two worlds, political training of a year's internship and graduate training, too."

He would like to see another such internship program started.

During the energy crunch of the late 1970's, Goodwin was asked to help in the school's Extended Day Program. It was to prepare for the university's present, highly successful, night school program.

"It was a worthwhile move and now we're really into it, but, at the time," Goodwin chuckled, "I think I spent as much time on figuring out how I could get lights turned on as much as anything else. You can imagine it wasn't easy... every other light has been tuned off to save electricity."

In 1981, Goodwin spent a four month sabbatical in England studying the select committee research. He has authored a number of articles during his career including: "Massachusetts Politics," "Congress, Anvil of American Democracy," "The State Legislatures of New England" and "The Little Legislatures: Committees of Congress."

Goodwin was born in East Hartford, Connecticut. He and his wife, Ellen, have five children, ages 25-30.

He was educated at East Hartford High School, Deerfield Academy, and Williams College, graduating with an A.B. in Political Science in 1943. Goodwin received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard University in 1955.

He was chairman of the Massachusetts Research Center from 1973 to 1977; president of the New England Political Science Association in 1973 and 1974 and chairman of the Public Policy Committee of the United Community Planning Corporation in 1978 and 1979.

Palmer named Vice Chancellor of University Relations



Robert M. Palmer

Robert M. Palmer has been named Vice-Chancellor for University Relations, it was announced by UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

"I am delighted," said Corrigan "that Boston's public university could attract a person of Palmer's ability. His appointment increases significantly our ability to serve the needs of the Boston area."

Palmer, a native of Brookline and a resident of Medford, spent 25 years with Polaroid Corporation, much of it as Director of Community Relations.

Palmer also has widespread experience in government relations. He was Chairman of the State Corrections Commission, a member of the Governor's Task Force on State Government and served on the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and the Massachusetts Human Services Commission.

He has received numerous awards, most notably the American Civil Liberties Union's Roger Baldwin Award in 1982 and the 1978 Business Week Magazine Award for Human Resources.

Palmer has been a guest lecturer at Boston University's School of Management, Harvard Business School, Tufts University and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Palmer spent two years in the U.S. Army. He graduated from Columbia University in 1957.

chancellor's corner

by Robert A. Corrigan

Last week, in a ceremony on the role of our neighboring First National Bank, which offers a bird's-eye view of the Columbia Point Peninsula, Mayor Kevin White formally announced the selection of a development team for the revitalization of the Columbia Point housing project.

For years we, as neighbors, have been acutely aware of the many problems of the community in what *The Boston Globe* has aptly called "that boarded-up monument to a discredited national public housing policy." Finally, the long and frustrating delays which have marked the move toward revitalization seem about to end.

Thanks to the efforts of a mediator, a merger between two development teams has been effected, ending a deadlock between the Boston Housing Authority and the Columbia Point Tenants Task Force. The projected mixed-income community will contain between 1200 and 1600 units, divided among low-income, moderate-income and market-rate units, with small amounts of retail



space. Ground will be broken at the end of 1984.

In ten years, this peninsula will be one of the most active and vital areas of the city. We look forward with excitement to fruitful interaction between a bustling resident population and a major educational complex which includes the John F. Kennedy Library, the Massachusetts State Archives, and the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Safwat moves to Deputy Provost post in Academic Affairs office

Dr. Fuad M. Safwat has been named Deputy Provost for Graduate Studies and Research, it was announced by Robert A. Greene, Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost.

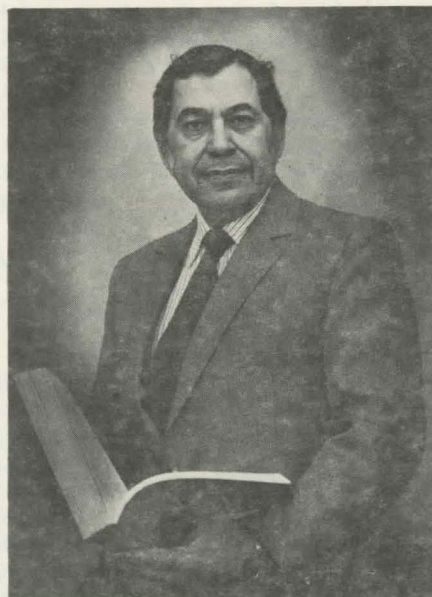
Dr. Safwat assumes his position while also serving during the academic year 1983-1984 as Interim Director of the Institute for Learning and Teaching.

He succeeds Dr. Frederick Gamst, who will resume duties as Professor in the Anthropology Department after five years of service.

Dr. Safwat is a member of the founding faculty at UMass/Boston, which this year celebrates its 20th anniversary.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Safwat in his new capacity and I know that the campus will continue to profit from his dedication and expertise," said Provost Greene.

Dr. Safwat has held a variety of responsible positions in faculty and administrative offices. He has served as Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and, more recently, as Chairperson of the University Assembly Planning and Budget Committee. He was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Huntington Avenue campus during the transition involving the



Dr. Fuad Safwat

the assumption of Boston State College.

Dr. Safwat attended the University of Baghdad, Iraq, and obtained his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. His concentration was Biology, specifically Botany.



Local Urban Scholars honored at completion of program's first year

Urban Scholars were feted by UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan at a special event at the John F. Kennedy Library to celebrate the program's first edition, which involved students from Dorchester High School, South Boston High School and the Jeremiah E. Burke High School.

Left to right, first row: DeQuilla Burney; Deborah D. Collins, Dorchester; Associate Director Joan Becker; Terry A.

Armstrong, Dorchester; Stephania Bogues, Dorchester, and Catherine McLaughlin, South Boston.

Second row, left to right: Associate Director LeRoy Romero; Patricia Powell, Dorchester; Chamnang Phat, South Boston; Peter Perry, South Boston; Vice Chancellor Charles Desmond; Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan; Carl Walker, Dorchester, and Sherreita Ashby, Dorchester.

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We're interested in everything that happens on the Harbor, Park Square, and Huntington Ave. campuses. Please keep us informed.

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The state Board of Regents of Higher Education recently discussed the possibility of charging state college and university students higher tuition for some costly programs, such as engineering, than for others, such as liberal arts. The suggestion was made by Ray Stata, president of Analog Devices and former president of the Massachusetts High Technology Council.

Dr. Murray Frank, former Dean of CPCS, will chair the Education Committee for an annual program sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Every high school in the Commonwealth is involved.

Founding faculty, staff feted at 20th anniversary dinner

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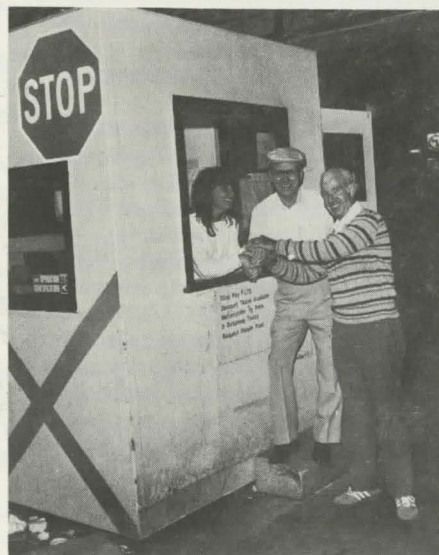
UMass/Boston was founded by legislative decree in June, 1964. The first classes opened September, 1965 with some 1000 in attendance at the "downtown" campus at 100 Arlington Street, the former Boston Gas Company building. That class was graduated in 1969.

Classes started at the current Harbor Campus, which houses some \$150 million worth of buildings, in January, 1974.

The legislative leaders in the efforts to establish and build UMass/Boston were Hon. Robert H. Quinn, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, a Dorchester native and current Chairman of the UMass Board of Trustees; Hon. Maurice Donahue, former President of the State Senate, and Hon. George V. Kenneally of Dorchester, then a state Senator.

Joseph P. Healey, after whom the Harbor Campus library is named, was Chairman of the University Trustees when it was established.

Happy retirements!



Pat Lydon of South Boston, the scalley cap firmly in place, and Larry Sullivan of Charlestown, both familiar sights in the Harbor Campus garage for years, bid Karen Sullivan farewell. Both recently left UMass/Boston with no fanfare, but they returned for this photo. Happy retirement, fellas!