Historic First for UMass Boston and the Northeast
First Presidential Debate Held on Campus October 3

by Joe Peters

The leading candidates came, millions of viewers worldwide saw, and in the end, the University of Massachusetts Boston conquered several challenges on its way to be­ing the first institution in the Northeast to host a presidential debate.

It was apparent to anyone on campus this past September that much work was being done to accommodate the debate. However, this was just the visible tip of an iceberg of planning and coopera­tion among many departments on campus.

In January, the Commission on Presidential Debates announced that UMass Boston and its Colum­bia Point neighbor, the John F. Kennedy Library, would cohost the first scheduled debate. While the planning started shortly thereafter, activities heightened throughout the summer months. It wasn’t until Labor Day weekend that Republican candidate George W. Bush took the wind out of the debate sails by announcing that he did not intend to come to Boston.

When the parties finally agreed to the Boston debate, the event was suddenly only two weeks away. In that time frame the Clark Athletic Center had to be converted into a debate hall and the adjacent hockey rink into a media center, replete with red carpet, approximately 700 phones, more than 70 televisions, and accommodations for almost 1,600 media representatives from around the world.

"People pitched in and crossed boundaries. They invested a great deal of time and effort in this to ensure the debate would go without a hitch for us," said LaVerne Owings, associate vice chancellor for administration and fi­nance. "People truly cared about their individual work. Down to the smallest details, people pulled together."

The debate presented a rare op­portunity for departments to com­bine forces and for the campus to work closely with its neighbor and cohost, the John F. Kennedy Li­brary.

"The debate really gave an oppor­tunity for people who might normally never have the chance to work together to do so," said Annemarie Lewis Kerwin, assistant vice chancellor for university com­munications and debate coordina­tor. “I think we have already seen this sense of cooperation and appre­ciation surrounding the debate con­tinue into the day-to-day life of the campus.”

“This is not to say the debate did not have surprises. Delays in the al­lotment of tickets postponed the student lottery to the afternoon of the debate. But even at that late point, volunteers from different departments hurriedly worked to­gether to contact each selected stu­dent to ensure he or she had the opportunity to witness this event of a lifetime.

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, attempting to enter the de­bate with what is believed to have been a false ticket, was turned away without major incident.

Recognizing early on that very few tickets would probably be available to students or the public, debate planners developed creative ways of involving the campus and the community.

Several convocation events adopted an election perspective. The campus Web site hosted op­portunities for people to voice opinions or connect with other election-oriented Web sites. In­cluding on-campus events and fo­rums at the JFK Library, there were two dozen public programs surrounding the debate.

The return on all this effort likely will be seen over many years. Prior debate hosts have seen double-digit enrollment increases, better ability to attract grant and other funding, and an increased sense of school spirit among stu­dents, faculty, and staff.

Two days after the debate, in a crowded meeting with faculty, University President William Bulger opened with “I know that what you all really want to know is, Who won the debate?” The audience laughed at the icebreaker from the former state senator. "The University of Massachusetts did," he concluded, to the applause of those gathered.

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Lottery Winners!
49 students chosen in a lottery received tickets to the hottest event in Boston.
Campus Basks in Worldwide Media Spotlight

By Leigh DaPau

UMass Boston became famous for its role in Campaign 2000 as the national and international media turned their attention to the site where Vice President Al Gore and Governor George W. Bush would meet for the first time.

With the approach of October 3, the University was mentioned in every national network on a weekly basis. Profiles of the University appeared in the venerable New York Times and Washington Post, and local stations such as WBZ, WHDH, and WFXT came to campus to tell the story of UMass Boston’s role as cohost. Following the debate, every major newspaper across the country mentioned UMass Boston’s name in its lead story, some noting the University’s flawless execution.

Preparing the campus for an influx of the media was just as important as setting the stage for the candidates. UMass Boston worked steadily with the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) to anticipate the media and their needs. This meant renovating the ice hockey rink into a media center, a transformation including red carpeting and an installation of more than 2,000 additional phone lines and 100,000 watts of additional energy. UMass Boston coordinated the construction of debate hall platforms for the major networks to shoot the debate and oversaw the arrangement of pool feeds, media vans, and photographer stations. Finally, UMass Boston ordered memorabilia and stuffed "swag" bags to give to members of the media. The swag included debate t-shirts, baseball caps, bumper stickers, and items from the Kennedy Library.

On October 2 and 3 more than 1,600 local, national, and international members of the media from newspapers, radio, broadcast television, and Internet sites arrived on campus to cover the event. These included not only the top journalists, but also photographers, technicians, and media runners.

Riding the shuttle buses from Boston College High School’s parking lot, members of the media were brought to a credentialing tent to check in. Prior to the debate, the press were required to apply for credentials through the U.S. Senate Press Gallery. No journalist was allowed to stay without the approval of Press Gallery officials.

With press passes in hand, journalists toured the debate hall, interviewed Chancellor Penney and UMass President William Bulger, and awaited the start of the debate in the media hall or hospitality tent. Well-known journalists were spotted throughout the days, including Tom Brokaw and Tim Russert, who covered the debate for NBC, and Charlie Gibson of Good Morning America, who did his Wednesday show from atop the Quinn Administration Building. George Stephanopoulos, Mike Barnicle, and Janet Wu were also among the media figures covering the story.

While some journalists worked from inside the debate hall, most filed their stories from the media center or watched from the hospitality tent.

On the night of the debate, coverage extended from Boston to Washington, from England to Japan as the world watched the debate become a part of UMass Boston’s accomplished history.

Convocation Celebrates the Spirit of Civic Education

Lr to R: Howard Koh, Commissioner of Public Health, and Gail Russell, Director of the Ph.D. Program in Nursing. (Photo by Harry Brett)

by Kim Burke

Hosting the first presidential debate brought more than an international media spotlight to UMass Boston. The University used the opportunity to extend the buzz surrounding October 3rd into a learning experience that would involve students, faculty, and staff. Chancellor Sherry Penney and Provost Charles Cnaudte collaborated to decide upon this year's convocation theme, "Civic Education for Civic Responsibility." The convocation effort provided a wide range of activities that brought attention to the importance of civic involvement.

The convocation series, which totaled sixteen events from September 13 through October 17, had tremendous support from faculty members. All of the events were faculty developed and sponsored. Everything from special topics woven into the regular classroom curriculum to interactive forums and workshops was included in the schedule of events. Vice Provost Theresa Mortimer, who helped to plan some of the activities, was excited that "other learning opportunities for students can draw upon and add to the campus-wide excitement over the debate. Students were not only attendees. They also were active in planning some events as well, such as the "Healthy People 2010" discussion that took place in the small science auditorium on September 20. Graduate nursing students joined Commissioner of Public Health Howard Koh to issue an analysis of the health policy positions of the presidential candidates. Koh and the students looked at access to insurance, keeping medicare solvent, prescription drug availability for low income seniors, and patients' rights protection.

Examining another key issue concerning the community, UMass Boston sponsored the forum "Closing the Digital Divide: What is the Problem and How Can It Be Fixed?" at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston on September 26. Panelists from MIT, the Museum of Science, the Children's Museum, and City Hall discussed ways to bridge the digital divide in schools and communities. In her remarks to the assemblage, Chancellor Penney said, "As a society, we cannot afford to leave people behind."

One of the final convocation events was a gathering in Snowden Auditorium on October 13 on "Long-Term Care: A Neglected Issue." Moderated by Los Angeles Times White House Correspondent Robert Rosenblatt, Gerontology Institute faculty and health care experts led an enlightening discourse on an overlooked subject. Joanne Handy, president of the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, impressed sociology student Dianne Cleary, who said that Handy "gave a viewpoint from the nurses' perspective, which is usually never heard."
Lipke Viewing Sparks Debate

Students, faculty, and staff watch the debates in Lipke Auditorium. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

Debate on the Internet: UMass Boston Votes

by Melissa Fazel

What about those students who didn’t attend a debate event on campus? Along with staff, faculty, and community members, they were still able to participate in the debate. By using the Internet, those who wished to take part could do so in the comfort of their own homes, probably in an environment that was warmer than the 50-something degree temperature in the debate hall.

People could listen to the debate live on UMass Boston's WUMB 91.9 FM via a webcast, using Windows Media Player. Those who sought to participate more actively were invited by SpeakOut.com, an online opinion research company that teamed up with UMass Boston, to use their computers to give moment-by-moment ratings via the Internet. While watching the debate, participants used SpeakOut.com's interactive "dial poll slider" to rate the candidates' responses to major issues - such as Roe v. Wade, social security, education, and oil prices, on a scale from 1 to 100. The results, combined with others from around the nation, were made available within minutes in graph format. To participate, students needed only to register prior to the debate and await detailed instructions via e-mail.

Yet another way for students, staff and faculty, alumni, and the Boston community to participate was through the UMass Boston online mock election held Friday, October 6. Responses to the debate indicated that Gore and Bush seemed to have performed equally. However, a significant portion of respondents said that neither candidate impressed them. Finally, an overwhelming number of respondents said that if UMass Boston had the opportunity to host another debate, it should. Exact results are posted at www.umb.edu/results.html.

Through a link from the UMass Boston debate website, surfers could respond to the "Question of the Day:" Questions included, "What question would you ask the debating candidates?" "What issues do you feel will confront the next president and the United States in the years to come?" and "Will the debates of October help you determine for whom or if you will vote in November?" You can view samples of responses at www.umb.edu/debate/comments.html.

Political Analysts Provide Pre-Debate Bipartisan Commentary

By Yve P. Salomon

For many of the viewers watching the debate live via satellite in the Lipke Auditorium, this was not only an opportunity to watch the two presidential hopefuls attack each other on such important issues as education, abortion, Social Security, military spending, and tax cuts. It was also an opportunity to enjoy a discussion led by two prominent professors and policy analysts, Elizabeth Sherman and Mickey Edwards.

Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the McCormack Institute, and Edwards, professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, encouraged viewers to watch the debate with a critical eye, keeping in mind important issues excluded from both candidates' campaigns. One such important issue is mental health, said Edwards. Indeed neither Gore nor Bush mentioned managed care practices, including refusal of services and premature and unplanned discharge from clinics and hospitals, that lead to the continued presence of the mentally ill among the homeless population. According to a study sponsored by the National Coalition for Homelessness, 20-25 percent of the single adult homeless population suffers from some form of severe and persistent mental illness.

Mental health was not the only topic of the pre-debate discussion. Sherman addressed the utility of presidential debates. Each debate, said Sherman, "is a classic political event, the irresistible mix of the two essential elements of the modern age—personality and technology. From tonight's debate here in Boston...plus the single vice presidential debate in Danville, Kentucky, will emerge new campaign issues, new campaign soundbites, and new campaign perceptions."

Shama Alam, an honors student, says the expression "fuzzy math" is indelible in her memory. "Decades from now, I'm sure I'll still be able to remember the term," said Alam.

While viewers at the Clark Athletic Center sat in their chairs listening quietly to the candidates going back and forth, the Lipke viewers greeted their challenges and responses with applause and laughs, and even ranted at times. Approximately 200 students, faculty, and staff, along with others were scattered in the auditorium.

Honors students Yve Solomon, Shama Alam, and Deborah Kaufman contributed to this article.
Debate Highlights... a glimpse into the preparation

Presidential Debate 2000
University of Massachusetts Boston
John F. Kennedy Library

Chancellor Sherry Penney poses with Donna Shalala, U.S. secretary of health and human services.
Above: Supermodel Christie Brinkley shows her support in the halls of the Clark Athletic Center.

Left: Governor Bush and his wife Laura receive their University gifts from Chancellor Penney and President Bulger.

Below: Workers adjust lights in the Clark Athletic Center.

L to R: Denise Duggan, facilities administration, Mary Volk, chancellor’s office, Vincent Cristiani, counseling and school psychology professor, Anne Riley, budget office, Renato Vito, chancellor’s Office, Clare Poirier, human resources, Arlene Costello, facilities administration.

Above, L to R: David Cella, chief of public safety, shares a light moment with his assistant chief, Phil O’Donnell.

Journalists work in the media center.

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Golden Key Registers 800 Volunteers for Election 2000

By Erika McCarthy

The Golden Key International Honor Society joined the flurry of campus activity sur­rounding the presidential debate by signing up more than 800 vot­ers to increase their turnout at the upcoming presidential election polls.

“Golden Key members took to heart the statistics that the Chancellor gave out, that the 18-24 year old age group is the least likely to vote,” explained Anita Miller, UM Golden Key chap­ter advisor. “That’s us, that’s our col­lege students.”

The voter registration drive began on September 4, the day before classes started, and contin­ued through Friday, October 13.

The Golden Key Honor Society encouraged students, faculty, and staff to register to vote by answer­ing questions, providing registra­tion forms, and mailing them from convenient campus registration locations.

Golden Key, a non-profit, in­ternational academic honors orga­nization that provides academic recognition leadership opportuni­ties, career networking, com­munity service, and scholarships, or­ganized the voter registration drive in recognition of our civic respon­sibility to vote.

Successful campaigns like the voter registration drive may be one of the reasons the UMass Boston chapter of the Golden Key Honor Society was recently awarded the Most Improved Chapter Award at the August 2000 Golden Key In­ternational Convention, “Setting the Stage,” in Los Angeles, CA. The Most Improved Chapter Award is presented to chapters that have been active for more than one full school year and have most dramatically improved their leader­ship and involvement in Golden Key.

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Hats off to These UMB Collegues, Who Helped Make the Debate a Success!


Professor Maurice Cunningham, Political Science, stands in for the candidates during a debate rehearsal. (Photo by Harry Berrt.)

Fitting In: The Debate in History

By Maurice T. Cunningham

Presidential nominees debate in contests that involves the inter­est of almost every citizen. Thus, the October 3 UMass Boston debate was on—then off—and finally on again, as George W Bush calcul­tively followed his “no debate” stance.”

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President Bush was a reluctant debater in 1992 as well. His camp rejected the Commission’s proposal and wrangled over debate rules with Bill Clinton’s representatives. Pub­lic demand led the candidates to agree, and Independent Ross Perot was included. In 1996 Clinton declined the Commission’s proposal for a three-debate sched­ule and faced Robert Dole twice.

George W. Bush followed his father’s lead as an unwilling debater. Bush rejected the Commission’s 2000 plan for debates with Al Gore (especially the one in Boston). The aftermath is best described in three New York Times headlines:

7 September “Bush vows to stick to his debating plan”

9 September “Bush suggests willingness to move on debate issue”

9 September “Under pressure, Bush abandons debate stance”

Bush acquitted. The Commission’s victory strengthened the debate process as an institution, and UMass Boston hosted the first debate of the 2000 general election.
On Monday, October 2, the McCormick Institute sponsored an off-campus workshop on "Why the Young Don't Vote," held at South Boston High School, featuring comments from Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner, State Representative Antonio Cabral, Retired District Attorney Michael J. Sullivan of Plymouth County, and former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. The workshop was the joint project of UMass Boston undergraduates Jim Coughlin and McCormick Director Edmund B. Beard. The event drew some fifty young people from area high schools and colleges.

The newly established Office of Service Learning and Community Outreach will participate in a Service-Learning Institute conducted and written under the Vermont Campus Compact. Associate Professor of Environmental Science, Diana of Student Affairs Stephanie Janey, OSLO coordinator Jaimi Rovidich-Higgins, and AmeriCorps Vista Program Representatives represented UMass Boston at the three-day conference held at Lyndon State College, Vermont on October 27-29.

UMass Boston biologists Jeremy Hatch, Jennifer Arnold, and Patty Seys made presentations at workshops on the North American Colonial Watertuad Conservation Plan (October 30-31) and the coromntar­ fishes conflict in North America (November 1), preceding the annual meeting of the Watertuad Society in Plymouth, MA.

Burton Holmes, director of continuing education marketing, for the Division of Enrollment Services and University Communications, chaired the annual conference for the New England region of the University Continuing Education Association (UECA). This year's conference, "Strategies for Successful Sailing: Charting a Course for Survival," was held on October 25-27 in Westbrook, Connecticut. Jack Hughes, director of professional training programs, and Stuart Phillips, assistant director of professional training programs, Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, took part in the panel presentation to discuss the topic "Developing and Sustaining Strategic Alliances with Corporate Partners."

On October 16 and 17, UMass Boston's Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education (CCDE) and the Boston and Northern New England chapters of the Society for Technical Communication sponsored InterChange, a conference for technical, marketing, and scientific writers and technical designers. The conference attracted over 200 participants. Conference organizers from UMass Boston included CCDE Dean Dick Moss and Business Reporting Manager Joseph Lally, and Publications Manager Brian Middletown.

The New England American Studies Association recognized Lois Rudnick, American Studies Program, as an "outstanding" contributor to the field of American Studies and NEASA, and named its biennial book prize the "Lois Rudnick Prize for an Outstanding Book by a NEASA Member." Rudnick is the first recipient of the prize.

Lois Biener, Center for Survey Research, received a grant of $14,000 to study the effects of the National Cancer Institute's new national smoking initiative to evaluate the effectiveness of three major types of public health interventions used by the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program.

In January 2000, Maria Papuga, Biology Department, received a 5-year, $500,000 NSF Early Career Investigator CAREER program award to investigate red and white yeasts. The CAREER program is highly competitive and targets pre-tenured faculty with a strong track record between their teaching and research activities. The President Young Investigator Awardees are chosen from among the CAREER awardees in a given year. The title of the grant is "Exploring Authentic Inquiry: Factors that Influence Students' Learning of the Process of Science."

Research and Polls

Robert Buccio, research director of the UMass Poll, conducted a nationwide survey for the Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council that found that girls will be more likely to be involved in politics and vote than non-girl scouts. He is currently conducting a Massachusetts survey for the Division of Information Technology on the use of the Internet in the workplace.

The UMass Poll is currently working with Town Online and conducting a weekly survey of Massachusetts voters called MassPulse.

Appointments and Departures

Lois Biener, Center for Survey Research, was appointed to the Scientific and Program Advisory Steering Committee of the American Legacy Foundation and will serve as chair of the Evaluation Research Panel. The organization is responsible for the Truth commercial antitobacco media campaign.

Reverend Adrienne Berry-Burton has joined the Interfaith Campus Ministry as the Protestant campus minister. She has been appointed by the Board of Boston Cambridge Ministries in Higher Education (BCCM), which oversees the ministry at UMass Boston as well as those at MIT, Suffolk University, Boston University, and Harvard University. She replaces Sarah Small, who served as the Protestant minister for many years, and has been ill for quite some time. Dean of Students Stephanie C. Janey recently accepted a position on the BOCHE Board as a representative from the UMass Boston community.

Mary Bonner, secretary for the English Graduate Program, retired from the University on October 21 after 26 years of employment. She moved to Ireland on November 1.

The National Academy of Sciences has appointed Gary N. Siperstein, director of the Center for Social Development and Education, to a two-year term on the Committee for Disability Determination for Mental Retardation.

Births

Fernando Colina, Office of Institutional Research, and his wife Sonia had their first child, Olivia, on August 5.

A daughter, Liana Lesley Freeman, was born to Dale H. Freeman of the UMass Boston Archives and his wife Andrea on April 14, 2000.

In The News

McCormick Institute Director Edmund B. Beard was interviewed live on national CNN television on October 3 on historical parallels to earlier presidential debates, the potential impact of such debates on the electorate, and the legitimacy of excluding third parties from the debates. Beard also offered pre-debate commentary on Boston's WBZ Channel 4 and on New England Cable News.

Robert Buccio, research director of the UMass Poll, was quoted in the Washington Post and the Boston Globe on the tax rate rollback initiative.

Lou DiNatale, director of the UMass Poll, appeared on WBZ Channel 4 commenting on the 40th anniversary of the Kennedy-Nixon Debate; on October 11, he gave debate commentary on New England Cable News.

Professor Garrison Nelson, senior fellow of the McCormick Institute and UMass Poll, was quoted by the Baltimore Sun, Burlington Free Press, Chicago Tribune, Congressional Quarterly, Providence Journal, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post on the upcoming elections in Vermont. He also was on WXON and WITZ-TV giving commentary on the presidential debates.

Professor James Ward, Political Science Department, was interviewed by MVL Channel 65 to discuss the history of voting on October 18.

Correction

Due to a printer's error, the photos for the Office of Student Affairs and the McCormick Institute were scanned improperly, making them unclear and distorted.
Calendar of Events

November 2000

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

Send submissions by the third Monday of every month to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor; Fax: (617)-287-5177; E-mail: news@umb.edu

Wednesday 1

Group Counseling: Improve your Close Relationships
2:35 - 4:00 p.m. An ongoing, psychology-based interpersonal therapy for men and women. For more information, call Brenda Hamady at 7-5890.

Wednesday 2

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead
11:30-12:45 p.m., Wheatley 1-652. "Mari-golds and Skulls: The Living Celebration of the Day of the Dead in Mexico," presentation by Dr. Susan Masiak, director and curator, Tufts University Gallery, and specialist in Mexican folk art. Hosted by Latin American Studies, Hispanic Studies, Biology Seminar Series: URegulatory Biology/Molecular Genetics. For more information, call 7-5767.

Wednesday 3

Biology Seminar Series: "Regulation of X-chromosome inactivation by non-coding RNA genes"
2:30 p.m., Small Science-Auditorium. Featuring Dr. Jeanne Lee, Dept. of Genetics, Harvard Medical School, Dept. of Molecular Biology/MSIH. Call 7-6560 for more information.

Monday 6

Learning Center Course: Grantsmanship Workshop Series, NO8A
1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey, lower level. Visit in cooperation with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Call 7-3990 to register.

Thursday 9

Engineering 103 Open House: What is Engineering?
8:30-9:45 a.m., Ryan Lounge, 3rd floor, McCormack Hall. Engineering 103 teams will be competing with their "anti-grav- ity" projects. This introduction-to-engineering course is offered at UMass Bos­ton every semester and is no prerequisite. High school students, prospective engineering students, or the curious-minded are invited and can also enter the competition as a guest. For more information, please contact Tom Maderody, 7-6435.

Thursday 14

Learning Center Course: Award Management Workshop Series, A372A
1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey, lower level. Held in cooperation with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Call 7-3990 to register.

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Seminar
7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd floor, room 209. "Customizing creativity to produce vi­able products for one's life." Featuring Ben Schweindler, CCT 612 instructor, spring 2001. For more information, call 7-6520 or e-mail cct@umb.edu.

Wednesday 15

Mc Cormick Institute on Africa
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference Room. Sponsored by the Center for Democracy and Develop­ment. Reception following. Call 7-5550 for more information.

Thanksgiving Outreach and Culture Celebration Program
12:00 - 2:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall Student Lounge, 4th floor. Sponsored by the Office ofDean of Student Affairs and the Inter­national Center. Turkey and vegetables will be provided. All are en­couraged to bring their favorite dishes or des­serts. Call 7-5893 for more informa­tion.

Saturday 18

Tibetan Cultural Festival
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wheatley, 1st floor, Snowden Auditorium. Featuring Tibetan dancers, traditional Buddhist ceremonies by Tibetan monks from India, and guest speakers. Free. Organized by Students for a Free Tibet. Call (617) 628-1285 for more information.

Monday 20

3rd Annual Years of Service Recognition
2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Cafeteria. Reception to honor UMass Boston employ­ees' years of service. Call 7-5157 or 7-3311 for more information.

Learning Center Forum: Issues in Technology, #903
1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey Library, lower level. "Understanding the Print Pro­cess," a discussion forum moderated by Jason M. Belland and Central Rep­r­esentatives. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Legislative Caucus on Older Citizens and Gerontology Institute. Call 7-6560 for more information, call 7-7381.

Tuesday 21

Learning Center Course: Jenzabar
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Learning Center, Healey, lower level. Build your own-en­abled course site using Jenzabar.com tools. Bring your imagination and come prepared with your coursework on a zip disk. Call 7-3990 to register.

Learning Center Course: Introduction to Multimedia, #722A
1:30 p.m., Learning Center, Healey, lower level. What are your campus technology options? Let us walk you through the pos­sibilities of using technology in the class­room. Call 7-3990 to register.

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Seminar
7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd floor, room 209. Public presentations by synthesis stu­dents. For more information, call 7-6520 or e-mail cct@umb.edu.

Thursday 23

Thanksgiving Day, University Closed

Women's Research Forum: Abortion Rights of Minors in Massachusetts
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference Room. Speaker J. Shoshanah Ehrlich, J.D., OCRS, Attor­ney, Vice President of the Family Policy Research Institute, the Office of the Chancellor, the Women's Studies Program, and the Col­lege of Public and Community Service. For more information, call 7-5830.

CIT Workshop: Thru Students' Eyes: Students' Expectations and Experiences Across the Curriculum
2:30-4:00 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, room 22. Call 7-6520 for more information.

State House Forum: Paying for Long-Term Care -- Is Private Insurance an Answer?
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston. Featuring speakers Jane Tilly, Urban Institute, Washington DC; Kathy Cushman, Senior Insurance Solutions; Nancy Flavin, Massachusetts State Re­p­resentative. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Legislative Caucus on Older Citizens and Gerontology Institute. Call 7-6560 for more information, call 7-7381.

Save the Date!
CIT's January Conference on Teaching will be held on Friday, January 26, 2001. More information will follow.

Merrimack College
Daily Masses: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. All activities located in McCormack hall, Ryan Lounge. Call 7-5893 for more information.

Beacon Fitness Center
First Floor, McCormick. Monday and Wednesday: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday: 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 1-6 p.m. Group orientations and personal train­ing coming soon. Call 7-6678 for more de­tails.

Jenzabar.com Training
Learn how to access this 24/7 accessible web-enabled site, using easy-to-manage templates, and put your coursework on the web. The Learning Center at 7-3990 to register for this free training.

Offered by the Health Promotion Program (7-5885):

Meditation
Daily, 12:30-12:50, McCormick Hall, 1st floor, room 813, free, drop-in basis. Begin­ners welcome, instruction provided.

Tai Chi
Mondays, 7-12 - 11:15, McCormick, 1st floor, room 813, drop-in basis. Stretch­ing, mental calm, physical balance, self massage; 24 movement form.

Yoga
Thursday, 11:30 - 12:15, McCormick, 1st floor, room 209, free, drop-in basis. Begin­ners welcome, instruction provided. Mats provided, no change of clothes needed.

Stress Reduction/Life Enhancement Program
For Wednesdays, beginning 9/27. Incorpor­ates mindfulness meditation, teaching of changes in how our thinking helps or ord­ers us. $12. Call 7-5895 to register.

Study Smarter, Not Harder
Help with performing better, with less stress, in studying for and taking exams, writing papers, etc. Call 7-5895 to schedule an appointment.

Weight Management Support
Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call 7-5895 to schedule an appointment.

Smoking Cessation
Help with considering quitting, quitting, and sticking at it. Call 7-5895 to schedule an appointment.

Aids Awareness Team
Volunteers needed to plan and implement outreach activities on campus. Call 7-5895 and leave contact information and available times, you will be contacted with meeting times.

Miscellaneous

Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Masses: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. All activities located in McCormack hall, Ryan Lounge. Call 7-5893 for more information.

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Other information, call Brenda Hamady at 7-5890.

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