John Joseph Moakley Award for Distinguished Public Service Presented to Thomas J. White

By Melissa Fassel

Politicians, community members, UMass Boston faculty and staff, and friends came together on April 10 at a recognition breakfast honoring Thomas J. White, recipient of the John Joseph Moakley Award for Distinguished Public Service. Presented by the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, this award was established to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to public life and welfare. As Edmund Beard, director of the Institute, pointed out, "Thomas White exemplifies the idea that a private citizen, can perform a distinguished public service."

White is the former head of one of New England's largest and most successful construction companies, the J.E. White Contracting Company, which built Foxboro Stadium parts of the Boston subway system, the Charles River Dam, and the Central Artery. The 1942 Harvard graduate and Cambridge native also served as John F. Kennedy's Northeast fund-raising chairman in the 1960 presidential campaign, and as an aide to General Maxwell Taylor in World War II.

In spite of all of his successes, White chooses, rather than live the rich public life that he is capable of, to benefit the public with his millions. Over the years he has given away nearly $30 million to groups that serve the needy, sick, and hungry in impoverished areas as near as Roxbury and Dorchester and as distant as Haiti and Peru.

Chancellor Penney likened White's quiet generosity to the beliefs of Tip O'Neill, who once said, "Politics is really about individuals advocating for those people who have no voice." She introduced UMass President William Bulger as another person with a "voice for those with no means."

Bulger described White as someone who "sees a special dignity that makes every single person important," and noted that White doesn't seek recognition for his generosity. White describes himself as uncomfortable in public situations and prefers to write a check, remaining as a benefactor in the background.

Paul Farmer, White's good friend, said, "Tom's great gift is a sense of urgency coupled with receptiveness."

Students and Honorary Degree Recipients to be Honored During Commencement 2000

By Kurt Cole Eidevig

On Saturday, June 3—the collective achievement of more than 2,900 UMass Boston students will be on display during the Commencement celebration for the class of 2000. The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the Bayside Exposition Center. All UMass Boston faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and will be admitted with a University identification card.

Included in the festivities of the day will be the presentation of the Commencement address by Reverend Ray A. Hammond, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamaica Plain. Rev. Hammond, who will also receive an honorary degree, has been described by Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino as "a hero of the neighborhood." Both as chairman of the Ten Point Coalition, which is an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and lay leaders working to mobilize the Christian community around issues affecting black youth, and also as founder of the church where he is pastor, Hammond works to reach youth in his fight against violence and drug abuse. He has held leadership roles in a number of other organizations, these include the United Way, which he serves as a member of the Success by Six leadership council, and the Boston Plan for Excellence and Catholic Charities, both of which he serves as a trustee.

Two representatives of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo in Argentina will also be given UMass Boston honorary degrees at Commencement. Both Estela Ramirez de Carlotto, a recipient of the French Legion of Honor award in 1999 and current president of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, and Vice President Rosa Tarlovsky de Roisnholt will receive the degrees. Their organization was formed in 1977 and is devoted to the identification and return of children kidnapped during the military dictatorship that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983. It is estimated that during this period 30,000 people "disappeared" in a manner ensuring that the state's enemies would vanish without becoming martyrs. Through their work the Grandmothers are responsible for the creation of the National Genetic Data Bank, the only bank of its kind in the world, in which relatives of missing children can store their blood to allow positive identification to be made after their death. In addition, the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo helped create Article 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the "right to identity"—a newly recognized human right.

A strong advocate for progressive causes in Boston, businessman Robert Glassman, will receive an honorary degree as well. As co-founder and co-chairman of Wainwright Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Glassman holds a position of leadership in Boston's philanthropic and corporate-giving community.
Once again, UMass Boston will celebrate summer with a variety of harbor tours as well as the return of last summer's popular teen by the harbor. Free Tuesday harbor tours on board the MV Hurricane begin May 23 and continue through September (except July 11). These 75-minute narrated cruises depart from the Fox Point Dock—located between the Wheatley and McCormack buildings—at noon. The tours are a nice way to relax with fellow students and co-workers while learning about the marine environment at UMass Boston’s backyard. The tours are free and offered on a first come/first served basis. No reservations are required.

Beginning on May 26, the MV Hurricane will be setting sail on a tour new for 2000, to Little Brewster Island in Boston Harbor. Here you can climb up to the top of the oldest continually manned lighthouse in the country—Boston Light. Trips depart from the John T. Fallon State Pier (in front of the JFK Library) at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Friday until October 13th. Each trip lasts about 4 hours, including 45-minute boat rides, and two hours of touring the island. Call 617.223.8666 for reservations and prices. Back by popular demand, the tent located at the Fox Point Landing (above the dock) will be up starting in June. This popular shaded area on the waterfront includes picnic tables, an ocean breeze, and spectacular views of Dorchester Bay.

You might have noticed a new gray structure in the water at Fox Point Dock. The new “Quartzbarge” is a 50 by 9-foot barge, built by Marine Operations this past winter. When the barge is moved to its designated location it will provide a safe working and storage area for various UMass Boston departments to enhance their waterborne programming.

For information on these or other Marine Operations programs please call 617.287.5404.

### UMass Boston Celebrates Good Neighbor Day

Jain Rudavich-Higgins of the Program for Women in Politics & Government, Associate Provost Lisa Gonzales, Associate Chancellor Edmund Toomey, and Frances Hall show off their "Good Neighbor Shirts" at the 2nd Annual Good Neighbor Day on April 14, which celebrated National Volunteer Week. Participants attended an ice cream social and were offered the opportunity to volunteer for a variety of programs.

12th Women’s Research Forum Focuses on Women’s Health

At the Women’s Forum (from left to right) Carol Cardozo, Diane Arathuzik, Cynthia Aber, and Laurie Milliken (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Anne Marie Kent

On March 29, UMass Boston researchers Cynthia Aber, Diane Arathuzik, and Laurie Milliken presented their current research on areas of women's health and offered practical research advice as part of the 12th Women's Research Forum, sponsored by the McCormack Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, the Women's Studies Program, and the Chancellor's Office.

College of Nursing professors Cynthia Aber and Diane Arathuzik discussed their joint project on perceptions and concerns of women during perimenopause, as well as their individual projects, including Aber's analysis of portrayals of women in medical journal advertisements and Arathuzik's study of pain management among those with advanced breast cancer.

According to Aber, advertisements depicting women in medical journals—with the notable exception of those produced by the U.S. military—are largely dehumanizing. She said, "We began to see women portrayed as needy and desperate, especially when viewed in contrast to the portrayal of men in those ads."

In Arathuzik's study of women dealing with cancer pain, she found that "for these patients, living as normal an existence as possible is a major motivating force to deal with pain." By performing a comparative analysis of interviews with 19 metastatic breast cancer patients, she found three main strategies: struggling with the pain, surrendering to the pain, and adjusting to the pain. "As nurses," Arathuzik said, "this research helps us to know how patients experience pain and how they can use different techniques. It adds to the body of knowledge available to nurses and cancer patients."

Aber and Arathuzik's collaborative work on perceptions and concerns of older women patients revealed that many felt they weren't being heard by their healthcare providers. "We discovered women were doing more things on their own and bypassing the healthcare system entirely," Aber noted.

Also focusing on concerns of older women, Laurie Milliken of the Human Performance and Fitness Department discussed her $2 million, NIH-funded study of the effects of exercise on bone density turnover in postmenopausal women, research with implications for the treatment of osteoporosis.

Milliken studied four groups of women, ages 45-65. The women in one group received hormone therapy and exercised, while those in other groups exercised, or received hormone therapy, or did neither. She found that hormone therapy and exercise combined provided the greatest benefit. Hormone therapy alone proved better than exercise alone, but exercise alone was preferable to no treatment.

Beyond spotlighting these studies, the forum speakers offered general advice. Milliken shared a lesson she learned when her NIH grant failed to provide for analysis of blood samples. Undaunted, she froze specimens and eventually found funding from another source.

Milliken said, "You can always write a grant for the unfunded portion of a larger grant, or you might find a part of a project that is already funded and work on that." She noted the possibility of collaborating with other researchers using the same set of data.

All of the speakers emphasized the importance of collaboration and mentoring. "Women need to do mentoring and engage in collaboration," said Aber. "It is the only way I've been able to have an active research agenda, juggling a full-time academic schedule."

Chancellor Penney congratulated the presenters for their work and added, "Women's research—research by women and about women's issues—constitutes a significant part of what we do at UMass Boston. While nationally 40% of all doctors are conferred on women, 68% of ours go to women."
Judy Shepard Speaks Out Against Hate Crimes

By Melissa Farel

Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, who was brutally beaten and died in October 1998 because of his sexual orientation, spoke to a diverse crowd of faculty, students, and community members on March 22. Kathy Teehan, associate chancellor for university, students, and community communications, introduced members on March 22. Kathy described her son as a community about tolerance and hate. She began by reading the statement she had made to the court at the trial of one of the convicted murderers, Russell Henderson, describing in detail the ordeal that her family had to go through just to get to the hospital where Matthew had been taken. At the time, she and her husband lived in Saudi Arabia, and had to travel for 25 hours to get to Ft. Collins, Colorado, all the while hoping that her son would hold on long enough for them to arrive.

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Interfaith Community Gather at First Annual UMass Boston Prayer Breakfast

By Anne Marie Kent

Nearly every workplace has them: incessantly ringing phones, endless meetings, and overflowing inboxes, both on desktop and in cyberspace—all commanding immediate attention. The resulting stress can be overwhelming.

On March 29, at UMass Boston's first annual Prayer Breakfast, guest speaker Nancy Kehoe asserted that finding time for prayer during the stress of a workday is well worth the effort. A licensed psychologist and a member of the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart, Dr. Kehoe specializes in clinical aspects of religion and psychology. She began the breakfast by asking participants why they chose to attend.

Jain Ruvidich-Higgins responded, "I think it's important to identify a thread that carries through all of the roles and activities in our lives, a thread that you can hold onto when you feel as though you're losing your direction. A spiritual life is something I believe can provide that." Others voiced a desire for a greater sense of connection with others, and donates all of her speaking fees to the foundation, which in turn uses the monies to promote public awareness and education programs to "ensure that what Matt lived for and believed in will help others believe as well."

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UMass Boston Folk Festival to be held Saturday, September 23

The fall folk festival lineup includes:

- Sally Barker
- Eliza Gilkyson
- John Gorka
- Kim & Reggie Harris
- Richie Havens
- Tish Hinojosa
- Robert Jones
- Jimmy LaFave
- Christine Lavin
- Roger McGuinn
- The Paperboys
- Tony Rice
- Garnet Rogers
- Peter Rowan
- Cheryl Wheeler
- Jesse Winchester

Additional artists will be announced in our September issue.

Tickets go on sale May 15th. For more information, call 517.287.6911 or visit us on the web at http://ummb.org/folkfest
• Dawnette Jackson of Athletics and Lisa Williams of Undergraduate Admissions serve as Daffodil volunteers for the American Cancer Society. (Photo by Harry Bratt)

Green Chemistry Laboratory Completed

The reconstruction of Professor John Williams' CA. Green Chemistry Laboratory for Education and Research in Sustainability Innovation has been completed, and the lab is ready for fall 2000 classes. "Green chemistry" is a specialty that seeks to incorporate environmental and toxicological awareness at the design phase of a synthetic process. By synthesizing benign materials, scientists can avoid the environmental problems of cleanup, containment, and waste disposal, and prevent potential hazards. Prof. Warner, an internationally acclaimed expert in green chemistry, has been developing interdisciplinary approaches to the search for fundamental principles in natural systems that are both safe and efficient. He looks forward to using the new laboratory for general education courses and to joining his science faculty colleagues in an effort to bring the community and industry together with teachers and students under the umbrella of green chemistry.

• The Color of the Future: What Are We Coloring Next?

Tara M. Chambers, Joon-Sik Preval, Allison Williams, and Sa-rith Yazi. Each student was sponsored by a faculty advisor, who provided insight and guidance.

• UMass Boston Labor Extension Coordinator receives Massachusetts AFL-CIO Merit Award

Tess Ewing of the CPCS Labor Extension Program will be receiving the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Merit Award for 2000. Along with three extension coordinators from other UMass campuses, she is being honored for her hard work and commitment to the Massachusetts labor movement. The award will be presented on May 25 at the Gompers-Murray-Meany Educational Institute banquet, attended by hundreds of Massachusetts labor leaders.

• College of Nursing Establishes Office of Urban Family Health

College of Nursing Dean Brenda Cherry recently approved the establishment of the Office of Urban Family Health, which will coordinate the integration of College faculty and student research, other scholarly activities, teaching, practice, and community service. Students and faculty will focus on developing effective approaches to the implementation and evaluation of services designed to improve the health-related quality of life of urban families. In keeping with the mission of the College, emphasis will be placed on underserved populations, including current and emerging minorities and the elderly. The new office is located in the Faculty Research Office in the Science Center.

• Undergraduates Participate in Research Conference

Eighteen UMass Boston students offered presentations at the Sixth Annual Conference on Undergraduate Research, Creative, and Public Service Activities, which took place on April 28 at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston. The event was organized by the Commonwealth College of UMass Amherst, and featured undergraduate presenters from various departments in the Massachusetts public higher education system.

UMass Boston presentations addressed such diverse topics as "Personality Factors Amongst Heroin and Alcohol Abusers," and "Effects of Acceleration, Enrichment, and Standard Education on Long-Term Adult Success." The following UMass Boston students presented: Helga Arsenio, Catherine Cerasuolo, Tara M. Chambers, Joon-Sik Cho, Paul Cohen, Ellis Collins, James E. Cooper, and R. Dew; Sean Harding, Meredith Keane, Shu L. Liang, Elizabeth Marrin, Timothy McKenna, Minh Ngoc Nguyen, Robert Palange, Lionel Preval, Allison Williams, and Sarabh Yazi. Each student was sponsored by a faculty advisor, who provided insight and guidance.

• Student Employment and Housing Services Develops New Guidelines

Over the past six months, the UMass Boston Student Employment Advisory Board has been assisting UMass Boston's Student Employment and Housing Services (SEHS) office in developing new guidelines for campus student employment. These new guidelines are scheduled to take effect on June 27 and include new wage and merit pay increase guidelines, standard policies on rest breaks, and progressive disciplinary procedures for student employees. Toward the end of the semester, the SEHS website will be enhanced to include all updated information in a new supervisor's manual, as well as online listings of FWS and Institutional (CC) student jobs and downloadable student employment forms. If you supervise students, be sure to talk to the student payroll coordinator for your area so that these new procedures don't take you by surprise when they begin in the new fiscal year. If you have any questions, call SEHS at 617.287.6320.

• Massachusetts Field Center to Host a Variety of Summer Institutes

The Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning will host three summer institutes this July. Featured presentations will include "Designing Curriculum to Enhance Student Learning," "Teaching Immigration in Grades 4-8," and "Mentoring Beginning Teachers." Presenters include: Grant Wiggins, president and director of programs for the Center on Learning, Assessment, and School Structure, a non-profit educational organization; Ron Adams, a 7th grade language arts teacher at the Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy; and members of the Teacher Leadership Academy of Massachusetts. The Field Center, which serves as a resource on curriculum and instruction, is a statewide network of school and university teachers, administrators, and other educators located in the Graduate College of Education.

• "Boundaries and Bordersland" Project to Involve Faculty Team

UMass Boston has been chosen to participate in a two-year project, "Boundaries and Borderlands: The Search for Recognition and Community in America," sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. The project aims to help institutions create curricula that develop new capacities among students for democratic citizenship and for negotiating multiple communities and commitments. At UMass Boston, a six-member team, including faculty from every college, will work with Massachusetts labor leaders and the community-building for the newly established American Studies Program. Led by Professor Peter Kiang, the team includes Professors Madhulika Ghoshal, William Merryfield, Rajini Srikanth, Zong Gao Xia, and Lin Zhao. UMass Boston is one of 40 institutions, and one of nine doctoral/research universities, involved in the project, which is supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Studies Address Advertising and Smoking Among Teens

Two articles in the March issue of the American Journal of Public Health, co-authored by Lois Bienier of UMass Boston's Center for Survey Research and Michael Siegel of the Boston University School of Public Health, report on the first long-term studies of the effects on teenagers of pro- and anti-smoking advertising. One study finds that teenagers who are regularly exposed to anti-smoking messages on television are half as likely to start smoking as those not exposed. The other finds that teenagers who can readily name a cigarette brand and who own a tobacooniie——spoons for an uncommercial item are more than twice as likely to become established smokers as those who do not. The more tobacco advertising and promotional activities young people are exposed to the more smoking we can expect, unless we have increased counter-advertising," says Bienier. The studies were funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
Graduating Seniors Penna and Ward Win Fulbright Grants

By Dick Laurie
When graduating senior Alexander Penna says "I'm very proud of my school," he's referring to a university where he says among other virtues he's "never seen such care and concern from faculty." His enthusiasm is echoed by Colin Ward, who says UMass Boston "has given me so much...It's a great school...The word is getting out." The general enthusiasm for UMass Boston of both of these students is heightened by the fact that, with guidance and help from faculty members who worked closely with them, they recently became UMass Boston's first-ever recipients of highly competitive Fulbright grants.

The Fulbright Program, established in 1946 at the close of WW II, is designed "to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges." Each year students from the US compete in a rigorous selection process to study and carry on research in more than 100 other nations, Penna, whose interests are politics, history, and international affairs, worked closely with Professor Elizabeth Russiere of the Department of Political Science. He will be spending a year in Oslo, Norway, studying Norwegian immigration policy and its relation to politics, particularly with respect to one particular political party. He has been interested in Norwegian culture and politics for a long time, and began teaching himself to speak the language when he was fifteen. His family now lives in Michigan; he decided to come to Boston always attractive to him, says, for its architecture and sense of history — and then initially considered UMass Boston because he was impressed with the testimony of older students he spoke with about the atmosphere and the quality of the education here.

Ward, originally from Chicago, spent part of his adolescence in Indiana, training as a competitive figure skater focused on ice dancing. It was that interest that brought him to Boston as well, where UMass Boston attracted him first because of cost. Then he stayed, as he says, for the education. "With the help of a faculty mentor, the Art Department's Professor Nancy Stieber, he developed an individual major focusing on the intersection of aspects of architecture, society, and psychology. He also studied French here, and has an interest in English as a second language. His Fulbright research, to be undertaken in England, will focus on how non-native speakers are influenced by the culture and the material they are given to read as they begin to learn English.

Penna cites the University's Honors Program, and particularly program director Professor Monica McAlpine of the English Department and administrative assistant Joyce Morrissey, for invaluable assistance throughout the Fulbright application process. Both he and Ward credit the Honors Program with providing courses which kindled their intellectual excitement and energy. Others who helped them through out their years here and in the Fulbright application process include Provost Charles Gnadale; Associate Provost Thomas Ferguson; Dean of the Liberal Arts Faculty Neul Bruss; and faculty members Rose Abendstern, Ann Jenkins, and Virian Zamel.

In addition to Penna's and Ward's grants, two other UMass Boston students were finalists this year in important grant competitions: Annie Gauger in the Fulbright Program and Chukwuka Okauru in the Rhodes Scholarship Program. In all, as these students have once again demonstrated, when it comes to high-level academic achievement, UMass Boston has much to be proud of.

CM's Senior Executive Leadership Forum: Managing Exceptional Growth—The EMC Story

By Mary Ann Machnic
Michael Ruettgers, the chief executive officer of EMC Corporation, spoke to an audience of MBA students at the College of Management's Senior Executive Leadership Forum on March 20 at the University Club, Hopkinskington-based EMC is the world leader in intelligent enterprise storage systems, software, networks, and services that enable organizations to access, harness, and protect their information. Ruettgers has built EMC into one of the most powerful high-tech franchises in the world, with 1999 revenues of $6.7 billion and income exceeding $1 billion. EMC has transformed information storage systems from passive containers into the enabling foundation of the Internet and the networked information economy, expanding what was once a largely ignored IT niche into an immense market opportunity for itself and a defining technology of the information revolution.

Getting to the number one spot was a challenge for EMC, and staying there will be one as well. In addressing the students Ruettgers described the evolution of EMC's products from basic minicomputers to a key component in the infrastructure of the new economy. Keeping on top of industry changes and customers' wants is some of the tools of EMC's success, but almost as important is the organization's knowledge of its own strengths. "The most dangerous thing for any business is to be successful and yet not know exactly why you're successful," Ruettgers said. He warned the assembled MBA students that "if you get there first you have to be careful not to mess it up."

EMC expects its executives and employees to be "smart people who work hard" according to Ruettgers, and finding those smart hard workers is EMC's single biggest challenge. The audience seemed up to help the EMC meet this particular challenge and maintain its exceptional growth.

Research and Sponsored Programs Office Announces Quarterly Awards

By Kim Burke
Without having to use a lifeline or marry a perfect stranger in front of a live television audience, UMass Boston has won over two million dollars. To be exact, $2,421,234 in grant money has been awarded to 59 projects during the period from January 1 through March 31, according to current figures from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. The grants range in size from $2,000 to $200,000 and bring new and continuing support to projects throughout the University community.

The grants represent months of hard work developing projects and then finding the appropriate funds. One recipient, Biology Assistant Professor Brian White, was granted $10,184 by the National Science Foundation for his project "Career: Exploring Authentic Inquiry: Factors that Influence Students' Learning of the Process of Science." The grant will cover the first year of research on how UMass Boston biology students understand science before and after taking introductory biology. White describes the grant as one geared toward "young investigators" who "wish teaching and research." UMass Boston students are not only the subject of the study, but will also be the beneficiaries when the results are used to reexamine how biology is taught at the introductory level.

Patricia Moenheit, general manager of WUMB, was granted $80,076 for three separate projects, one of which is the new WUMB program "Commonwealth Journal," hosted by Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the McCormack Institute. Sherman says that she is "thrilled to receive sponsorship from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities" and adds that the program, produced entirely by WUMB "brings many interesting cultural, social, and political issues" to the airwaves.

One of the larger awards went to Lee Teitel of the Graduate College of Education. $156,120 was granted by Boston College for his "Mass Coalition for Teacher Quality and Student Achievement" project. On a related education note, the Institute for Learning and Teaching received a total of $124,813 for eleven grants that contribute to many areas of the Boston Public Schools. Project titles range from "Adult Literacy Resource Institute" to "School to Career."

The grant money continues to come in and will support more research projects and other programs that will make UMass Boston's reputation shine.
Honors and Awards

The Massachusetts School Psychologists Association has awarded Virginia Harvey, dean of the Graduate College of Education, the recognition of Outstanding Trainer of the Year for 2000. Dean Harvey will be honored at the MSPAs annual conference on May 5.

Professor Irving Gershenberg of the Department of Economics was selected as the Plaza hotel's "Leap Day Person of the Century Grand Prize Winner" in New York, NY. The grand prize includes a free weekend at the Plaza every leap year for the rest of his life.

Performances

Alumna Liz Lapuh will be the featured artist for the Communication and Business Arts Division's Dance Theatre Workshop performances on May 12 and 13. Lapuh, who is the director of the Cambridge Chamber Ballet, holds the title of choreographer and performer.

Conferences and Presentations

Paul M. Wright, Boston editor for the University of Massachusetts Press, will be presenting a paper entitled "Everyman His Own Gutenberg: Reflecting on the 'Desktop Publishing Revolution' at the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing's annual meeting in Mainz, Germany, July 3-6, in conjunction with the Gutenberg 600th anniversary celebration.

Professor Thomas Hogan, Assistant Professor James Bierstarker, and Associate Professor Satish Thosar of the Accounting and Finance Department, along with their colleagues David Wiest and John Minahan, presented their paper "Financial Statement Disclosures of Derivatives: Does Format Affect Analysts' Information Processing" at the Northeast Regional Conference of the American Accounting Association held in Boston, April 20-22.

Professor Harold Wolozin of the Economics Department presented his paper "Dough G. C. North and Economic Behavior" at the 42nd Annual WSSA Conference in San Diego, April 26-29.

College of Management Visiting Scholar Professor Alberto Arenz and Management and Marketing Professor Edward Romar participated in the Third Annual Triple Helix Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 20-22. Professor Arenz chaired a session focusing on the developmental role of research universities, and Professor Romar presented their joint paper "Research Universities: Roles and Challenges."

Jean Garity, associate professor of nursing, was selected as the Massachusettts Council for International Education's lecturer for spring 2000. Her presentation, "Developing Cultural Competence in Assessment of Health Beliefs and Practices," was given at Cape Cod Community College on April 21 and at UMass Dartmouth's College of Nursing on April 28.

Kathleen Remillard, an M.A. student in the History Department, presented a paper entitled "The Boston Schools Desegregation Case: Preserving the Documentary Legacy of the Federal Court System" at the spring meeting of the New England Archivists on April 29.

On April 15, Professor James Green of the Labor Resource Center discussed a short history of the labor movement, commissioned by the AFL-CIO Education Department. Washington, D.C.'s, Labor Educators Association Conference in Milwaukee. Green also presented a paper based on his forthcoming book about social movements at the Department of American Histories meeting in St. Louis, April 1.

On April 15, Professor Siamak Movahedi of the Sociology Department was the moderator of a Strategic Discussion Group on Eliminating Ethnic Intolerance at an All-day Conference on Preventing Genocide held at the Suffolk University Law School.

Lou DiNatalle, director of the UMass Poll, was a lead panelist at a roundtable entitled "What the Average Joe and Mary Think Now: Media, Democracy, and Public Opinion" on April 12 at Salem State College.


Communication and Theatre Arts Professor John Conlon recently served as festival judge for the preliminary and semi-final rounds of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival sponsored by the Mass High School Drama Guild and the Boston Globe. The final Globe festival took place March 30-1 April.

Dean Virginia Harvey and Professor Joan Strzezinski, both of the Graduate College of Education, gave a joint presentation entitled "Administrative Supervision of School Psychologists" at the 4th Annual Convention of the National Association of School Psychologists, held in New Orleans.

Professor Philip Hart, director of the Trotter Institute, was invited by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as part of its diversity initiative, to discuss his books and film on African-American participation in aviation technology. He was a keynote speaker at the OPH staff awards luncheon on March 24.

Lisa Abdulah, coordinator of the Nursing Unit at the College of Nursing, presented a paper entitled "Assessment for Cardiovascular Disorders in the Elderly" on March 22 at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged in Boston.


Professor Robert Destler of the Sociology Department presented a paper entitled, "Fifty Years of Brief Encounters with Psychoanalysis: A Sociologist's Memoir" at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, Maryland, March 4.

Professor Siamak Movahedi of the Sociology Department was the moderator of the Sociology Department's Panel on Law and Psychoanalysis at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, Maryland. He also presented a paper entitled, Social Unconscious.


At the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in March, Professor Siamak Movahedi and Professor Russell Schwartz of the Sociology Department presented papers on the social psychological correlates of social adaptation and political participation in Romania. Their papers were part of a preliminary report on a large survey that they have recently conducted in Romania in collaboration with the University of the West Indies and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Dopenca PopoGust in Program Applied Sociology.

In March, Professor David Matt, director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, visited Manilla and gave a series of lectures on the subject of mediation. During his audiance included the trial judges of Manila, the National Labor Relations Commission, representatives of unions and management, philosophers and law students and faculty from various schools.

Professor Lawrence Blum of the Philosophy Department gave two honorary lectures this semester: The Francis Vileman Memorial Lecture at San Jose State University, where he presented "Politics as a Moral Concept," and the Rosel Schwerd Lecture on Education and Diversity at Lynchburg College in Virginia, where he presented "Can We Talk About Race?"


Denise Dugan, assistant director of facilities administration, presented a paper on the use of recycled carpeting at UMass Boston at the state-sponsored 5th Annual Recycled and Environmentally Preferable Products Vendor Fair and Conference, held in Boxboro on October 1999.

Jayne West presented her dissertation "Smoking Attributable Mortality of Consumers of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Services: 1989 through 1996," proving that smoking-related illnesses cause more deaths than anything else among mental health patients.

West earned her Ph.D. in public policy in December 1999.

Publications

Dean Virginia Harvey of the Graduate College of Education and Professor Joan Strzezinski of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology recently published a book entitled Effective Supervision in School Psychology through the National Association of School Psychologists.

Management Professor Arthur A. Goldsmith's article "Sizing Up the Manager's Task" was published in the March issue of the Journal of Modern African Studies.

Dennis J. Stevens, associate professor of criminal justice, has had an article entitled "Three Generationsof Incarcerated Sexual Offenders: A Four Year Study of Sexual Addiction and Criminal Lifestyles Among the King Family" accepted for publication by Courant Publishers for their correctional perspective journal. Alyin and Darlonce invited a seminar presented with Prof. Stevens for a text on community policing, and a condensed version of his educational program for prisoners in federal and provincial prisons will be published by the solicitor general of Canada and the territorial justice commissioners of Canada, in the Compendium 2000 on Effective Correctional Programming.

Associate Professor David Lisak of the Psychology Department served as editor of the newest journal of the American Psychological Association, entitled Men and Masculinity. The journal also contained an article, "Borderline Personality Organization, Dissociation, and Willingness to use Force in Intimate Relationships," by Shenee Dukes Coned of the Psychology Department and student Rachel Stevens Morrow.

Events

A variety of events, including tours, information fairs, a theater performance, and lectures celebrated the 20th annual Earth Day at UMass Boston, April 11-22.

On April 5, The McCormack Institute welcomed two separate delegations to the university: five academics from Senegal and ten judges from eastern Africa, in an exception.

The African Studies Department hosted a Black Men's Health Forum on April 5. Guest speakers included John Rich, medical director of the Boston Health Care System, and Charles Smith, director of the Men of Color Program at the Roskyp Comprehensive Community Health Center. Bill Owens of the African Studies Department moderated the event.

In the News

Marketing Professor Mary Lau Roberts was featured in an April 4 article in The Boston Globe, entitled "Consumers Sold on Haggling," on how the Internet is changing the price people pay for goods and services.

A March 27 Boston Globe article featured the March 9 Adoption Colloquium held at UMass Boston. The conference, hosted by Professor Janet Farrell Smith, Philosophy Department, focused on DNA testing and its possible violation of children's rights.
Now Playing

The musical Working, based on a study of the same name by Studs Terkel, with music by Steven Schwartz, is the Communication and Theatre Arts Division's spring 2000 Mainstage Production, directed by Professor Ashley Lieberman. Performances will take place on May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Grants

Microsoft awarded a $250,000 grant to UMass Boston's Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) on April 18. The grant will benefit the work of the ICI in demonstrating how PC technologies, universal design and job accommodation can lead to increased numbers of adults with disabilities entering employment.

Professor Brian White of the Biology Department received a five-year, $500,000 National Science Foundation Early Career Investigator Award to further research on a biology lab that he developed in which students take an active role in learning through developing their own hypotheses and designing their own experiments.

Professors Carolee Uphar and Miren Uriarte received a $40,000 Casey Foundation grant through the Gaston Institute to conduct an evaluation of community health outreach programs in Roxbury. Casey has extended the work for the year 2000 and increased funding.

Mary Spooner, a Ph.D. candidate in public policy, was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Grant in Women's Health in support of her proposed dissertation, entitled "Women Under Subjection of the Law: A Study of the Legal Responses to Women's Abuse in the English-speaking Caribbean." The $2,000 grant is funded by Johnson & Johnson.

Honors

This spring, 219 undergraduates were inducted as new members of Golden Key National Honor Society and the society welcomed four new honorary members: Management Professor Mary Lou Roberts; Economics Professor Jeremiah Cotten; Dean of Students Stephanie Janey; and Urban Harbors Director Richard Delaney. Later in the month, Chapter Advisor Anita Miller and two charter officers, Donald Gale and Susan Coughlin, attended the Northeastern Regional Conference at Syracuse University and gave a presentation to members from 15 other universities about how to improve their membership drives and increase campus awareness of Golden Key.

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and has been widely recognized for his active concern for social justice. He currently serves as director of the Trillium Asset Management Corporation and chairman of the Boston Foundation's Investment Committee, is a member of the Board of Directors of UMass Boston's William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences; and is co-founder and director of the William Joiner Foundation. A recipient of the 1997 AIDS Action Committee's Distinguished Leadership Award and the 1998 Institute of Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee, Glassman holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, and also served as a platoon leader in Vietnam.

While there are other distinguished candidates who are being considered by the University of Massachusetts and Tufts University, recipient honorary degrees, none had been formally chosen as of press time for the University Reporter.

Those unable to attend the ceremonies in person can listen to a radio broadcast of the Commencement address on WUMB, 91.9 FM, Sunday, June 4 at 8 p.m., immediately following "Commonwealth Journal."

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Juliet Schor Speaks on "New Consumerism" as Part of Earth Day Festivities

By Kim Burke

Earth Day activities continued at UMass Boston on April 20 in Wheatsley Hall's Snowden Auditorium, where Harvard faculty member and best-selling author Juliet Schor presented a sobering lecture entitled "Consumption Patterns and Environmental Degradation: Beyond Work and Spend." Schor is an economist, a senior lecturer in economics, and a co-founder of the Trillium Asset Management Corporation. Her hour-long lecture focused on a movement over the past twenty years toward greater use of luxury goods, specifically in America.

The "keeping up with the Joneses" trend so well-known in the '50s has been warped into "keeping up with the jet-set crowd." What people perceive they need in order to exist in today's society has led to what Schor called "McMansions," in other words the "mass production of very large houses." While the square footage of homes is increasing, average family size is decreasing. There are fewer people living in bigger houses, creating much more consumer waste. Other forms of consumption have risen as well. Schor said that the estimated consumption in one week per American individual is equivalent to 300 shopping bags. That figure includes the often neglected resources (e.g., water and lumber) needed to create the goods that we consume.

Schor refers to this change in perception as a "new consumerism" or an "upsaling in people's sense of need." There are societal shifts that Schor links to this new consumerism, such as women moving into the workplace, an increase in television viewing, and the change in income distribution between the top 20% and bottom 80% of wage earners. The upper crust continue to increase their wealth, while the bottom 80% is experiencing a decrease. In effect, the middle class is disappearing. There have always been haves and have-nots, but now the haves have more and the have-nots have less. Schor also mentioned a study in which people whose income exceeded $100,000 said that they could not meet their basic needs with their salaries, demonstrating that what they consider to be basic needs are most likely luxury items.

Schor's lecture highlighted not only a need for better awareness of how much waste we produce, but also a need to readjust our perceptions of what we regard as a comfortable life. Richard Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute, who introduced Schor, emphasized the sustainability initiative that meets on campus to discuss just this issue.
Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Public Information. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus dial (617) 287 and then the last four digits listed below each calendar event.

Send submissions by the third Monday of the month to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administra tion Bldg., 3rd floor. Fax: 617-287-5305.

Monday 1

Internal Grant Program deadline: Grant to support the development of grant proposals to external funding agencies by University faculty and professional staff. For more information, call 7-5078.

Tuesday 2

Effective Communication, WEP Program 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Learn techniques to help you increase your confidence and improve your communication abilities. Call 541-6847, ext. 126 for more information.

Wednesday 3

ECOS Seminar: "Colored Dissolved Organic matter in the Oceans: Processes Concentrating Concentrations, Distribution, and Optical Techniques." 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Paolo Coble, Associate Professor, Dept. of Marine Science, University of South Florida. Call 7-7440 for more information.

Thursday 4

Writing Effectively, WEP Program 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Learn techniques to help you stay focused on a topic, organize your ideas, and write more concisely. Call 541-6847, ext. 126 for more information.

UMass Boston Theatre presents: Working 8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall. Tickets: $7.00 general admission, $5.00 seniors and students with a valid ID. Directed by Professor Ashley Lithander. Also May 8 at 8:00 p.m. and May 9 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Call 7-5640 for more information.

Friday 5

University Jazz Band performance 7:00 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. "Jumpin' at the Snowden," featuring Peter Jansen, conductor with works by Davis, Rameau, and others. Suggested donation: $5; students and seniors: $3. Call 7-6980 for more information.

Voic e Division Student Recital 1:00 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. Vocal students of Professors Cotton, Bull, Kid, Mastrocerdio, and Turner. Free. Call 7-6889 for more information.

Kaleidoscope: presented by Dance Theatre Workshop 8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall Theatre. Featuring Alumni Li Lu Laph, Director of the Cambridge Chamber Ballet. Also taking place on May 13. For more information, call 7-5940.

Saturday 6

Music Department Recital featuring David Parent Sumner: 7:30 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. "Changes and Transitions: A Senior Honors Recital." Free. Call 7-6889 for more information.

Kennedy Library Forum: Women in Massachusetts Politics 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Kennedy Library, Featuring Betty Taylor, former Democratic National Committeewoman and founder of the Program for Women in Politics & Government of UMass Boston. Free and open to the public. Call 829-4571 for more information.

University Chamber Orchestra 3:00 p.m., First Baptist Church in Newton. "Classics and New Classics," conducted by Joni Chenard Mitchell. Suggested donation: $5; students and seniors: $3. Call 7-6880 for more information.

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ECOS Seminar: "Plankton Identification, Distribution and Behavior using In Situ Optical Techniques." 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Dr. Daniel Gallaghcr, Associate Professor, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Call 7-7440 for more information.

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Tickets for WUMB Folk Festival on Sale Beginning today, tickets for the September 13 Folk Festival will go on sale. For more information, call 7-6911 or visit http://www.wumb.org/919FM.

Institute for Asian American Studies Panel Discussion 6:00 p.m., University Club. Local Asian American-elected officials will share their experiences in getting elected and serving in office. Participants will include: Lowell City Councilor, Richy Ung; Newton Alderman, Amy Mah Sangjilgo; and Randolph Selectman, Daniel Lam. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Agenda Coalition. For more information, call 7-5950.

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Friday 19

College of Public and Community Service Graduation Convocation 6:00 p.m., University Club. For more information, call 7-7100.

WUMB 91.9 FM Ask the Managers Program 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, During Acoustic Sunrise. Call 7-6819 with your questions for General Manager Pat Montemay and Director of Programming Brian Quinn.

Saturday 20

WUMB 91.9 FM Mother's Day Special 10:00 a.m. Featuring Songs of Parenthood, hosted by Liz Dotwine with music by John Lennon, Judy Collins, Joni Mitchell, and others. Berthe Johnson Reagan, Bobbi McFerrin, and others will provide Commentaries. Call 7-6880 for more information.

Summer Harbor Tours on board the M/V Hurricane begin. 12:00 p.m.; departs from Peabody Dock, located between Wheatley and McCormack Buildings. Free 75-minute narrated cruise. First come/first served basis, no reservations required. Tours every Tuesday through September. Call 7-5940 for more information.

Roundtable Discussion: "Linking Technology, Communities of Color and the Academy - Bridging the Digital Divide." 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Healey Library, 8th floor, Provost's Conference Room. Co-sponsored by the William Monroe Trotter Institute and the Center for Women, Politics, and Public Policy/McCormack Institute. Call 7-6880 for more information.

Thursday 25

College of Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau Annual Research Day 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Massachusetts Archi ves Building. Featuring speaker Lourette Jemmett, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania. "Developing a Program of Research." Student presentations and posters, and Sigma Research Award Announcement. For more information, call 7-7905.

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Friday 26

Marine Operations Little Breton Island Tours begin. Climb up to the top of the oldest continuously manned lighthouse in the country, Boston Light. Trips depart from the John T. Fallon State Pier (in front of the JFK Library) every Friday & Sunday 13th. Call 817-223-8868 for more information. Reservations are recommended.

Tuesday 23

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The Catholic Campus Ministry Masses are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Call 7-8039 for more information.

Alcohol Screening Free and confidential, this brief screening can increase your insight into your use of alcohol and possibly help you to avoid alcohol-related problems. Individual and confidential free consultation appointments are also available. For more information call Linda Jorgensen at 7-5680.

Offered by the Health Promotion Program (7-5685):

Mediation Promote communication and resolution. Gainers welcome, instruction provided. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

"Study Smarter, Not Harder" Help with performing better, with less stress, in studying for and taking exams, writing papers, etc. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Weight Management Support Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Sensation Reduction Work with a counselor in a safe environment to help with difficult topics and reduce stress. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Aids Awareness Team Volunteers needed to plan and implement outreach activities on campus. Call 7-5685 - leave your contact information and available times; we will call you to announce meeting times.