Local Physician and Global Humanitarian to Receive Award for Distinguished Public Service

By Annamarie Lewis Kravis

For the second consecutive year, the McCormack Institute has chosen to honor a private citizen for his acts of public service. For this year's honoree the acts of service span a lifetime and the globe. On April 23, Thomas Durant will receive the John Joseph Moakley Award for Distinguished Public Service, an honor that has only been bestowed upon four individuals since it was established seven years ago. The award, named in honor of Congressman Joe Moakley from the Ninth Congressional District, is not given every year, but rather when an individual is identified by Moakley and the McCormack Institute for extraordinary public service. This year's recipient is no exception. A trained physician, Durant serves as the assistant director of Massachusetts General Hospital and assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology and reproductive biology at Harvard Medical School. A graduate of Boston College, Durant received his bachelor's degree in biology and his medical degree from Georgetown University. The service and activities related to his professional work began in 1969 when he served as a consultant to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees and Civilian Casualties in Vietnam. This was followed by his service to Speaker 'Tip' O'Neill's Committee on Cambodian Refugees on the Cambodian Border in 1979. From December 1980 to January 1981, he served as a consultant to the Abdul Aziz Hospital in Saudi Arabia. In addition to these activities Durant is being honored for his lifelong dedication to bring medical assistance to the poor and malnourished in strife-torn areas all over the world. Whether it's the refugees in Kosovo, Somalia, or Rwanda, or the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras, Durant's humanitarian efforts have been delivered with great compassion, justice, and humility.

"The remarkable range and depth of Dr. Durant's humanitarian activities and the fact that the beneficiaries of his efforts are quite often humble and without substantial resources...make him the perfect recipient of the Moakley award," said Ed Board, director of the McCormack Institute. Much like the man for whom the award is named, Durant is an individual with an understanding of natural, sound methods of using chemical processes or products. Last summer, Fortune Magazine's article "Green Chemistry Pays" declared green chemistry to be a competitive advantage for industry. To help give Massachusetts businesses that competitive edge, UMass Boston, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), will host the Commonwealth's first green chemistry symposium on April 6 at the John F. Kennedy Library. The Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM), Pfizer Inc., and NSTAR are sponsors of the event, which is expected to draw 120 members from the area's business and academic community. The symposium is designed to provide a business-oriented introduction for the plastics, resin, and biotechnology sectors to industry and university-based green chemistry research. Presenters and participants will discuss new government, industry, and university green chemistry partnerships in Massachusetts. UMass Boston's John Warner and alumna Berkeley Cae of Pfizer, Inc. will give presentations. Optimally, the green chemistry symposium will allow policy makers and researchers to reach a better understanding of the needs of Massachusetts industry.

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UMass Boston and John Warner Lead "Green Chemistry"

By Anna-Marie Kravis

Gone are the days when industry could afford to ignore the environmental costs of pollution. Mounting political interest in preserving the environment, and escalating toxic waste disposal costs have made the topic of "green chemistry" a hot one. To reduce pollution, green chemistry combines existing industrial expertise with an understanding of natural, sustainable systems to develop high quality, environmentally sound methods of using chemical processes or products. Last summer, Fortune Magazine's article "Green Chemistry Pays" declared green chemistry to be a competitive advantage for industry. To help give Massachusetts businesses that competitive edge, UMass Boston, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA), will host the Commonwealth's first green chemistry symposium on April 6 at the John F. Kennedy Library. The Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM), Pfizer Inc., and NSTAR are sponsors of the event, which is expected to draw 120 members from the area's business and academic community. The symposium is designed to provide a business-oriented introduction for the plastics, resin, and biotechnology sectors to industry and university-based green chemistry research. Presenters and participants will discuss new government, industry, and university green chemistry partnerships in Massachusetts. UMass Boston's John Warner and alumna Berkeley Cae of Pfizer, Inc. will give presentations. Optimally, the green chemistry symposium will allow policy makers and researchers to reach a better understanding of the needs of Massachusetts industry.

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Bring Your Child to Work Day!
On April 26, children of UMass Boston employees will get a firsthand look at what their parents do during the day, as well as the chance to participate in activities like the popular harbor cruise and basketball clinics. Save room for ice cream! Contact Denise McNair at 7-5176 for more information. 
Community Celebrates Dorchester’s Father Carrigg at the Quinn Breakfast Held on March 21

Above: (left to right) Edward C. O’Malley, vice chancellor for external relations, Father George Carrigg of St. Christopher's Rectory, William M. Bulger, UMass President; Gail Hobin, director of community relations and special events, Robert H. Quinn, former speaker of the House of Representatives and chair of UMass Board of Trustees.

Below: (left to right) Representative Marty Walsh, Donna Finneran, Jim Brett, president and CEO of the New England Council, Maureen Feeney, Boston city councilor; Father Carrigg, Alan and Carmilla Duffy, and Lieutenant Joe Zinck, Boston Police Department.

Chancellor MacKenzie speaks with John Shattuck, chief executive officer of the John F. Kennedy Library, and President Bulger.

Staff at St. Christopher’s Rectory: (left to right) Philip Mayo, Louise Tardif, Father Carrigg, Sister Elizabeth Calagna, Courtney Shiel, and Penney Harvey.

Kathy Potter, public safety officer, and Donna Finneran, UMass Boston graduate student and wife of Speaker Thomas M. Finneran, catch up at breakfast.

Quinn and Carrigg enjoy a good laugh.

Photos by Harry Brett
The Early Learning Center’s Best Practices

By Kelly Meehan

A year of concerted effort at the Early Learning Center culminated in May 2000 when the Center received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This achievement makes it possible for the Center to qualify for a range of grants and resource opportunities, and ranks it among the top 10 percent of quality programs across the country. Undergoing the accreditation process led to improved practices throughout the Center. Some of the most notable advances were made in curriculum, health and safety, class- proved practices throughout the country. Undergoing the accreditation process led to improved practices throughout the Center.

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The Removes

By Patrick Deyer

On Wednesday, March 14, the UMass Boston Golden Key International Honor Society held its annual new member induction ceremony. Held in the Ryan Student Lounge, the ceremony was attended by over 100 students, faculty, parents, and special honor- orees. With the new inductees, the UMass Boston chapter now includes approximately 250 stu- dents, and has become one of the largest organizations on campus.

Chancellor David MacKenzie commended the new inductees, and praised the Golden Key So- ciety for the tremendous amount of involvement in community ser- vice of its members. "I’m glad to see that volunteering has made a comeback," said MacKenzie. "The most rewarding experiences come from doing something for your community that you wouldn’t ordinarily have a chance to do."

Chancellor MacKenzie noted that membership in Golden Key has reached an all-time high, and he commended the members for their involvement in making the 2000 Presi- dential Debate at UMass Boston possible.

The ceremony’s keynote ad- dress was delivered by UMass Boston graduate and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, who was also inducted into Golden Key as one of five honorary members. "I would have never had the opportunity to be a student when I was a student," quipped Menino, who went on to praise the new inductees for their leadership, volunteerism, and high level of aca- demic success. "You do so much for the community, for the city of Boston, and for the country. UMass Boston grads have made a difference to the City of Boston."

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From Welfare to Work: Transitioning Women Need Mental Health Services

By Dick Laure

With the reform of state and federal welfare policies, many people “getting off the rolls” experience over­ looked problems. One case in point is the extent to which women in transition from welfare to work need mental health services. A policy brief featured in April 4 research fo­ rum sponsored by the McCormack Institute’s Center for Women in Politics and Pub­ lic Policy and the Women’s Stud­ ies Program highlighted such is­ sues.

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Service Learning and Community Outreach Office Blooms This Spring

By Anne-Marie Koster

The "Civic Education for Civic Responsibility" theme received much attention during Convocation and the events surrounding the fall presidential debate, but its practice has long been a reality at UMass Boston, particularly in the form of service learning. Active since 1995, the Service Learning Advisory Committee was formally recognized in 1998 when it was composed of Hubie Jones, special assistant to the chancellor, Professor Ann Withorn, and Jain Ruvidich-Higgins. Two years later, the Office for Service Learning and Community Outreach (OSLCO) was created with Ruvidich-Higgins as coordinator, under the guidance of Dean of Students Stephanie Janey, and Associate Provost Lisa Gonsalves.

Now, OSLCO has office space on the fourth floor of Wheately Hall. Dwight Giles, a nationally-known figure in the field of service learning, serves as faculty co-chair and Ruvidich-Higgins, with the continued assistance of Peasch Meyers, has established a solid resource base on campus. Her goal is to provide faculty, students, and community partners new opportunities for service learning and community outreach.

According to Ruvidich-Higgins, campus-wide service projects organized through OSLCO help raise awareness of community needs, involve members of the UMass Boston campus community, and reinforce the campus connection with local neighborhoods. Last fall, students, faculty, and staff participated in the Helping Hands event, and cleaned up a local park. During the holiday season, OSLCO organized a holiday gift drive with the Hyde Park Department of Social Services for a group of 40 foster children.

While she works to coordinate events like these and assists students involved in Golden Key, the Beacon Leadership Project, and the Project Jumpstart mentoring program, Ruvidich-Higgins also reaches out to faculty interested in incorporating service learning into their courses and to community groups looking for volunteers.

Isolated service events like Helping Hands are very different, says Ruvidich-Higgins, from service learning, which is designed to meet educational objectives as well as community needs. Service learning is a method by which students learn through active participation in thoughtfully organized service experiences that are integrated into the academic curriculum and extend students' learning beyond the classroom.

It was such an experience that brought VISTA staff member Meyers to UMass Boston and her position in OSLCO. Not long ago, she was a new college student at Vanderbilt University who laments "the impersonal rhetoric of books and lectures." While at Vanderbilt, Meyers discovered service learning. She served as a tutor in inner city Detroit and in rural Appalachia, and describes those experiences as transformative and valuable. She explains, "My head works much better when my heart and hands are engaged." Meyers and Ruvidich-Higgins work to bring this kind of experience to UMass Boston students.

Also formerly of Vanderbilt University, Giles joined the Graduate College of Education faculty this semester and recently coauthored the book, Where is the Learning in Service Learning? In it, he outlines best practices in service learning that lead to optimal outcomes; these include a sustained commitment, active reflection and analysis, and critical integration of the experience into the curriculum. Giles says, "I think service learning is a natural way to engage students in the urban mission of UMass Boston."

OSLCO offers assistance to faculty interested in exploring service learning in their courses as well as information about volunteer opportunities. Upcoming community outreach events include a series of April mini-forums that continue the "Civic Education for Civic Responsibility" theme and a volunteer fair on April 25 in McCormack Hall. On April 27, OSLCO's third annual Good Neighbor Day will involve students, staff, and faculty in community service at various sites. For more information, about these events or the resources of OSLCO, please contact the office at 7-7954.

University Begins Garage Repair

On March 16, contractors Walter Parker Consultants began renovations on campus, as the university embarked on the phase 1 repair of the garage. The contractors initiated repairs by first enclosing their construction areas, including much of the sidewalk in front of the upper level entrance to the Administration Building. The alternative entrance will be through the door opposite the entrance to the upper level garage. Alternative drop-off arrangements will be announced.

The contractor's work will mean the loss of about 100 parking spaces, or about five percent of available spaces. The work areas will be cordoned off during the project, temporarily eliminating roughly 60 spaces on the lower level and 40 spaces on the upper level. Traffic patterns also will be rerouted from time to time. The Offices of Parking and Transportation and Public Safety will be working closely with the contractors to maintain a safe and viable traffic flow.

Once the construction areas are enclosed, the demolition work will start probably during the week of March 26, and will continue for three to four weeks. Demolition noise is anticipated.

The university will keep the community updated on the HOI's Program, lead with 308 students, followed by the MBA and Counseling Programs.

Perhaps the most impressive statistic is the number of doctors. Students conferred, which has climbed from two in the 1990-1991 academic year to 11 in the 1999-2000 academic year.

All tables in the Statistical Portrait are available in electronic format and can be obtained from OIRP at 7-5420 or institutional.research@umb.edu. The material will also be available on the web at omega.cc.umb.edu/~oirp/index.html.

Butterfly Buzz

UMass Boston's "Inspired by Butterflies" exhibit at the annual New England Spring Flower Show was awarded a gold medal for its beauty and inventiveness by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Jim Allen, horticulturist and greenhouse manager, organized the exhibit, working with biology professors Robert Stevenson and Dick White, and graduate student Jen Forman. Featuring butterflies and the plants they use, the exhibit showcases graphics, live butterflies, and a web-based electronic field guide that was developed by Stevenson. The exhibit was on display March 17 - 25 at the Bayside Exposition Center. (Photo by Harry Brett)

UMass Boston Statistical Portrait 2000

By James Castilla

The Office of Institutional Research and Policy Studies (OIRP) has released its annual Statistical Portrait for the fall of 2000. The Statistical Portrait contains current and historical data regarding the university's admissions, enrollment (including Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education enrollment), degrees conferred, and faculty and staff. The information ranges from the SAT scores of our newest freshmen to the number of majors and degrees conferred. Readers find trend data that offers five to ten consecutive years of data especially useful.

Readers of the Statistical Portrait will learn that the average SAT scores for our newly enrolled freshman increased from 1,033 to 1,046, or a 1.3 percent increase, between fall 1999 and fall 2000. The data also reveals that the most popular undergraduate majors are psychology with 560 students, computer science with 558 students, and English with 449 students. For graduate students, the Teacher Education Master's Program leads with 308 students, followed by the MBA and Counseling Programs.

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Calendar of Events

Promote your event in a calendar listing in the University Reporter! Submit the event title, date, time, location, brief description, and contact phone number to news@umb.edu. Entries received after the April 16 print deadline will be included in the on-line Calendar of Event listings at: www.umb.edu/news_and_events. Please note the distinction between the Reporter Calendar of Events and the new On-Line University Calendar introduced by the office of Ex- ternal Relations. Only items sent directly to melissafasse@umb.edu or news@umb.edu will appear in the Reporter Calendar of Events. Questions? Call 7-5317.
**Guitarist Janson Debuts New CD**

At UMass Boston, old adages don't always apply. Remember the one about "those who can, do; those who can't, teach." It's not true for many of our faculty, who are both teachers and doers. The Music Department's Peter Janson is a case in point. This widely respected "dear" in his field has just issued his second solo CD, *Sometimes From Here*, featuring his particular brand of acoustic steel-string guitar virtuosity. A party to celebrate its release will be held June 9 at the Mansfield Music and Art Society.

To find *Sometimes From Here* in a store or at Amazon.com, says Janson, you would look under the New Age or acoustic instrumental category. His music also has roots in classical, jazz, folk and world music, all of which, he says, are part of him. Janson calls this CD "another level up" from his previous release, *Across the Bridge*, in that he's seeking wider distribution and planning more performances. It is released by Eastern Woods Music, an artist-run company formed by Janson and his wife Bernadette Levasseur, an artist who designs jewelry here to practice the "gift." They teach self-defense. The most important thing to do is escape and survive," explains Molina. The program taught safety measures as simple as maintaining outdoor lights around entry ways and giving a spare set of apartment keys to a friend instead of hiding it under a mat or plant where others can find it. Molina's goal is to expand their radio resumes with hands-on broadcasting projects at the station.

**Public Safety Officer Prepares for Campus Self-Defense Class**

Sponsored by Student Life, Public Safety Officer Clara Molina recently completed an intensive self-defense training in the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) system. RAD is a program taught nationwide for colleges and institutions to provide realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. In the workshop, Molina was among women police officers, teachers, and program directors from New York, Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts. The training was a week of intensive workshops, combining classroom time in which participants learned crime statistics and safety measures with hands-on self-defense techniques. The program reviewed a scenario of attacks and responses for different places ranging from the bedroom to ATM machines. "They don't teach you to fight. They teach self-defense. The most important thing to do is escape and survive," explains Molina. The program taught safety measures as simple as maintaining outdoor lights around entry ways and giving a spare set of apartment keys to a friend instead of hiding it under a mat or plant where others can find it. Molina's goal is to conduct RAD workshops here on campus for free. She is researching ways to bring the needed equipment here to practice the safety and self-defense techniques she was taught.

**New York Times Praises Schwartz’s Cairo Traffic**

New York Times writer David Kirby notes, "Lloyd Schwartz is the master of the poetic one-liner, which he puts to a variety of inventive uses in this new collection of his work." Kirby's March 11 review of Schwartz's book *Cairo Traffic*, the author's third book of poems, highlights many of these "one-liners" and examines Schwartz's use of end-stopped stanzas, terse sentences, and humor. Published by the University of Chicago press, the collection also includes several translations of contemporary Brazilian poems. Schwartz has been giving poetry readings from his book since January, hitting such spots as the Somerville Public Library, the Brookline Booksmith, and Washington University in Washington D.C. Schwartz has been at UMass Boston's English Department since 1982 and is the codirector of the Creative Writing Program. He won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism in 1994.

**Maynard High School Students John Reed and A.J. MacDonald get cozy with the mike at WUMB**

**Maynard High School Students Intern at WUMB Studios**

Maynard high school freshman A.J. MacDonald and sophomore John Reed joined the WUMB staff for a two-day internship in February to expand and hone their radio experiences. The internship was established through a new partnership between Maynard High School's WAVM and WUMB radio. WUMB has offered Maynard High's communication students the chance to expand their radio resumes with hands-on broadcasting projects at the station.

The high schoolers worked with WUMB's General Manager Pat Monteith and Dave Palmater creating promotional materials for an upcoming benefit concert and experimenting with science fiction movie titles to create the "Folk Odyssey 2001" radio spots for the WUMB spring fundraiser which started on March 23.

The inaugural internships were a success on both sides. WUMB was impressed with the students prasing their professionalism and dedication. Monteith plans to sponsor future internships during Maynard High's vacations and summer breaks.

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**Spotlights**

**Acoustic Guitarist Peter Janson of the Music Department**

**CPCF Stevens Partners with Dorchester Police**

Dennis J. Stevens, assistant professor of criminal justice at the College of Public and Community Service, has been asked to serve on the Neighborhood Network Council by Dorchester's police commander, Captain Robert Dunford, for the purpose of sharing his expertise on community policing. The council, composed of presidents and representatives of the various neighborhood groups throughout Dorchester, meets monthly to help review police and community matters.

The work is a natural extension to Stevens's research, which has been to evaluate Dorchester community policing with his criminal justice students. Stevens and his students have been surveying the neighborhood of 85,000 culturally divergent residents to examine their perceptions of safety and police involvement in their communities. Distributing surveys in various languages, Stevens has asked residents to describe the three biggest problems they have with their communities, with police response, and with language and communication; he has also asked them to evaluate possible solutions. Results are indicating that community and police perceptions are very different. Stevens's goals are to help communities and police work together. In a new textbook on community policing, he will be comparing these evaluations from community responses with other neighborhoods in Boston, as well as in Alexandria, Virginia, Sacramento, California, Miami, Chicago, and midland Texas. Stevens regularly contributes to law enforcement and publishing literature.

**Judith Ramaley Joins NERCHE Think Tank as a "Sage"**

Soon to step down as president of the University of Vermont, Judith Ramaley recently joined the Senior Academics Guiding Educational Strategies Group (SAGES) based at the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE). A blended think-tank and senior fellowship program, SAGES brings together educational leaders from throughout New England to examine public issues which affect higher education. The organization was launched in March with funding from UMass Boston and the Mellon Foundation. Members include former presidents, provosts, and foundation heads, with Sherry Penney, former chancellor, David Knap, former president of UMass, and David Scott, former chancellor at UMass Amherst joining the group's ranks. Deborah Hirsch is the director of NERCHE.

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April spotlights were written by Leigh O'Pry and Dick Lowrie.
Presentations, Conferences, and Lectures

In Moscow on March 2-11, Edmund Beard, director of the McCormick Institute, presented support for a proposal to conduct a major, three-year project to strengthen the Russian Judiciary to the US Agency for International Development. He also delivered a public lecture at the Russian State University of Management.

Linda Eisenmann of the Graduate College of Education addressed the topic “Advocacy, Research, and Service for Women: The Pioneering Origins of the Center for the Education of Women” at the University of Michigan’s Center for the Education of Women. The lecture will be published as an occasional paper by the Center.

Carol Ellenbecker of the Department of Adult and Gerontological Nursing gave a presentation on health policy to nurse educators visiting from Japan. Harumi Mihara, director of the Boston Nursing Training Center, arranged the meeting in response to Japanese interest in graduate advanced practice programs and the health policy interest at UMass Boston’s nursing Ph.D. program.

Shelley Foster, Chemistry Department, presented at the American Chemical Society’s National Meeting in April held in San Diego. Several undergraduate and graduate UMass Boston students attended.

Sociology faculty members presented papers at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Philadelphia on March 4. Stephanie Hartwell presented “Mentally Ill Offenders in the Criminal Justice System.” Siamak Movahedi presented “Perceptual Filters of Violence: The Case of Gilroy’s Murbur,” and “Nationalism and Martyr,” which was co-authored with Russell Schutt. Schutt presented his coauthored paper, “Prevention Practices in Homeless Shelters and Day Programs.”

Adrian K. Hasagawa, assistant dean of student affairs, was lead presenter with Thara Fuller, program coordinator at the NEFLP, and Lisa Gonzales, associate provost, at the American Association for Higher Education National Conference on Higher Education in Washington, D.C. on March 25. Their session was entitled “Academic Affairs and Student Affairs in Partnership: A Model Approach toward Embracing Student Learning.”

In February, Peter Taylor of the Graduate College of Education led a faculty workshop on “Fostering Critical Thinking with Attention to the Inter- and Interspecific,” for the Center for Excellence in Teaching at Oregon State University. He also spoke on a panel on the future of teaching thinking at the March ASCD conference in Boston.

In March, Christopher Rocksett, Ph.D candidate in gerontology, defended the dissertation “Community Support for Older Adults with Mental Health Problems” and their Faculty Advisor, James Green, McFeely worked with students who were reading and writing about The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, as well as McFeely’s own biography of Douglass.

Karen O’Connor, executive director of the Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning at the Graduate College of Education, has been appointed cochair of the National Staff Development Council’s December 2002 national conference, to be held in Boston.

Dissertations

Alexia Pollock, assistant professor of biology, was awarded the Joseph P. Halesky Grant of $2,000 for her proposal “Role of D2 and D3 Dopamine Receptors in the Enhanced Response Observed in a Rat Model of Parkinson’s Disease.”

Gopal Rao of the Physics Department was awarded two-year grant of $125,000 by DARPA for the research project “Optical Correlator Based on Biomolecular Materials.”

Marietta Schwertz, Chemistry Department, is the co-principal investigator on a $478,579 NSF grant project entitled “Interactive Organic Chemistry Learning on the World Wide Web.” The grant, shared with UMass Amherst, supports the development of an interactive chemistry curriculum, which will include guided discovery modules, intelligent tutors, and graded homework work for a variety of organic chemistry topics.

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In February, Pulitzer-prize winning historian William S. McFeely conducted two classes in the College of Public and Community Service life, politics, and public opinion in Russia today.

In the News

On March 9, the Joiner Center’s Kevin Bowen and Nguyen Ba Chang were interviewed by Rubin Young on WBU’s “Here and Now” program. They discussed participation in the Cambridge Poetry Festival, where both appeared on a panel on translation and offered readings of their own and of Vietnamese poems on March 11.

Maurice Cunningham, Political Science Department, spoke with the Dowsbury News Service on March 13 concerning congressional redistricting nationally and in Massachusetts.

Diane Paul of the Political Science Department discussed eugenics and controlling human heredity on WCVR’s Chronicle on March 19.
CEO Appointed for UMass Online

by Leigh DePuy

As UM Online was unveiled on February 7, Jack Wilson, a national distance learning innovator, began his work as its new CEO. Appointed by President Bulger, Wilson has been charged with advancing the university’s position in the competitive markets of distance and professional education. Wilson hails from Renaissance Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in New York, where he led a campus-wide process of interactive learning and restructuring of the educational program.

Wilson’s background spans the worlds of physics, engineering science, and technology. A professor of physics, Wilson has taught entrepreneurship, informational technology, and strategy, and organized the efficiency concentration at RPI. There, he has held such academic posts as codirector of the Severino Center for Technological Entrepreneurship, dean of undergraduate education, dean of professional and continuing education, and acting provost and dean of faculty. Wilson has served as a consultant to computing and communications firms, authored numerous scholarly articles and books, and lectured frequently. Well-respected for his academic and professional achievements, Wilson was the J. Erik Jonsson ’22 Distinguished Professor of Physics at RPI.

Durant (cont.)

this award was named, Durant has never forgotten his roots. He was born and raised in Dorchester and lives there to this day. Not far from his home, Durant serves on the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s Women and Infants Center in Dorchester, among other organizations. He is the recipient of several awards for his career achievements and humanitarian service. Most recently, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur honored him with the Award for Courageous Service.

Congressman Moakley said, “Tom Durant is one of the finest men I have the pleasure to call my friend. He has a very special blend of compassion and strength of character that make him not only an extraordinary physician, but a tireless crusader for human rights for men, women, and children all over the world. Dr. Durant is truly a champion of the human spirit.”

Green Chemistry (cont.)

portance,” says John Ciccarelli, special assistant to the chancellor for economic development. “The university is playing a central role informing industry practices. What this does is put UM Boston and the UMass system in the forefront of this new environmentally-sound process. The conference highlights the fact that not only is green chemistry a science—it’s also a philosophy. Our own John Warner is a leader in the field.”

Warner is associate professor of chemistry and director of the biochemistry major at the university. He received his B.S. in chemistry from UMass Boston in 1984, and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in synthetic organic chemistry in 1988. From 1988 to 1996 he worked for the Polaroid Corporation in the Exploratory Research Division. A founding stakeholder of the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award Program, he is also cochair of Green Chemistry: Theory and Practice, and serves on the Governor’s Science Advisory Board for Tntes Use Reduction. A frequent presenter at Green Chemistry conferences worldwide, Warner is the external advisor of the Australian Green Chemistry Centre, and is the educational activities chair of CHEMRAWN XIV (Chemical Research Applied to World Needs).

At UM Boston, Warner has championed a new Ph.D. Program in green chemistry and created the new Green Chemistry Laboratory for Research and Education in Sustainable Innovation. Known for involving his students in important research, Warner is currently teaching an undergraduate honors course in green chemistry. Warner is also working with two undergraduates, James Norman and Michael Tauber, in a new pilot program with the Office of Technology Assistance within the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. They will seek environmentally friendly replacements for materials used in the wire coating and the offset printing industry.

“UM Boston is poised to be a leader in green chemistry internationally, with the symposium, the Ph.D. Program, the Green Chemistry Lab, the honors course... Every one of these activities is unique and unparalleled,” says Warner. “It’s not just a me-too program you can get anywhere else.”

Memory and Liberty at UMass Boston

The Memory and Liberty exhibit by Spanish artists Xaime Quessada and Achito Mancano was displayed on the fifth floor of the Holden Library, March 1 - 28. Originally organized by the Barcelona Museum of Art, the exhibition contains 20 paintings by Quessada and 24 sculptures by Mancano. Both artists were actively involved in the political struggle for democracy in Spain in the 1960s and 1970s, and their experimental and modernist works presented a challenge to the traditional authoritarian orientation of the Franco Regime. The Quessada painting shown above is titled El Caballo Rojo. (UMass Boston and the Consulate of Spain sponsored the exhibit. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kent)
Gerontology Institute Speaker Series: End of Life Care in Medical Education: How Prepared Are Resident Physicians to Provide Palliative Care? 1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147. Featuring Dema Schultman-Green, PhD Candidate, Gerontology Center. Contact: 7-7300.

Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach Forum: "Breaking Barriers in the Classroom" 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Art Gallery. Contact: 7-7954 or 7-7955.

Saturday 7

Welcome Day All accepted students for fall 2001 and spring 2002 semester, as well as new graduate students, are invited. Contact: 7-6000.

Monday 9


Tuesday 10

Gaston Institute Spring Speakers Series 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, 11th floor, Faculty Staff Lounge. Featuring Antonia Darder, Claremont Graduate School, and author of Culture and Power in the Classroom: A Critical Foundation for Bicultural Education. Contact: 7-7580.

Panel for Graduate Student Applicants 1:30 - 5:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-009. UMass Boston alumni and current seniors discuss experiences in applying to law or graduate schools. Sponsored by the Department of Political Science and International Relations. Contact: 7-9503.

Wednesday 11


Graduate Program for Women in Politics and Government Open House 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3-308. Women interested in careers and graduate study in politics or public policy should attend. Contact: Jackie Mire, 7-6785. Also held on April 12.

Campus Ministry Weekend Retreat Through Sunday. Time away for personal reflection, prayer, small group faith sharing, and presentations on various topics about spiritual life. UMass Boston Japanese Club Presentation 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellors Conference Room. Featuring the consul general of Japan, Tadatomi Yamamoto. A small reception will follow.

Monday 23


Tuesday 24

Carnival 2001 2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Opportunity for UMass Boston students and alumni to network with representatives from over 60 companies. Presented by University Career Services. Contact: 7-7515.

Gaston Institute Spring Speakers Series 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th floor, Student Lounge. Featuring Eileen de los Reyes and Patricia Escobedo, "Pocket of Hope." Contact: 7-5790.


Thursday 26

Institute for Asian American Studies Spring Research Symposium Series: Antioxidants in Traditional Asian American Food and Drink: Free Radical Quenching Property and Protective Effects on Breast Cancer 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th floor, Student Lounge. Featuring Yangtzu Xu, UMass Dartmouth. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP by April 24. Contact: 7-6560.

Bernard A. Stotsky Holocaust Lecture Series 1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellors Conference Room. Featuring Alan Ryan, Harvard University, who will talk about his experiences investigating Nazi war criminals. Hosted by the McCormick Institute. Contact: 7-5505.

Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach Student/Faculty Forum: "Focusing on the Public Purpose of Your Discipline" 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th floor, Student Lounge. Contact: 7-5795 or 7-5655.

Friday 27

Third Annual Good Neighbor Day Students, staff, and faculty will serve the community. Sign up individually or as a group. Teams will work in shifts from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach. Contact: 7-5795.

Memorial Service for Professor Emeritus Maxwell J. Scheller 2:30 p.m., Ryan Lounge, McCormick Hall. Professor Scheller was a faculty member with the Psychology Department for 23 years until his retirement in 1996. He passed away July 2000. Contact: 7-6052.

Saturday 28

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 2-201. CIT community will lead activities and workshops. To register, send names and e-mail addresses to cctumb@umb.edu. Lunch is provided and registration is free. Contact: Peter Taylor, 7-8736.

Sunday 29

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, public officials, and others, examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.

Monday 30


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