Chancellor Penney Reflects on Twelve Years At UMass Boston

by Sherry H. Penney

It has been a great year for UMass Boston! The highlights have included our new Carnegie classification as a doctoral/research university; completing our first capital campaign on target and ahead of schedule; the most successful year of grants and contracts in our history; the addition of a national freshman honor society chapter; and international recognition as host of the first presidential debate of the 2000 campaign.

As I reflect on UMass Boston what comes to the fore is the crucial importance of contributions from so many people: a brilliant faculty committed to teaching and research, truly interesting and motivated students, a dedicated staff, and remarkable alumni. Our success is truly a collaborative achievement.

UMass Boston's core strength has always been the quality of undergraduate teaching and learning, and the excitement that our student body brings to our campus. Our students increasingly reflect the diversity of our surrounding community, and we have seen a steady increase in SATs for incoming freshmen—1001 in the fall of 1997, 1033 last year, and now 1046 this year.

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Many of our undergraduates do distinguished work. In 1994, the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program enrolled 63 students. Now our university-wide Honors Program boasts nearly 150 students, and last year it included the university's first two Fulbright under­graduate grant winners, Alexander Penna and Colin Ward. A new chapter of the national freshman honor society Alpha Lambda Delta was also added this year.

Undergraduate education benefits immensely from strong graduate programs, and the 1987 long-range plan included the goal of establishing doctoral programs in areas related to our urban mission. Since then, eight programs have been added, beginning with clinical psychology in 1989, and then gerontology, public policy, the biology track within environ­mental science, and ultimately the clinical psychology degree program in 1998.

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UMass Boston First Celebrates Early Victory

by Melissa Fazel

We've all seen the "UMass Boston First $70 Million Campaign" banner hanging on the Science Building. Not only does this slogan signify putting our public university first, it also celebrates the university's first major fundraising campaign. Soon, like the presidential debate signs, it will be taken down. Having reached its goal of raising $70 million in private contributions one year early, the campaign has come to a triumphant close.

Most capital campaigns usually begin with 50 to 60 percent of their monetary goal already committed. When the UMass Boston First Campaign kicked-off in 1996, Institutional Advancement came up with just 20 percent—leaving $40 million to raise over five years. Michael Luck, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement, explained, "We had to literally build the foundation for the house and the house itself simultaneously."

How did the campaign end up being such a huge success? Luck attributes it not only in discovering new donors but also rediscovering donors, from among UMass Boston alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations—many who had little or no contact with the university prior to this campaign. In addition, the most important factor was that "we asked" people to consider giving major gifts, first for the University.

"An enormous amount of support came from people and area corporations and foundations who recognize that it is critical to this institution, as the only public university in Boston, to have this private funding," Luck stated. "If we are to remain competitive with other private institutions in the Boston area, the permanent revenue of philanthropic support is essential."

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Years of Service Reception Honors 152 Employees

by Anne-Marie Kent

On November 20, University of Massachusetts Boston held its fourth annual Years of Service Reception, honoring a total of 152 employees from throughout the university. Twenty-six were honored for ten years of service; fifty-two for fifteen years; thirty-seven for twenty years; thirteen for twenty-five years; eighteen for thirty years; and six for thirty-five years with the university. Gifts reflecting these different milestones ranged from golf umbrellas to pens and pencil sets to rosewood table clocks.

Director of Human Resources Beth Marshall said, "Four years ago, the Chancellor inaugurated the Years of Service event as a means of celebrating the service milestones of UMass Boston faculty and staff. This event, which has grown steadily in participation since its inception, provides a means for the Chancellor to publicly convey the institution's gratitude for the service of faculty and staff to the organization."

Applying the contributions of all university employees, the Chancellor said, "As UMass Boston has changed—as we have added new programs, made plans for expansion, developed more opportunities for our students, and reached new levels of distinction as an urban university—one thing has not changed and that is the quality of the people who work here." She added, "Each and every one of you is an important part of UMass Boston and as Chancellor, I thank you for your hard work."

Chancellor Penney also thanked members of the Years of Service committee who put together the reception: Denise McNair and Clare Poitier from Human Resources; Cathy Hennessey from Procurement; and Donna Dunn from Grant and Contract Administration.

"As UMass Boston has grown, I have been fortunate to be associated with some truly magnificent people. It is a privilege to be able to say thank you and to celebrate their years of service to our university."

Chancellor Penney receives the clock presented to her by her staff. She said, "This year's event was particularly poignant as we honored the Chancellor for her years of service."

Following her remarks, Chancellor Penney gave special recognition to those who marked thirty-five years of service: Jean-Pierre Anselme from Chemistry, Martin Coyne from Facilities, Alyce Curran from the Healey Library, Lawrence Foster from Philosophy, and Lee Grove and Shaun O'Connell from English, all of whom received rosewood table clocks.

Reflecting on her thirty-five years at UMass Boston, Alyce Curran said, "I think the most exciting thing to happen to me during these years has been to see how far we've come from those fabulous—days in Park Square to the present. It's always exciting to see something develop and grow. To be a small part of that is a great feeling."

The event, which has followed essentially the same format since its inception, did include one surprise: a special gift to a particularly esteemed university employee, Chancellor Penney herself. She was presented with a clock inscribed with the words "Vigil, Competence, Energy, Intelligence, Dedication" and her years of service: 1988-2000. Marshall said, "This year's event was particularly poignant as we honored the Chancellor for her years of service."

Also, one particularly beloved employee, who served UMass Boston for more than twenty years as the Administrative Assistant for the Graduate Program in English, was notably absent from the Years of Service reception. In October, Mary Ronner left not only the university but the country, moving from Dorchester to start a new life in Donegal, Ireland. At a bittersweet October 17th reception at the University Club, Ronner was honored by over sixty well-wishers, including English Department Chair Louise Smith, who presented her with an official UMass Boston chair in recognition of her years of outstanding service to the department.

Sherry H. Penney Endowed Professorship in Leadership

by Kim Burkes

On November 8, the University of Massachusetts approved the establishment of the Sherry H. Penney Endowed Professorship in Leadership in the College of Management, which will be effective on January 1, 2001. The Board of Trustees also approved that the Chancellor be appointed the first Penney professor.

An anonymous and longtime generous donor who is close to UMass Boston pledged $850,000 to establish the endowed chair on September 1. The gift was made in support of Penney's long service to the UMass Boston campus as well as the University System as its President in 1995.

The gift will be matched by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with $65,000 under President Bulger's special Endowed Chair Matching Program, bringing the total to $1.5 million.

The professorship will bring the number of endowed chairs at UMass Boston to five, including a visiting professorship, during the UMass Boston First Campaign.

One of the major functions of the Endowed Penney Chair will be to develop a Center for Collaborative Leadership, created to provide inner-city leadership development for women and members of minority groups through teaching, research, and outreach programs.

During her twelve years as Chancellor, Dr. Penney has taught graduate seminars on leadership, as well as leadership in politics and education in Nineteenth Century America. Penney has published many articles on the issues of leadership and management in education, examined educational policy, governance and curricula, and has written a book on Nineteenth Century New York political history and leadership.

Dr. Penney is a member of the Board of Directors of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Council of Education. She takes a leading role in education as a Chair of the Board of the Education Resources Institute (TERI), as a member of the Urban 13 (now 21) group of universities, and in the Business-Higher Education Forum, a group of Fortune 500 business executives and university presidents.

She is equally active on the boards of Boston educational, economic, and civic organizations, including the Boston Coalition, the Boston Private Industry Council, the Boston Edison Company (NSTAR), the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, the New England Aquarium, the New England Council, the Partnership, and the University of Massachusetts Foundation.

In 1996, she was awarded the New England Women's Leadership award for education, in 1998, the Pinnacle Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce; and in 1999, an honorary degree from Trinity College. She has also received the Distinguished Alumni Award and an honorary degree from Albion College.

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Situation Critical: UMass Boston Releases Vital Housing Study

By Kim Burke

With today’s booming economy, it is easy to forget that there are people who are struggling to make ends meet. Part of the struggle for heads of households is to find affordable housing and still have money left over for other essentials such as electricity and the telephone. Researchers at the Center for Social Policy and the McCormack Institute have completed the study, Situation Critical: Meeting the Needs of Lower Income Massachusetts Residents, and found that “housing affordability continues to be a very serious problem in Massachusetts.”

Coauthored by Michael Stone, College of Public and Community Service and public policy professor, Elaine Werby, McCormack Institute senior fellow, and Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, the study adds to the body of work produced by the McCormack Institute and the Center for Social Policy on affordable housing issues. Werby differentiates this study from other housing reports produced recently because it focuses on lower-income households rather than middle income and lower middle income households. The current report finds that “almost one-third of the people of Massachusetts have serious housing affordability problems and that about 370,000 renter households and 300,000 home-ownership households are shelter-poor.” The demographics of the shelter-poor came as no surprise to the authors, but are a key element in understanding how to find a solution to the housing needs of the lower-income population. The report found that the shelter-poor and homeless are mostly either single-parent families, elderly, and/or people of color.

With such a critical issue, the recommendations argued by the authors are a step towards keeping the promise made in the 1994 Housing Act for “a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.” The authors hope that both the state of Massachusetts and the country at large can find a way to meet the needs of those still looking for the economic boon to hit home. Released in late September, the report has garnered much attention and was covered by articles in the Boston Globe, Patriot Ledger, Lowell Sun and newspapers in Westfield, Attleboro, and Worcester.

Gordon Wallace Named Outstanding Faculty Member

by Patrick Dyer

The Office of the President of the University of Massachusetts recently held an annual awards ceremony honoring seven outstanding faculty members throughout the University system. UMass Boston’s Professor Gordon T. Wallace, of the Department of Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences, was recognized by President William Bulger as one of the seven extraordinary professors of the University of Massachusetts.

At the awards ceremony, which was attended by chancellors, trustees, and staff from Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Dartmouth, and Worcester, President Bulger said, “It takes effort on the part of individual faculty and staff members, and the leadership of trustees and chancellors, to engage our campuses in the life of the community in a helpful way. The individuals we honor today accomplish that mission in the field, in the classroom, and in the laboratory.”

Wallace was presented with a University Public Service Award, “for his efforts to protect, preserve, and restore coastal marine and watershed environments of New England over the last seventeen years, including the provision of technical advice and assistance in the restoration of Boston Harbor, the Merrimack River, and the Charles River.” He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island, and his research interests with the University focus on biogeochemical processes and their control of the specialization, distribution, and transport of metals in coastal ecosystems. He teaches Marine Chemistry and Biogeochemistry for the multidisciplinary Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) program. ECOS offers both master’s and doctoral degrees, and trains individuals for leadership roles as environmental scientists. Established in 1982, the program has achieved a national and international reputation for its successful interdisciplinary approach to teaching, research, and service.

WUMB Holds Record Fundraiser

by Leigh DaPuy

WUMB 91.9 FM raised over $126,000 during their fall member drive held from October 20-30. Receiving over 1,200 phone and on-line pledges, WUMB exceeded all previous fundraisers and celebrated a fifty percent increase from last year’s campaign. Forty-seven percent of respondents were new donors and the radio station gained 600 new members, the largest number of members gained in any single drive.

“WUMB has over seventy-five volunteers who worked tirelessly alongside of WUMB’s dedicated staff and work-study students throughout the campaign. All involved raised about the camera, food, and positive attitudes that characterized the drive. The station generates nearly fifty percent of its operating budget from listener support, and WUMB uses these contributions to support their cultural programming and radio membership benefits. WUMB is one of three public radio stations in Boston and is recognized as the premiere folk station in the country. Located in the lower level of the Healy Library, the station offers a wide range of diverse folk, roots, and cultural programming, like the award-winning public affairs program Commonwealth Journal.”

WUMB fundraisers meet folk legend Judy Collins. (From left to right): Judy Wong, D.B. Sweeney, Judy Collins, Linda Wheeler, Carol Sooldner.

COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

Tune into WUMB 91.9 FM on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. for Commonwealth Journal, a weekly, half-hour public affairs program featuring interviews with scholars, writers, cultural workers, and public officials examining current topics and issues of particular interest to Massachusetts listeners. November’s topics included:

“The Story Behind the Song and Film Alice’s Restaurant,” featuring author Laura Lee of Arlo, Alice & Angie’s: The Lives of A New England Church

“Taking Shakespeare to Youth,” featuring Kevin Coleman, director of education, Shakespeare & Co.

“Gender Bending Shakespeare,” featuring Lisa Wolpe, director, all-female cast of Taming of the Shrew.

“Genetic Counseling,” featuring Kathryn Spitzer Kim, co-director, Genetic Counseling Program, Brandeis University


For more information about upcoming guests, go to www.wumb.org. The program is produced by WUMB Radio at UMass Boston and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.
By Melissa Fassel

The windshield wipers are making the most annoying squeaking sound as you wait in your car for the next customer to walk out of Filene's. The snowsqueaking sound as you wait in your bathrobe, sipping a cup of tea. The heavy-duty surfing! The snow is beyond frightful weather outside is beyond frightful. The snow is beyond frightful...

By Dick Laurie

In 1993, an American Psychological Association (APA) committee accredited UMass Boston's Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, calling it "a creative new program, developed at an underfunded university, in a state which has suffered years of financial adversity." This year the program was revisited, and again received full accreditation. It's a record of which the program, and the larger University community, can be proud.

The second doctoral program to be established at the University, the clinical psych program, housed in CAS' Psychology Department, enrolled its first students in 1989. Among its principles, in keeping with UMass Boston's mission, was a focus on the needs of underrepresented multi-ethnic urban populations. It follows the "scientist-practitioner" model of training, which entails equal attention within the curriculum to a strong theoretical foundation, research, and clinical training. The program has always been interdisciplinary in nature, and one of its unusual features is its emphasis on both human development and culture, as well as clinical psychology.

To initiate the accreditation process, faculty, and students in the program undertook a yearlong "self-study," and sent a report to the APA. The APA in turn suggested several names to be considered for a three-person site visit committee; the program chose three names from that list.

The APA committee spent two days on the campus last March, meeting with students, faculty, and University administrators. Their report rated the program in eight categories: eligibility (the structure of the program); faculty and student relations; individual and cultural difference and diversity; philosophy; model of training; evaluation; public disclosure; quality enhancement and self-assessment;

Penney's Address (cont.)

ment, relationship with the accrediting body, and resources. In all but the last—where the committee cited graduate stipends and potential space constraints—the program received the highest ("exemplary") rating. The committee recommended accreditation for seven years, the maximum allowable period between reaccreditation visits.

Program director Joen Liem points out that graduates from an accredited program are likely to have an easier time finding internships, getting licensed, and ending up with good jobs. "Accreditation," she says, "has really helped us in terms of the quality of both the faculty and students we've been able to attract." Both faculty and students, she says, "are very happy" that our creativity and hard work have once again been recognized by the accrediting team.

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Clinical Psychology Department Receives Accreditation

For a categorical list, check out www.shopping.yahoo.com. Its virtual stores by floors and departments also feature coupons for first-time shoppers as well as hourly specials discount clothing and leather coats at Gap, OldNavy.com now allow you to return on-line purchases at the physical store. If not, like catalogs, most stores include instructions on how to return an item, and are very reasonable in terms of time limitations. The only thing you'll have to lose is the postage to send it back, but considering all the gas you'll waste waiting in that mall line, it's well worth it.

If you're concerned about using your credit card on the web, most stores clearly display their security methods and policies (look for 64 or 128 encryption). A good way to check if the site is at least superficially secure is to look in the lower left corner of your browser. Most browsers feature "lock" icons when in secure mode. Today's web security features make credit card fraud very difficult. In fact, there's probably a better chance of your number being stolen from a phone call to a catalogue center or a neglected receipt.

This holiday season, take control! Stay in your bathrobe! Refuse to become part of the mall-madness crowd! Most of all, have a good time awaiting the big, brown sleigh of a UPS truck toting your holiday wares. Until next holiday season, this is the cyber-shopping guru, logging off.
History of Columbia Point

You might not realize how appropriate the old nickname "Harbor Campus" is in describing the University of Massachusetts Boston area. Like much of Boston, what appears to be solid ground today was water when the city was first settled.

Over the past 370 years or so, the Boston landscape, particularly UMass Boston's corner of it, has changed dramatically. Now you can see through charts and aerial photographs just how Columbia Point has changed. You will also be able to answer that perplexing question of what the pup house is.

All this comes courtesy of a web site based on the work of Dr. Nancy Seasholes, an expert on Boston's landmaking, who has a forthcoming book on the subject published by the University of Massachusetts Press. Last year, Dr. Seasholes made the presentation to UMass Boston's Earth and Environmental Science by drawing upon the histories and politics of the area.

Spotlight on 370 Years of UMass Boston

"The city was water when the city was first settled," Dr. Nancy Seasholes said in introducing the presentation. "This is the history of the landmaking, the changing of the old nickname from Harbor to Columbia Point, and the history of the area as it is today." The presentation included charts, aerial photographs, a video of Boston Harbor in 1925, and a website devoted to the history of Columbia Point.

Miren Uriarte Serves as Interim Director of the Gaston Institute

Miren Uriarte has assumed the post of interim director of the Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy for 2000-2001 while Andre Torres, director, is on sabbatical. A sociologist and faculty member of the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), Uriarte served as the founding director of the institute from 1989-1992.

Uriarte joined UMass in 1981 as an associate professor of human services at the College of Public and Community Service. She works in the areas of institutional development, social policy, and applied research primarily focusing on Latinos/as in the U.S. Uriarte specializes in analyzing the implementation and impact of social policy on minority populations and recently coedited a special education report, Latino Students and the Massachusetts Public Schools.

Dispute Resolution Conference

On October 27, 150 graduate students, some from as far away as Africa, traveled to UMass Boston for the two-day conference, "Conflict Studies: The New Generation of Ideas." The conference was hosted by UMass Boston's graduate program in Dispute Resolution and sponsored by CPCs, the Office of Graduate Studies, and the Graduate Student Assembly.

The only national conference of its kind, the meeting allowed graduate students representing more than twelve different dispute resolution disciplines—including law and mediation, cross-cultural conflict, and organizational conflict—to present scholarship, discuss ideas, and build community.

A total of forty-five papers were presented in eleven sessions.

The keynote speaker was Professor Craig McGowan, the Daniel B. Fayerweather Professor of Political Economy and Sociology at Bowdoin College, and coauthor of Mediation: Law, Policy, and Practice.

At the end of the conference, a Career Expo provided students access to professionals employed in dispute resolution fields and answers to career-related questions.

New Ads Feature On-the-Spot Admissions

Boston area radio stations have been airing new sixty and fifteen-second ads that promote the undergraduate On-the-Spot Admissions Decisions Week in early December. The ads are a collaborative effort of many in the University community.

The campaign, marketing director Sherry Rhyno directed the spots that Jon Hutson, marketing assistant, wrote. Dave Palmetier, WUMB FM announcer coordinated the taping in the newly refurbished recording studies, under the aegis of General Manager Pat Montee. The sixty-second spot is an audio clip between student senator Cheryl Anne-Marie Kent, and student and faculty member Jamie Erika McCarthy, student and member in the marketing department. Enrollment leader Jamie Erika McCarthy serves as announcer for these spots, which include the University communications, organized under the aegis of General Manager Pat Montee. The sixty-second spot is an audio clip between student senator Cheryl Anne-Marie Kent, and student and faculty member Jamie Erika McCarthy, student and member in the marketing department. Enrollment leader Jamie Erika McCarthy serves as announcer for these spots, which include the University communications, organized under the aegis of General Manager Pat Montee.

The Health Careers Opportunity Program at UMass Boston

UMass Boston pre-college students have been exploring health careers through the Health Careers Opportunity Program, which is closing in on its one-year anniversary at UMass Boston in February. Students from such programs as Urban Scholars, Upward Bound, Project REACH, and Admissions Guaranteed have been participat-
SLOMOFF LECTURER ADDRESS MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

By Anne-Marie Kent

Finding hope in seemingly hopeless situations is the work of those dedicated to dispute resolution. As newspapers reported escalating Middle East violence, UMass Boston's Dispute Resolution Program presented the Ben and Sylvia Slomoff Lecture by Harvard professor Herbert Kelman. Kelman is a scholar-practitioner with twenty-five years of experience promoting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

At the October 11th event, Dr. Kelman delivered his paper, "The Role of National Identity in Protracted and Resolving Ethnic Conflict: the Israeli-Palestinian Case," and described the problem-solving workshops for the Israelis and Palestinian groups he and UMass Boston's Nadim Rouhana have held since 1990.

Although Dr. Kelman did not address current events, he did suggest that long-term resolution of the conflict might be achieved through negotiation at the level of national identity. National identity is a powerful part of the Middle East equation. Dr. Kelman explained, "For many involved, simply acknowledging the other's identity is tantamount to jeopardizing the identity...of one's own group."

Despite this powerfully divisive crisis, Dr. Kelman said that the concept of negotiating at the national level provides hope for change. According to Kelman, national identities are "a large extent constructed and they can be redefined. He explained, 'While neither Palestinians nor Israelis will give up the core of their identity, there remain various elements of each group's identity that can be negotiated in the interest of mutual accommodation.' For example, in working with Israeli and Palestinian groups facilitated by Drs. Rouhana and Dr. Kelman reported, 'Many members of both communities have become able to remove the negation of the other's identity as an integral part of their own identity."

Reflecting on the success of the lecture, program director David Matz said, "Dr. Kelman brought to his lecture over twenty-five years experience working with Israelis and Palestinians, and he gave us the theory, the practice, and the stories. It was a unique moment for faculty and students."

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (cont.)

The Farmer's Almanac predicts that this winter will be a snowy one! Take a look at UMass Boston's Snow Policy to prepare yourself. The decision to close campus depends on the timing and severity of the snowfall or severe weather. The safety of the University community and its visitors is an essential factor in the decision. However, severe weather affecting only a limited number of commuters generally will not result in a campus closure.

Campus Closings

Closings announced prior to the work day - The closing announcement will be available on the main switchboard, the UMB website, and local television and radio stations. The closing may be for the entire day or only for morning classes.

Closings announced during the work day - Faculty and staff will be notified via a telephone tree by the offices of Human Resources. Information also will be available at the main switchboard and UMB website, as well as on television and radio stations whenever possible. Staff on the second shift should consult their supervisors.

Announcements

UMB Main Switchboard number 287-5000 will carry a voice mail announcement which notifies callers if the campus will be open for operations. Please do not call public safety offices. The phone lines must remain open in case of emergency.

The University website - The bulletin board at the UMB website will contain weather announcements. Go to www.umb.edu.

Radio and television broadcasts - Tune in to WBZ TV (Channel 4), WCVB TV (Channel 5), and WJTV (Channel 7) or listen to WGBH (99.1 FM), WBUR (89.3 FM), WBKO (680 AM), and WBZ (1030 AM) after 5:30 a.m.

Types of Announcements

University closed/class canceled - All classes are canceled, all offices and the library are closed, and only designated and assigned snow day personnel will report at the regular time.

Delayed opening/time opening/no morning classes - All morning classes are canceled. Regularly scheduled classes from 11:30 a.m. will resume normally. Snow day personnel will report at regular time. All other staff will report at 10:00 a.m.

No evening classes - All classes beginning from 4:00 p.m. on and on will be canceled. Snow day personnel will work their regular hours and all others will be allowed to leave by 4:00 p.m.

Other Snow-Related Issues

Off-campus classes - Decisions about cancellations off-campus sites are made by the local facility, not by the University. Students taking classes at off-campus sites should listen for radio announcements concerning the closing of those locations.

Transportation: The UMB shuttle from the campus to JFK station will continue even though classes may be cancelled. In the event of an early closing or late opening, the shuttle will continue to operate for several hours after the closing or the opening.

Weather conditions may cause delays.

Food Services: Every effort will be made to have some level of services available in the Quinn Building when the campus is open for operations. Menus may be limited.

Athletic Events: If the University closes early, there are athletic events scheduled, the Athletic Department will consult with Public Safety and determine if the event will continue as scheduled. If canceled, the Athletic Department will have a recording on the main University phone line: 617-287-5000.

Day Care Center: If the University is closed, the Day Care Center will be closed during the same time. If there is an early dismissal, the Day Care Center will arrange with the parents for appropriate pickup time.

Special Events and All Other Activities on Campus: If you need to inquire about the operation of Continuing Education, the library or a special event scheduled to occur on campus during the weekend, you should call the main campus number 617-287-5000. For specific information regarding the activity, please contact the appropriate office.

The event joined all donors to celebrate a common goal: the support of the only public university in Boston. Judy Byrne-Ariel, director of Donor Relations and Planned Giving, refers to these donors as "recognizing the worth of public education." The campaign celebration featured entertainment by TV personality and comedian Jimmy Tingle, poetry by Professor Duncan Nelson, and a medley of songs performed by renowned local pianist and vocalist, Bobby Wetherbee. The several hundred attendees also had the pleasure of premiering the second UMass Boston First Film which chronicles the life of the campaign and gives recognition to many of the donors.
Edward Rorres’s paper, “Virtue is Good Business: Funerarism as a Practical Business Ethics,” has been accepted for the conference “At Our Best: Moral Lives in a Moral Community,” sponsored by the Manresa Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. Rorres is the College of Management’s management and marketing departmental lecturer.

On October 18, Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and Carol Hardy-Fanta, former research director, spoke at Boston College on “Elections 2000: Will Women Make the Difference?” Sherman also led a workshop entitled “We Got the Vote... So What?” at the “Women 2000” Worcester Women’s History Conference commemorating the first national women’s rights convention held in Worcester 150 years ago.

Carol Hardy-Fanta served on a panel.

Mirei Urata, interim director of the Gaston Institute, presented a paper at the APA conference in November, “Migrant Outreach to Culturally and Linguistically Isolated Communities: The Case of the Cape Verdean Community in Boston,” which she coauthored with Carole Uphoff of the U.S. program in public policy.

College of Nursing Professor Lise McIlvain delivered the keynote speech, “Nursing Education for the Twenty-First Century,” via video conference at China’s national conference, on October 18. She also gave the keynote address, “Asian American and Asian American Health Educators Speak Out,” at the 7th Annual Yume Lecture and Nursing Research Award at Massachusetts General Hospital on November 9.


On November 15, the Center for State and Local Policy held a panel discussion on “An American Conversation: Democracy and Public Opinion” at the Omni Parker House, Boston.

Publications

College of Management’s assistant professor of accounting and finance James Bierstaker has coauthored a paper, “The Effects of Risk Assessments and Partner Preferences on Audit Planning Decisions,” with Arnie Wight, which will be presented at the Mid-Year Auditing Session Meeting in Houston in January.

Robert Crossley, professor of English, is author of the cover essay, “Personal Letter to the Editor of The Times of Man,” in The Massachusetts Review Autumn 2000 issue. He also has contributed the chapter “Sign, Symbol, Power: The New Martian Novel” for the new book Historias of the Future: Returning to McCormack Institute as a visiting fellow, Professor Nigel Hamilton has started work on a new, full-length biography of Bill Clinton, Bill Clinton: An American Journey. Following the three-year process, Hamilton has developed a new interactive website, located at www.nrcmack.org to include an expanded multimedia Clinton bibliography and a regularly updated record of the project with streamlined interviews, news updates, and a message board.

Professor Marc Prose of the African Studies Studies Department recently published an article entitled “Haitian Creole Lexicon: An Introduction to the Paralinguistics” in the Journal of Haitian Studies. This paper is the first systematic effort to study the status and structure of Haitian Creole stigmatization.

The Center for Social Policy has released “A Comparative Portrait of Individuals and Families Utilizing Massachusetts Emergency Shelter Programs, 1999.” Data were collected by the Connection Service Partnership through Technology, (CS2Tech) Project, a statewide data collection effort.

Honor

Jennifer Arnold, Ph.D. candidate in biology, received Best Student award at the Waterbird Society meeting in November.

At the University Continuing Education Association’s (UCEA) New England conference, student Jack Hughes, director of Professional Training Programs in the Division of Corporate, Continuation and Distance Education of UCEA, was awarded the 2000 Award for Innovative and Creative Continuing Education Programming for the Ireland/Israel Program: Burton Holmes, director of Continuing Education, was awarded the 2000 Outstanding Professional Continuing Educator Award.

Appointments

Professor Winston Langley, from the department of political science and international relations, has been appointed associate provost. Langley will assist Provost Charles Cnudde with Provost Cnudde’s work on the impact of same sex civil union legislation in Massachusetts. Langley will assist Provost Cnudde with Provost Cnudde’s work on the impact of same sex civil union legislation in Massachusetts.

The logo of the American Council on Education (ACE) has been adopted by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. The log was adopted by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

On November 1, 2001 the UMass Poll will launch a joint project, “Health Care Benchmarks,” with UMass Worcester Medical Center and the Attorney General’s office.

Births

John McGaha, Center for Social Policy, and his wife Ashley had their first child, Noelie, on October 27.

In the News

The Patriot Ledger gave an enthusiastic review to Steve Doozie’s Lizzie: The Lizzie Borden Story which featured communications and theatre arts professor John Conlon, and UMB alumni Richard LaFrance and Maria Papuga.

Los DiNatale, director of the UMass Poll, was a guest on The Connection, November 9, to discuss the election and concept of internet polling and voting in 2004.

Professor Garrison Nelson, McCormack Institute senior fellow and director with the Center for State and Local Policy, was interviewed concerning the impact of same sex civil union legislation in Vermont in the Boston Globe, Boston Phoenix, Congressional Quarterly, San Francisco Chronicle, Providence Journal, U.S. News and World Report, Seven Days, and Vermont Education Television. He also appeared on CNN’s “Inside Politics,” WBDK-AAM and WPVZ-TV.

Also speaking to the election, Professor James Ward appeared on WBZ News to discuss political participation. Professor Maurice T. Cunningham explained the electoral college system on WIRL 650, spoke with the Metro West News and Worcester Telegram & Gazette, and was interviewed on election night with Andy Hillier on WHDH-Channel 7. She was also quoted in the Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, and USA Today.

Professor Paul Watanabe commentated on the election in the Boston Globe, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Boston Herald, San Francisco Examiner, Quincy Patriot Ledger, East Bay Express, Hartford Courant, Boston News, Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Boston Business Journal and the Associated Press. Professor Watanabe was interviewed about the election to Boston television stations and interviewed on radio stations in Boston, Albany, NY, Seattle, on the BBC and the Lehner newsletter and Boston Globe online.

Miscellaneous

A free and a half minute film entitled “Highlights from the Presidential Debate at UMass Boston” was produced from over 300 minutes of debate footage by Sherry Rhyne, director of marketing, interviewed over fifty guests and personal material by directly a film crew from Northern Light Productions in Boston. A thirty-second cable television ad for UMass Boston was produced from the Harvard-Dartmouth debate following the Harvard-Dartmouth debate between metropolitan Boston and southeastern Massachusetts recently, via a newly expanded AT&T interactive website, located at cpa.berkeley.edu/UMass.

On Saturday, November 4 the APS Committee, “Experiencing the Community,” had 40 employees, family and friends travel to New York City. While there, many took carriage rides in Central Park, hopped on the City Bus Tour, or just simply enjoyed the many fascinating sites in the “Big Apple.” The day was topped off with a performance of the Christmas Show at the Radio City Music Hall and the famous Rockefeller. If anyone has ideas for future trips, please e-mail Clare O’Flaherty at clo@umb.edu.

Correction

Brian White, Biology Department, recently received the five-year, $500,000 NSF Early Career Investigator Award. Maria Papuga was reported erroneously as the recipient in the November issue.
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 Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor, Fax: (617)-287-5317.

E-mail: news@umb.edu

Friday 1

Environmental Seminar: Evolution of Silene Sex Chromosomes and Slippage of a Live Transposable Element in Silene
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st floor, room 006. Featuring speakers Paige Dennis and Ellen Pritham of the UMass Boston Biol Depart. For more information, call 7-7440.

Saturday 2

WUMB 91.9 FM Live Broadcast: Laboure Center Christmas House Tour
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Gary Gilmore, this annual event benefits a Catholic Charities community service site. Tours are held this weekend. For more information and for tickets, call 617.286.8970.

Sunday 3

University Chorus and Chamber Singers Concert: "Something Old, Something New"
2:30 p.m., Whitney Hall, Snowden Au­torium. Commemorating the 35th anni­versary of the University Choral Program, the concert will feature works by Charpentier, Elbke, Handl, and Koldy. Jeffrey Rink will conduct the world pre­miere of UMass Boston music students Christopher DeMarco, Alexandra Dubou, and Patrick Teachan. Suggested donation: $5, students and seniors: $3. For more information, call 7-6890.

Monday 4

On the Spot Admissions for Spring 2001
December 4 – December 9, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Admission, 1st floor. Students will have the opportunity to bring in an application and transcripts and re­ceive a decision on the-spot. Call 7-6890 for more information.

ARO Training: Employees and Supervisors
9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Learning Center, Headley Library, Lower Level. To register, contact Denise McNair, Human Re­sources, at 7-0126. Also held on Dec. 8, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Headley Library, Lower Level.

Mc McCormick Institute Forum - Africa: Falling to the Occasion?
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference Room. Five speakers will discuss the issues affecting dif­ferent parts of Africa. Sponsored by the Center for Democracy and Development. Reception following. Call 7-9550 to RSVP and for more information.

Mc McCormick Institute Forum - Africa: Men's Beacons Basketball vs. Clark University
7:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Call 7-7890 for more information.

Thursday 7

WEP Class: Everyday Math
9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Brush up on basic math skills and 10am 4:30 pm. For more information, call 617.541.6847, ext. 302. Also held on Dec. 12.

Environmental Seminar: Evolution of Silene Sex Chromosomes and Slippage of a Live Transposable Element in Silene
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st floor, room 006. Featuring speakers Paige Dennis and Ellen Pritham of the UMass Boston Biol Depart. For more information, call 7-7440.

Friday 8

On the Spot Admissions for Spring 2001
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Administration, 1st floor. Students will have the opportunity to bring in an application and transcripts and receive a decision on-the-spot. Call 7-6890 for more information.

Environmental Seminar: What is the Evolutionary Advantage of Sexual Reproduction?
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st floor, room 006. Featuring speaker Matthew Maximilian. Harvard. For more information, call 7-7440.

Saturday 9

On the Spot Admissions for Spring 2001
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Administration, 1st floor. Students will have the opportunity to bring in an application and transcripts and receive a decision on-the-spot. Call 7-6890 for more information.

Music Department Concert
7:30 p.m., Snowden Auditorium. Univer­sity Jazz Band performs "Tunes by the Jacsmaners." Conducted by Peter Janson. Suggested donation: $5, $3 for students and seniors. Call 7-6890 for more information.

Sunday 10

Music Department Concert
3:00 p.m., People's Baptist Church, 134 Campden Street, Boston. University Chamber Orchestra. Conducted by Jon Coe anders Mitchell and featuring works by Handl, Mozart, and Bach. Suggested don­ation: $5, $3 for students and seniors. Call 7-6890 for more information.

Monday 11

Chansukah Celebration
2-30 p.m., Ryan Lounge. Featuring Samuel S. Mandel, Director of Hillel Council of Greater Boston. Call 7-5200 for more information.

Tuesday 12

Learning Center Course: Preparing Photos for the Web
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Learning Center, Headley, Lower Level. Call 7-9550 to regis­ter and for more information. Reference workshop F-629.

Wednesday 13

Learning Center Course: Introduction to the Virtual Forum
1:30 – 4:00 p.m., Learning Center, Headley, Lower Level. We will concentrate on using the live web publishing utilities of the Vir­tual Forum using Netscape Composer and the Forum-File manager. Call 7-3990 to regis­ter and for more information. Reference workshop F-629.

Thursday 14

Last Day of Classes

Friday 15

College of Management 25th Anniversary Luncheon
12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Boston Park Plaza Ho­tel. For information call Eve Goddrie at 7-7702.

Monday 18

Learning Center Course: Overview of Macromedia Dreamweaver
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Learning Center, Headley, Lower Level. Call 7-6890 to regis­ter and for more information. Reference workshop L-769.

Wednesday 20

Staff fodder and Holiday Party
3:30 – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Cafeteria. Celebrate the season with your coworkers and bring a gift of unwrapped hats, mitts, scarves, and socks to donate to Rosie's Place, Pine Street Inn, Salvation Army, and Gble Santa.

Monday 25

Christmas Day, University Closed.

Tuesday 26

WUMB 91.9 FM Holiday Program: Chansukah Lights 2000
7:00 p.m. Call 7-6890 for more information.

Wednesday 27

WUMB 91.9 FM Holiday Program: Season's Greet 2000
8:00 p.m. Celebrating the first day of Kwanzaa. Call 7-6890 for more information.

Thursday 28

Cowfish Bowl Ice Hockey Tournament
U-Mass Boston vs. New Hampshire College
7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Call 7-7890 for more information.

Friday 29

Cowfish Bowl Ice Hockey Tournament
Consolation and Championship
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Cen­ter. Call 7-7890 for more information.

Upcoming

Saturday, January 26

Center for the Improvement of Teaching Annual Conference on Teaching for Transformation
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Preliminary Program and Registration Information will be on campus mail. For questions call 6-7897 or e-mail ctt@umb.edu.

Miscellaneous:

Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Fridays, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. All activities located in McCormack, Ryan Lounge. Call 7-5397 for more information.

Jenzabar.com Training
Learn how to access this 24x7 accessible web-enabled site, using easy-to-manage templates, and put your coursework on the web. Call The Learning Center at 7-3990 to register for this free training.

WUMB 91.5 FM Commonwealth Journal
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Intervenes with schol­ars, writers, public officials, and others, examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Call 7-6890 for more information.

Group Counseling: Improve your close relationships
2:35 – 4:00 p.m. December 13, 21, 29. An ongoing, psychoanalytic interpersonal therapy group for men and women. For more information, call Brenda Hamaty at 257-5960.

Offered by the Health Promotion Program (7-6585):

Meditation

Tai Chi
Mondays, 12:45 – 1:15, McCormack, 1st floor, room 613, $1, drop-in basis.

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

Stress Reduction/Life Enhancement Program (U-Care)
Four Wednesdays, beginning 9/27. Inco­porates mindfulness, meditation and teaching on how our thinking helps or hinders us. $12. Call 7-5685 to register.

Study Smarter, Not Harder
Help with performing better, with less stress. Call 7-6895 to schedule an appoint­ment.