Quinn Award Presented to Stephen V. Tang, Chinatown’s Community Health Care Advocate

By Anne Marie Kent

Deemed a “great success” by Chancellor Sherry Penney, this year’s UMass Boston Community Breakfast on March 14 was attended by a diverse group of over 200 neighborhood leaders, elected officials, local businesspeople, and members of the UMass Boston faculty and staff.

Vice Chancellor for External Relations Ed O’Malley said, “The celebration of the 14th annual Community Breakfast underscores UMass Boston’s role as the only public university in the city.”

“The Community Breakfast is a special opportunity for us to welcome friends from the community to the UMass Boston campus,” Director of Community Relations Gail Holbin added. “It is also a time to honor our co-founder Robert H. Quinn, a man with a strong record of community service in Massachusetts.”

Quinn’s legendary record includes service as speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Massachusetts attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees. Each year the Robert H. Quinn Award for Community Leadership is presented at the Community Breakfast to an individual who has displayed exemplary community leadership.

This year’s recipient, Dr. Stephen V. Tang, holds degrees from Yale, MIT, and Harvard Medical School, but is perhaps best known as co-founder and abiding board member of Chinatown’s South Cove Community Health Center.

Drawing a metaphor from his field of dermatology, Dr. Tang remarked, “Community work gets under your skin. You are transformed by it.” His transformation began in 1970, when he was newly married and working in the telecommunications industry. The son of Chinese immigrants, Tang felt called to join the Chinese Community Health Projects Task Force, where he discovered an alarming need for affordable, multi-lingual health care in the Asian-American community.

“It occurred to me, for example, that when immigrant women would go to the hospital to deliver babies, these women would often find in the delivery rooms no one who could speak their language. Something had to be done.” He became involved in the effort to create a health center in Chinatown.

Tang’s community involvement increased in the mid-70s when his company downsized, eliminating his telecommunications job in Boston. Would he take a sizable promotion offered to him in New York or stay in Boston, jobless, where the community needed him? He chose Boston, saw the health center project through, and decided to attend medical school. Today, the South Cove Community Health Center serves more than 11,000 patients annually and is a major Chinatown employer.

Presenting the award, Robert Quinn praised Dr. Tang’s work to benefit the residents of the Chinatown community, and said that he “epitomizes the spirit of UMass Boston.”

College of Nursing Professor Lin Zhang, whose longstanding public health outreach work in Malden exemplifies this spirit, attended the ceremony.

National Experts on Adoption Attend Colloquium on Campus

by Melinda Farell

Professionals who work with the political, medical, historical, ethical, and social issues surrounding adoption gathered on the UMass Boston campus March 9 and 10 to discuss multicultural families and genetic testing and their relation to the institution of adoption. Janet Farrell Smith of the UMass Boston Philosophy Department organized the event, and invited a range of speakers from several fields of adoption research.

Chancellor Sherry Penney indicated that it was an honor to have in attendance so many experts from such a variety of disciplines and cities across the country. Aaron Lazar, Chancellor of UMass Boston, co-sponsoring the campus of the conference, said that although he is not a scholar of adoption, he has himself adopted eight children of mixed races, “the experience of which has developed what kind of person” he is. Lazar led a state commission on adoption, and when a local philanthropist in support of adoption sent him a check for $100,000, the Center for Adoption Research at the UMass Medical School in Worcester was born. The Colloquium was co-sponsored by The Center for Adoption Research and UMass Boston.

In his welcoming remarks, Peter Gibbs, Director of the Center for Adoption Research, stated the importance of “using academic resources to make practical responses to real-world issues as well as foster care.” Gibbs brought up several key issues associated with adoption, stating that it “poses many ethical concerns, especially regarding education and legal issues,” and recognizing that adoption has become a business, especially with respect to genetic technologies.

Day one of the colloquium, entitled “Multicultural Families in Adoption,” featured presentations on the legal and historical background of forming families across race, with reference to the Multietnic Placement Act of Resources: to make practical responses to real-world issues associated with foster care.” Gibbs brought up several key issues associated with adoption, stating that it "poses many ethical concerns, especially regarding education and legal issues," and recognizing that adoption has become a business, especially with respect to genetic technologies.

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Student Researchers to Attend Nat’l Conference

Sixteen undergraduate students have been accepted to present their research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which will be held this year at the University of Montana at Missoula, April 27 to 29. Funding for the students’ attendance (including airfare, lodging, and registration fees) has been provided by the Student Senate, The Honors Program, and the Offices of the Chancellor and the Provost. Last year, thirteen students presented research projects for the first time at the national conference, held at the University of Rochester.

Accompanying the students to Missoula will be Joyce Morrissey of the Honors Program and faculty advisors Tiffany Cunningham of the Psychology Department and John Warner of the Chemistry Department. Following is a list of the students, their projects, and their faculty advisors:

- Theodore Boyle, ‘‘Pain Inhibition and the Role of Kappa Opioid Receptor,’’ Psychology Professor Tiffany Cunningham, advisor.
- Catherine Cerassenlo, ‘‘Reclaiming Magdalen: Nursing in Gaskell’s Ruth and Collins’’ The New Magdalen,” English Professor Louise Smith, advisor.
- Jesse-Lee Costa, ‘‘Issues in Modern Translation: The Struggle between Art and Accuracy,” Modern Languages Professor Brian Thompson, advisor.
- Brian Feria, ‘‘Templated Photoreactions of Cannamic Acid Derivatives,” Chemistry Professor John Warner, advisor.
- Daryl Frazetti, ‘‘Iranian Art and Architecture: An Anthropological Perspective,” Anthropology Professor Reza Fazeli, advisor.
- Robert Mello, ‘‘Emily Dickinson and the Poetics of Motion and Anxiety,” English Professor Lee Grove, advisor.
- Elizabeth J. Mullin, ‘‘Dorothy Wordsworth’s Concept of the Imagination,” English Professor Elizabeth Fip, advisor.
- Nichole Neugebauer, ‘‘Cognitive and Neuronal Effects of Prenatal Cocaine Exposure,” Psychology Professor Tiffany Cunningham, advisor.
- Sarah Ouattour, ‘‘An Integrative Analysis of Fertility Rates Among Dominicans in the United States and the Dominican Republic,” Latino Studies Professor Ramona Hernandez, advisor.
- Sheila Sadler, ‘‘Morphine Effects on Lactating Rats: Molecular and Behavioral Changes,” Psychology Professor Tiffany Cunningham, advisor.
- Colin Ward, ‘‘Cultivating the Barbarian: The Role of the Public Park in Early Victorian Society,” Art Professor Nancy Stuber, advisor.
- Jane Winans, ‘‘A New Look at Jonson’s Volpone through the Eyes of a Commedia Dell’Arte Performer,” English Professor Mary Shaner, advisor.

2000 Stotisky Holocaust Presentation Given By Prof. Spencer DiScala

The 2000 Stotisky Holocaust Presentation was made by History Professor Spencer DiScala. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Kim Burke

On March 7, History Professor Spencer DiScala gave the 2000 Bernard A. Stotisky Holocaust Presentation, "Obstructing the Final Solution: Italian Diplomats and Military Leaders and the Jewish Rescue Efforts in Yugoslavia, Greece, and France," to an audience in the Healey Library Auditorium. His introduction of the film "The Righteous Enemy" was preceded by remarks by Dr. Bernard Stotisky, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, who discussed the role his parents, George and Bess, played during World War II in bringing over 200 people out of Europe before the Holocaust. It was their actions that inspired him to create a living memorial to them. The Stotisky Lecture Series is presented by the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs.

Prior to the film, Di Scala discussed the backdrop that led to Italy's entrance into the war and what led to the Italian refusal to go along with the "final solution." The Italians believed that Germany had already won, and they were unprepared for war after previously being neutral. This somewhat uneasy partnership with the Germans made them reluctant to see the Jews as their enemies.

"The Righteous Enemy," directed and created by Joseph Rotblit, explores the role Italian military officials played in protecting Jews in their occupied zones of Europe during World War II. The film's origins began as a personal look at Rochitz's father's experience in occupied Yugoslavia during the war, and led to further exploration of how the Italian Army managed to keep Jewish prisoners out of the hands of their German allies and out of the concentration camps.

The film tells the story of how Italian military officials, through bureaucratic foot dragging, allowed Jews to remain in their occupied zones in Yugoslavia, Greece and France in spite of German orders to send them to concentration camps. While in the Italian occupied zones, Jews were allowed privileges not seen elsewhere in Europe; adequate food, clothing, shelter, and even school completet with report cards. The irony of fascist Italy protecting Jews from the Nazis was not lost on the audience, who found humor in the Germans inability to control their allies.

A discussion following the film featured four distinguished guests. Italian Consul General Piero Di Maio, Israel Consul General Itzhak Leveron, Chairman of the Dante Alighieri Society Judge Peter Agnus and Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee Dr. Lawrence Lowenthal all brought their thoughtful perspectives to the presentation.

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GREAT DAY FOR A NAP!

This sleepy visitor rode a nap on the UMass Boston dock on a rainy day in March. The speculation is that she was catching up on sleep after a long swim during the school's annual migration. (Photo by Alejandro Elchans)

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Labor Studies Program to Celebrate 20th Anniversary on April 28

By Patrick Dyer

On April 28th, the Labor Studies Program of the College of Public and Community Service will mark its twentieth anniversary.

The event will be held at the ISLE Local 103 in Dorchester.

The event will be attended by Chancellor Sherry Penney, who will be presenting the Chancellor's Medal to Labor Studies Professor James Green for his distinguished service to the education of Massachusetts workers. Also to be recognized are twenty Labor Studies alumni, alumni and community activists.

Since 1980, the Labor Studies Program has grown from being the only program of its kind in New England to being a full Labor Resource Center, offering a major and certificates as well as Labor Extension training and research that advances economic justice for Massachusetts workers. The CPCS program prepares students for greater involvement and leadership in the workforce and trade unions through an interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on the study of the American worker, the workplace, and labor organizations.

Professor Green was instrumental in founding the Labor Studies Program at UMass Boston, and continues his involvement 20 years later as Professor of History and Labor Studies. "The University has supported my work as a labor educator and as a historian and activist in the new labor movement that has emerged recently," said Green, adding that "the creation of the Labor Resource Center at UMass Boston has allowed us to integrate our degree program into many other efforts to serve the labor community." The Chancellor's medal recipient has taught countless courses in labor, urban, and social history, has been a Fulbright senior lecturer, and is a past recipient of the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship Award.

Twenty Award Recipients will also be honored at the Twentieth Anniversary event, including Kathy Cassavant, Secret-Treasurer of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, Massachusetts State Senator Steven Tolman and State Representative Byron Rushing, Bob Haynes, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, and Ed Tooey of the UMass Boston Chancellor's Office.

The April 28th ceremony begins at 6:00 PM at the ISLE Local 103 at 256 Freeport Street in Dorchester and is open to all.

The event will feature dinner, dancing, and music by the Blue Suede Rappers featuring UMass Boston faculty member Rebee Carafalo and editor Dick Lowrie.

For further information and to make reservations, contact Heather Gonzalez at (617) 287-7426.

Nursing Professor Leads Students into the Community

By Anne Marie Kent

Professor Lin Zhan's students may be surprised by what, and how much, they learn simply by following her lead. The dynamic College of Nursing professor leads them directly into the community, to identify and answer the healthcare needs of underserved people.

Since 1996, Zhan has expanded and energized UMMS's Malden outreach effort initiated by Professor Frances Portnoy in partnership with the Malden Council on Aging in the 1980s. Zhan and her students have participated in a wide range of projects—from providing free services to the homeless to training teenage mothers in child lifesaving, and serving elderly shut-ins at nine sites across Malden. Zhan explains, "Our patients do not come to us. We go to them. We work extensively with community groups.Over a dozen Malden community groups and institutions currently help identify areas of need. As Malden's immigrant population has increased, the need for language appropriate healthcare has increased dramatically. Zhan and her students have worked to provide health services to many immigrant groups, especially Asians, who constitute Malden's largest ethnic population.

Although Zhan admits that some students may feel uncomfortable at first in the community health setting, most adjust readily, learn valuable nursing skills, and discover more about immigrant cultures.

For Asian-American students, this discovery can be particularly interesting. A pre-med student in Zhan's CAS course "Asian American Health," Dong Eun Lee reported, "I'm going to research health issues and Asian American women.

Her classmate, College of Nursing junior Ngook Tung added, "I am studying Asian attitudes toward mental illness and depression. This class is very helpful." Non-nursing students will also make trips to the community to observe outreach efforts.

For her work, Zhan has received considerable local news coverage, two Official Citations from the Massachusetts Senate, and high praise from Chancellor Sherry Penney, who stated, "Professor Zhan and her students have done great work to benefit the Asian American community. We are tremendously proud of their efforts."

UMass Poll Proves Itself a Winner

by Kurt Cole Eidevig

The numbers are in, and it's unanimous—The University of Massachusetts Poll is a winner.

The poll, which is based in UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, was remarkably accurate in tracking voter trends leading up to the 2000 New Hampshire presidential primaries this year. It gathered information through telephone interviews of likely Republican and Democratic voters.

Recognized for its precision, the UMass Poll was the first, and sometimes only, tracking poll to identify major shifts in voting trends. For instance, it was the only major tracking poll to identify Vice President Al Gore's incredible one week turn-around. After being behind in New Hampshire by 10 points, the Vice President made a 22 point jump between January 19 and 25, and the poll correctly anticipated this change. In addition, the poll detected former Senator Bill Bradley's final rush, which made the race too close to call.

The UMass Poll was widely acclaimed by the media. The Boston Globe reported that its June 1999 quarterly poll of Massachusetts voters was the first in the country to recognize Bill Bradley's first surge against Al Gore last year. During the final weekend of the New Hampshire race CNN's William Schneider reported UMass Poll results showing a 15 point margin for Senator John McCain. At that point, all of the other polls put Senator McCain's lead in the low single digits, but he eventually went on to win by 19 points. In addition, Poll director Lou DiNatale was quoted extensively in post-election press analyses, which included a page one story in the February 13 New York Times Week in Review.

According to its mission statement, the UMass Poll has, since 1997, "conducted public opinion polls that analyze current and long-term voter trends concerning state and local public policy, including political, fiscal, taxation, housing, and economic development issues." Director Lou DiNatale is a McCormack Institute senior fellow, and is also director of the Institute's State and Local Policy Center. The poll receives additional support from the University's Donahue Institute. If this year is any indicator, the UMass Poll can look forward to continued success in the future. Internet users can visit the UMass Poll's website at: http://www.umasspoll.org.

MIT Librarian Charged with Child Rape in Science Building Incident

An MIT library worker was arrested on the evening of March 13 on charges of child rape and trespassing after being apprehended with a 12-year-old boy in the men's room on the 4th floor of the Science Building. Mark Delson, 52, of Cambridge was arrested by campus police and arraigned the next day in Dorchester District Court, where he pled not guilty to the charges. Bail was set at $50,000 cash. Neither Delson nor the juvenile involved has any official connection to UMass Boston.

According to MIT, Delson has been a senior library assistant there for about 20 years.
Brown Bag Lunch Previews Earth Day Theme

By Kim Burke

It may not be Earth Day yet, but the standing-room-only crowd in the Provost's Conference Room gave its full attention to this year's Earth Day theme of renewable energy at a brown bag lunch on February 29. Richard Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute and a founding member of the University's Sustainability Initiative, wanted to "expand the focus" of Earth Day by co-hosting this lunch, which featured four guest speakers. Each speaker spoke passionately about how using fossil fuel leads to global warming.

Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Ross Gelbspan, a journalist whose career includes working as an environmental reporter with The Boston Globe, discussed examples from his book The Heat Is On. Gelbspan found that global warming is a far more serious problem than has been reported. Melting ice shelves, small South Pacific islands swallowed by the rising sea, and extreme weather activity are just some of the results of the increased temperature.

There is more to global warming than increased temperature. Extreme weather changes can take a toll on public health. Paul Epstein of the Harvard Center for Health and the Global Environment pointed to the loss of human life caused by typhoons, flooding, and droughts. The problems Epstein associates with these events are myriad: homelessness, destruction of crops, cholera, and dysentery, as well as mosquito-borne diseases. He also made a connection between rising asthma rates and global warming.

Curtis Olsen, director of UMass Boston's Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Program, pushed the need for more research by the Department of Energy. His previous work with the DOE has given him keen insight into the problem and what research needs to be done. He pointed out that "fossil fuels reveal 4.6 billion years of CO2 per year into the atmosphere" and that not all of that is reabsorbed back into the atmosphere, leaving scientists wondering where the "missing CO2" has gone.

MASSPIRG energy associate Michelle Tierney stressed the need to put more pressure on the state legislature to adopt the clean energy agenda. We should all take Delaney's final words—"Get involved!"—to heart. To participate in the Sustainability Initiative, or for more information about Earth Day events, call 7-5754.

Now on Web: www.artsonthepoint.com

By Melissa Fassel

An independent-study course in digital imaging and a student's love of art have resulted in the latest addition to the UMass Boston webserver, www.artsonthepoint.com. The site features information about sculptures displayed on the UMass Boston campus and the artists who created them. Fellow students Theresa Halley, now projects coordinator for Arts on the Point, and Sarith Shanmugasundaram combined their efforts to develop the site, beginning in fall 1998 and culminating with the site's arrival on the web last month. Halley, who conceived the website, feels that UMass Boston's sculpture park should be better publicized, and that this is one method of doing so.

Perhaps the most interesting and evolving portion of the website is www.fotolab.point.edu, which features plans for new artists and installations. The assembly of two more sculptures—Dennis Oppenheim's Searchburst and Tony Smith's Singer—will begin soon. Searchburst, described as resembling "a 48-foot-long conveyor belt" going among the columns supporting Healey Library following the application of new brickwork, Singer, a sleek, compact steel work, will be installed on the water's edge near Wheatley Hall. A third sculpture commissioned work to be assembled this spring is Sol LeWitt's 100 Columns, featuring 8,200 concrete blocks varying in height from four to 30 feet and arranged in a curving row extending some 130 feet. This sculpture, which one might describe as a compilation of skinny skyscrapers, will be displayed in the median strip of UMass Boston's entrance drive. Other future installations will include works by Maya Lin and Richard Serra.

The installations will be celebrated this September with a "grand opening week" for Arts on the Point, when many of the artists will be present for recognition. Halley hopes the event will "introduce the sculpture park to the community," through an open house, tours, and educational forums presented by "people who deal with issues in art." Look for more details this summer.

Access 2000: Keeping New Media Technology Accessible

By Annette Ferosi

On March 17 and 18, a conference on the intersection of media, technology, and community access brought nearly 200 individuals to UMass Boston. Participants in the Access 2000 conference came from public television access groups, community colleges, and labor organizations, municipalities with an interest in cable television licensing matters, and the high-tech community, where new digital production technologies are quickly overtaking analog technology to open new possibilities for those interested in using media technologies.

The conference offered five tracks from which participants could choose to attend presentations and workshops. For example, Track I, "Crossing the Digital Divide: The Community Interest in Telecommunications Policy," offered a workshop focused on telecommunications policy; including issues before the Federal Communications Commission, Congress, and the courts. Charles Nesson, director of the Berkman Center for the Internet and Society at Harvard University, Bonnie Riedel, executive director of the Alliance for Community Media in Washington, DC, and Peter Epstein, chair of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, presented and led the discussions.

Other tracks of the conference focused on community media technology strategies for non-profit organizations; community arts and media in afterschool programs for youth; PEG access and community centers managing the migration from analog to digital production technology; and collaborations among visual, video, media, and cyber-arts organizations.

The conference was co-sponsored by the College of Public and Community Service, along with the Alliance for Community Media, Community Technology Centers Network, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, the Visionaries Institute, and Video Educators of New England.

It was particularly fitting that CPCs should co-sponsor this event, because the College is proposing to develop a new degree program in media and communications, according to Associate Dean Reebee Garofalo. This would provide students with the option of studying in a field that is currently among the most popular in the country on college campuses. "More and more, labor and community organizations are interested in using mass media technologies to get their stories told," says Garofalo, who adds that the College-wide process of curriculum revision showed increasing interest in this field among CPCS students.

According to Garofalo, both sponsoring the conference and proposing the new program fit well with the University's mission. "There is the question of access...The conference supports community media and technology centers which offer great resources to individuals who otherwise might not have access to such facilities. And as an urban university, we have a responsibility to make sure that low-income and poor people don't get stuck on the wrong side of the digital divide."

"Rambots" Rule in Robotic Contest

By Melissa Fassel

On March 15 a group of high school students, graduate students, and professional engineers traveled from Boston to Richmond, Virginia, to enter a robotic contest for the regional phase of the FIRST competition, the largest robotic competition in the world. The group of BC High students and UMass Boston students and professionals, who call themselves the Rambots, worked together to build the robot according to the competition's rules regarding budget, construction time, and size. In Richmond, they entered nine out of ten competitions, and did well enough to go on to the finals of the FIRST competition in Florida.

FIRST ("For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology") is a "non-profit organization that organizes yearly robotic competitions for high school students, university students, and professional engineers to come together to build a robot.

Founded in 1992, FIRST aims to "combine the creativity of the students and the technical expertise of experienced engineers" by holding a yearly national competition in Florida, with regional competitions spread out all over the United States.

The Rambots—organized by Ahlam Abaya, a UMass Boston computer science major who participated as a high school senior in last year's competition—include nine UMass Boston science and engineering students, twenty BC High students, and seven UMass Boston staff and faculty members. Professors Richard Eckhouse and A.J. Noushin acted as faculty advisors to the project. In addition to a $2,000 start-up grant, awarded by CAS Science Faculty Dean Christine Arment-Kibel, Abaya sought and found financial assistance from sponsors including NASA, Math Soft, Solid Works, and Sofrax.

Combining the ideas of their fellow Rambots, three team members took the lead in designing and designing the robot: senior research machinist Tom Goodkind; his assistant Francesco Peri, a UMass Boston undergraduate; and Carl Gruesz, a graduate student in the University's Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Program. The project also required the help of many others. Jay Messana of UMass Boston Marine Operations welded the frame, and Captain Peter Edwards of ECOS helped ship the robot, while Mike Larson of the Biology Department aided the team with billing. Other UMass Boston student team members who contributed their ideas and innovations are Karen Madson, Joe Walsh, Jim Malloy, Nathan Schomer, Igor Likhtorin, Gary Givids, James Paszko, Matt Palanza, and Natalie Grant. The robot that resulted from the efforts of so many is a 130-pound machine that collects balls from a playing field, as required by the competition's rules, and measures over seven feet at its maximum height.

The FIRST national competition will be held at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center on April 6-8, where the Rambots will compete for a number of awards. Good luck team!
SPOTLIGHTS

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Rhode Island, New Hampshire and
Connecticut. In addition, among
local sites covering Boston, Worcester and Cape Cod, the fan
base numbers 54,200 people on a
weekly basis. Finally, in a highly
successful Spring Membership
Campaign, WUMB amassed over
$90,000 in gifts. Thanks are ex-
tended to WUMB's committed fans and the hardworking radio
personnel who have made this all
possible!

A & F Welcomes New Assistant Vice Chancellor Neil Rosenberg

Neil Rosenberg, a UMass Bos-
ton graduate (BS in Sociology,
1982) was hired in March as assis-
tant vice chancellor for Adminis-
tration and Finance. Before com-
ing to the University, Rosenberg
held the dual positions of financial
analyst and leasing program man-
ager for the Massachusetts Health
and Educational Facilities Author-
ity (HEFA) which issues tax ex-
empt municipal bonds for Massa-
chusetts' not-for-profit colleges and
universities, hospital, human
service agencies, museums, and
research institutions. There, he
analyzed hospital and higher edu-
cation credits and assisted borrow-
ers in completing lease financing.
Before joining HEFA, Rosenberg
pursued a masters degree in busi-
ness administration at Northeast-
er University, which he com-
pleted in June of 1989, after work-
 ing for several years as a human
services provider, mainly with ju-
veniles in court settings, with men-
tally ill young adults, and abused
or neglected elders. He also earned
a certificate in accounting from
Bentley College in 1995. A resi-
dent of Cambridge, serves as a
member of the board of directors
of Somerville-Cambridge Elder
Services, and a member of the
board of trustees of both the Cam-
bridge Health Alliance, parent
 corporation of Cambridge and
Somerville Hospitals, and Neville
Manor, a long-term care facility.

Good News from WUMB 91.9 FM

In recognition of the great re-
source WUMB is for folk music
in Massachusetts, The MA Office
for Travel and Tourism (MOTT)
has provided a grant of $50,076.00
to the station. As a venue for "Cul-
tural Tourism" in the state, WUMB's folk music has surfaced
as a leader. The monies will be used
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UMass Boston Selected for AACU's Boundaries and
Borderlines III Project

UMass Boston has been se-
lected as one of 40 universities to
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ted by Professor Peter Kiang of the
newly established intercollegiate
Asian American Studies Program,
along with faculty team members
Madhulika Kandhalwai (CPCS),
and Rajini Srikanth (English),
Zong-Guo Xia (Earth/Geographic
Sciences), and Lin Zhan (Nursing).
The project is designed to deepen
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and staff are using at colleges and
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tment to embed issues of diversity
as elements of institutional mis-
ion, campus climate, and curricu-
lar focus. The Project will provide
participants with opportunities to
engage in sustained study of the
latest scholarship on diversity,
examine curricular models being
developed at other institutions,
and develop skills in fostering inter-
group dialogue and learning.

McCormack Institute Senior Fellow Richard Manley Dies March 2

Richard Manley, the former
director of the Massachusetts Tax-
payers Foundation and joined the
McCormack Institute in 1991,
died at his home in Hingham on
March 2. An expert in the areas
of public finance and taxation,
Manley held his position at the
Mass Taxpayers Foundation from
1964 to 1992, and then became a
well-known and respected political
insider who operated mostly behind-
the-scenes. He described the mis-
ion of the organization as providing
the public with accurate, ob-
jective information about what the
state does with the taxpayer's
money. He developed a reputation
as a dealmaker, and an expert in the
legislative process. While at the
McCormack Institute, he was di-
rector of the UMass Economic
Policy Project.

April Spotlights were written by
Annette Fiorini, Kim Barkes, Keisha
Gonza, and Lauren Lynch

City of Boston Middle School students find out about preparing for a career in nursing from College of Nursing senior students Charles Wheeler and Guinée Jean (facing camera) at the Career Visions Fair.

College of Nursing Collaborates with Boston Partners in Education, Inc., for Annual Career Visions Fair

For the past 13 years, the John W.
McCormack Middle School and
their business partner, BankBoston,
with assistance from Boston Partners in Education,
have coordinated an annual Career
Visions Fair. Last year, this effort
was expanded to include another
six School-to-Career Middle
Schools with the help of the Bos-
ton Private Industry Council.
Professor Marion E. Winfrey, chair of
the Department of Adult and
Gerontological Nursing, and two
graduating seniors from the
College of Nursing, Charles Wheeler
and Guinée Jean, were asked this
year to participate by presenting
educational and career opportuni-
ties in nursing. Besides discussing
nursing education and careers,
they shared with the students the
reasons for choosing nursing, and
encouraged them to gain a solid
grounding in high school science
as a prerequisite for a nursing
career. Of the fifty companies
nursing and agencies represented at the fair, UMass Boston was the only school
or college of nursing in attendance

College of Management Holds Capital Raising Seminar for Environmental Technology Start-Up Companies

On February 22-23, 2000, the
Environmental Business and Tech-
ology Center (EBTC) located in
the College of Management,
conducted a Raising Capital Seminar
at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Bos-
ton. Capital seekers from across
the Northeast attended. The Rais-
ing Capital Seminar was for com-
panies interested in presenting
their business plans at the Capital
Forum to be held June 14-15, 2000
in Boston. The EBTC and the

Cancer Researcher in College of Nursing's Distinguished Scholar Guest Speaker

The College of Nursing Ph.D.
Program hosted a presentation by
Kathleen Jennings-Douier, PhD,
as part of their Spring Distingu-
ished Scholar Guest Speaker
Series. Jennings-Douier is a can-
cer prevention fellow at the Na-
tional Cancer Institute, National
Institutes of Health. She pre-
 sented an overview of her program
of research on cervical cancer
screening. "Cancer Control in the
Underserved: Statistics, Logistic,
and Lessons Learned." Her re-
search focuses on identifying fac-
tors that motivate minority women
to obtain yearly Pap smears, a test
which remains the first and most
effective line of defense against
cervical cancer. Jennings-Douier
shared the creative strategies that led to her acceptance in an urban
housing project to conduct a pilot
and nursing intervention program
aimed at increasing the number of
African American women who
obtain Pap smears. Jennings-
Douier was presented with a Col-
lege of Nursing PhD Program
"Distinguished Scholar" certificate.

Students and Teachers at the Plouffe and Davis Elementary Schools in Brockton welcomed a special guest when Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, executive vice
president of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, came for a visit on
February 29. Mrs. Shriver was
there to observe the Promoting
Social Success Program, in which
3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students
with special needs work in small
groups with their teachers and
CSDE program instructors Chris
Bucco and Alfilc Alschuler to
develop social skills in order to
work cooperatively, solve social
problems, and form and keep friend-
ships. This program was created
by the Center for Social Develop-
ment and Education which is di-
rected by Dr. Gary Siperstein, and
is supported by the Joseph P.
Kennedy Jr. Foundation. Presently
five Brockton elementary schools
are participating in the program.

Mrs. Shriver was accompanied by
Dr. Michael Hardman, education
advisor to the Kennedy Foundation,
and Emily Jackson, state
director of the Best Buddies Pro-
gram in Massachusetts, along with
Siperstein and other staff members
from the Center for Social Devel-
opment and Education.

Center for Social Development and Education Hosts Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver at Program Demonstration

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breakfast with a group of her students. After hearing Dr. Tang's presentation, UMass Boston senior Phy Sao commented, "It was wonderful to hear Dr. Tang speak. He has a strong voice representing the Asian community."

In her remarks, Chancellor Sherry Penney discussed Professor Zhan's work and the scholarship of UMass Boston's Asian American Studies Institute, as well as a number of community service activities sponsored by the University. Chancellor Penney said, "From conducting research that benefits our natural environment to providing public schools and small businesses with needed assistance, our faculty, staff, and students are committed to community service." She added, "Their efforts are bearing fruit— in Malden, in South Boston, and all over the city."

Past Quinn Award winners in attendance were: Joe Chaisson, Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association; Ed Forry, Dorchester Reporter; Chris Hayes, Neighborhood Crime Watch; Ruby Jaundoo, Harbor Point Community Task Force; Rev. Thomas McDonnell, St. Augustine's Parish; Maria Mercouri-Waldron, Dorchester Day Celebration; Sister Maryadele Robinson, Laboure Center; Paul White, Boston College.

Adoption Colloquium

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1994, amended in 1996. This act prohibits states and other entities that are involved in foster care or adoption placements from delaying or denying a child's care or placement on the basis of the child's or prospective parent's race, color, or national origin. It also prohibits keeping a person from becoming an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of the child's or prospective parent's race, color, or national origin. The act further requires that, in order to remain eligible for federal assistance for child welfare programs, states must work to recruit parents who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the children in the state who need foster and adoptive homes.

In light of this legislation, presenters and panel members also discussed interracial norms in pluralist democratic societies, cultural competence education for cross-cultural and cross-racial adoptive parents, and family values with regard to adoption. Representatives from adoption agencies, social services agencies, and the fields of law, psychology, and ethics addressed racial identity, open and transracial adoption, and obligations to birth parents.

Day two's program focused on the ethics of genetic testing in adoption. Topics included genetic testing policy, redefining the family through changing legal norms, and adoption and mental health. A highly debated and problematic topic was genetic testing and its relationship to parental responsibility in deciding whether or not to adopt. Legal experts defended the right to privacy in genetic testing of children and how this right relates to children's best interests. Physicians and bioethics experts debated the medical rationale for genetic testing of adoptive children.

Many presenters and panel members brought personal experience to the colloquium. Many speakers had either adopted children or had been adopted themselves. By adding a personal dimension to the discussions, their stories contributed to the event in a way that studies, surveys, and reports could not.
Honors and Awards

Professor Susan Haussler of the College of Nursing has been awarded a Fulbright Grant to lecture in the Department of Nursing at the University of Tampere, Finland, for the Fall, 2000 semester. She will also conduct research while there on the topic of promoting health lifestyle behaviors in school-age children.

Miguel Alvarez and Lisa Williams of the Undergraduate Admissions Office coordinated their work on behalf of the Kids to College (K2C) program, sponsored by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts and the Higher Education Information Center. In its ninth year, this program has reached over 12,000 children with a positive message about going to college.

Performances

Music Professor David Patterson gave the pre-concert lecture for the Newton Symphony Orchestra concert on Sunday, March 12 at Auvis Auditorium. The Orchestra, under the direction of Music Professor Jeffrey Rink performed works by Beethoven, Liszt, and Alexander Tchesirpin.

Music Professors Lineea Bardarson and Jon Mitchell took part in a recording festival in Olomouc, Czech Republic, on March 16 and 17.

Nicholl conducted the Mormon Philharmonic Orchestra in works by Bach, Mozart and Holst. Bardarson was the piano soloist for Bach's Concerto in D Minor.

Dick Lourie, senior editor/writer, University Communications, played saxophone at Boston Symphony Hall on Friday, February 25 with the G-Clef, a Boston area rhythm and blues "doowop" band that has been performing since the 1980s. The G-Clefs were part of the lineup for "Famous and Rare" concert taking place that evening.

Conferences and Presentations

Carol Hardy-Fanta, research director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy was a featured speaker at the New England Advisory Board meeting of the "Gris Pipelines to Power," a grassroots initiative of the Patriots Trail Girl Scout Council. Hardy Fanta, a member of the Advisory Board, presented results of her survey of girls political leadership conducted in April 1999 at the Boston Mayors' Youth Summit, and discussed ways in which the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy can support the project.

A workshop, "Class Cooking: Causes and Solutions" was presented to middle and high school students at the Urban Scholars annual conference in February by Dispute Resolution Masters Program student Angela Khainowicz, and Dentherch High School Student Fredo Saner and Maurice Baxter. The workshop was a spin-off of research conducted by a team of Professors Susan Opotow and Miguel Alvarez. The workshop was a part of Dispute Resolution Programs with high school and graduate student researchers on factors promoting student engagement and attrition.

Professor Pamela Jones, Chair of the Art Department, presented a paper, "Sacred Art Theory as an Alternative to Vasari: Gabrielle Paleotto and Giovanni Domenico Otoniello" in the session "Alternatives to the Vasarian Tradition" at the annual meeting of the College Art Association in New York in February.

Economists Professor Harold Wolzien attended the March meeting of Eastern Economic Association in Washington D.C. in March. While there, he chaired a session, Topics in the History of Economic Thought I, presented a paper, "The Individual in Economic Analysis: Towards a Psychology of Economic Behavior," and was a dissenter at a session on Topics in the History of Economic Thought II. Wolzien's student, Jennifer Chu, also presented a paper at this meeting.

Professor Segi Stefano of the General Counsel, OPCW, was a featured speaker on "Modern Terrorism: The Use of Violence and Intimidation in the Third World," sponsored by the Deep Roundtable at Curry College on February 23.

Harold Horton, associate director of the Trotter Institute, served as moderator and gave the closing remarks at the Booker T, Washington - W.E.B Dubois Exchange, "Completing Black America's Unfinished Agenda" at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on February 24.

In February, Professor Peter Kang, GOEI and Asian American Studies Program, was a featured speaker at a conference, "The Role of Educational Ethnography in Pedagogy: Critical Ethnography in a Global and Interdisciplinary Perspective," sponsored by the Spencer Foundation at the University of Houston. Kang's paper was "Stories and Structures of Persistence: Learning from Research and Practice in Asian American Studies."

Professor Philip Hart, director of the Trotter Institute, presented his film, "Flyers in Search of a Dream" at the Dudley Branch Library and led a discussion afterwards as part of the Black History Month Program at the Boston Public Library on February 24. Hart also participated in a panel discussion at the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Regional Conference in Atlantic City on the topic of "the digital divide," and efforts to help keep the country's urban and inner city areas connected.

Publications


A description of the English Master's Program's internships in the teaching of composition and the teaching of literature has been accepted for inclusion in the summer Modern Languages Association (MLA) newsletter, a special issue devoted to teacher preparation in the academy.

John Conlan, Communications and Theatre Arts, has three essays published in the Encyclopedia of Literary Critics and Criticism edited by Chris Murray and published by Fitzroy Dearborn, London. His feature essay, "Literary Therapy in the Age of Victoria," is a companion to and guide to the many conflicting schools of aesthetic thought and artistic movement during the Victorian Age. His other essays are on Walter Peter and Arthur Symons.

Professor Garrison Nelson, senior research fellow, McCormick Institute, published "Unraveling the Reinvention of Speaker John W. Mccomick" in the January,2000 Extension of Remarks, the newsletter of the Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association.


Events

On February 24, the College of Management's Senior Executive Leadership Forum welcomed Charlotte Gutar Riche, director of Neighborhood Development for the City of Boston, who spoke with faculty and students on Boston's housing challenges. On March 1, Albert H. Chip Elfenbri, chairman and CEO of Evergreen Investment Management Company (recently retired), and Gilman C. Gunn, III, senior vice president and chief investment officer-international were the featured speakers on the topic of "International Portfolio Management."

"Class Days" was hosted by the Department of Commerce on March 15. Over 500 students of Latin students from local high schools came to campus to participate in a variety of activities, including workshops and tours. They were addressed by University President William Bulger and Classics Professor Kenneth Rothwell, who organized the event.

The Center for Social Development and Education hosted teachers from the Roberts Junior High School in Medford, for a workshop to review the implementation of the Bridges Project. This project is an intervention that provides students with the skills they need to deal with the academic and social challenges that accompany the transition to middle school.


An open house for the Directions for Student Potential (DSP) Program was held on March 22. This competitive summer program prepares students who do not currently meet the requirements for admission, but demonstrate the potential to succeed at the college level.

Chancellor Penney hosted a reception for newly admitted Fall 2000 student scholars at her home on March 31st.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions Hosted Joint Admissions Day on March 25. Current Joint Admissions students and parents who were denied admission to the University were invited to meet with community college representatives and UMass Boston staff.

Births

Sara Beatrice Parker, daughter of Robin Parker, research associate at the Center for Social Development and Education, was born on January 16.

A baby boy, Cameron Miles Haugbrook, was born to Asst. Dean of Students Adrian Haugbrook and his wife on March 7.

In the News

Elizabeth Sherman, director of the McCormick Institute for Women in Politics and Public Policy was interviewed by Bob Oakes on WBUR Radio on March 1, and served a political commentator on the evening of March 7, as the results from "Super Tuesday" primaries were tallied.

Leif Bienner, senior research fellow of the Institute for Civic Research, was interviewed by National Public Radio's Debbie Elliott on the impact of anti-smoking advertising on teenagers in light of $10 billion in available tobacco settlement funds on March 1. Fifty six television and radio media outlets nationwide reported on the results of Bienner's research.

The third analytical article prepared by the Center for State and Local Policy on presidential primaries in New England was published in the Providence Journal on February 19.

How Loud is N.H. in New England?" was written by Leon DiNatale, director of the UMass Poll, and Professor Garrison Nelson, senior research fellow of the McCormick Institute.

College of Management Professor of Finance Eric Hayden wrote an op-ed piece, "How Economically Crippled Ecuador Can Stage a Comeback" for The Boston Globe's February 29, 2000 Commentary section. He offered a prescription for resolving some of Ecuador's economic problems so that the country might be in a position to consider an alternative monetary and currency system.

Now Playing

Professor Peter Janson, director of the University Jazz Band and Guitar Studies, is receiving national airplay for his CD, "Across the Bridge" for Eastern Woods Music. A music industry trade report, New Age Voice, has rated the CD in its top 20, and as high as number four, in various parts of the country.

Benefits

Helen Long of the Office of Graduate Studies and Research will attempt to swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, and run 13.1 miles to complete the Half-Marathon in San Francisco, California, on July 5. She is committed to raising $5000 for the Leukemia Society of America as part of its "Teams in Training" Program. Long will run in honor of a local leukemia patient, and in memory of her mother who died of cancer six years ago. This race is nearly four times longer than her previous distances. She will be training—and fundraising on campus during the month of April. Contact Long at 7-9171 or contribute to her cause on the Internet.

Partnerships

College of Management Dean Philip Quaglieri and Theodore Jula, chair of the Department of Business Administration at Stonehill College, signed an articulation agreement on March 3, which will allow qualified undergradu­ate students from Stonehill to undergo an expedited admissions process to UMass Boston's MBA program provided they take certain courses in preparation and meet the competitive admissions standards of the program. This agreement follows a similar one which was signed with Merrimack College in December.
Calendar of Events

Friday, April 21
How to Help a Friend with an Alcohol or Other Drug Problem
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., McCormack, 2nd floor, room 214. If you are concerned about the alcohol or other drug use/abuse of a loved one you may benefit from this workshop. To register, please contact Linda Jorgenson at 287-8580 or email pride@umb.edu.
Interfaith Good Friday Prayer Services
12:30 - 1:30 p.m., McCormack Bldg., sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry. Call 7-5039 for more information.

Monday, April 24
The Institute for Asian American Studies Research Symposium 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Westley Hall, 4th floor. Student Lounge. Bei Wu, Ph.D. candidate in Gerontology at UMass Boston and Zheng Li, Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at UMass Amherst, will present their work. Free and open to the public. Luncheon will be provided. (Sponsored by ROP at April 21.) Call 7-5665 for more information.

Tuesday, April 25
Holistic Health Fair
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., McCormack, 1st and 2nd floors. Information tables on acupuncture, chiropractic, body work, energy healing, nutrition, herbs, etc. 1/2 hour seminars throughout the day. Free samples more. For more information, call 7-5685.
Panel and Discussion: "Technology and Academic Dishonesty"
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Healey Library, 6th floor, Conference Room. Sponsored by the Faculty Council Joint Disciplines and Grievance Committee. Co-sponsored by CIT. For more information, please call Janice Kapel, 7-6955.

Wednesday, April 26
Gerontology Dissertation Defense
12:30 p.m., Westley Hall, 2nd floor. Tough Call. Professor, Professor of Marine Science and Oceanography, University of Maine, Darling-Marine Center. Call 7-7440 for more information.

Thursday, April 27
Interfaith Prayer of Reconciliation 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., McCormack Bldg., sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry. Call 7-5039.