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

By Ann-Marie Kerr

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 Beard, director of the McCormack Institute. Much like the man for whom the award is 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.

UMass Boston and John Warner Lead “Green Chemistry”

By Ann-Marie Kerr

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 alumnus 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.

University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger and Secretary of the Environment Robert Durand are expected to attend. “It’s an event of major im-

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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 councillor, Father Carrigg, Alan and Carmella 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.

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

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

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, classroom environment, staff development, and parent engagement.

Last November, the staff was among the 50,000 early education teachers from around the country who attended the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Atlanta. The NAEYC conference marked the beginning of a more structured professional development program for the Center staff. Staffing patterns have been reorganized and the members have benefited from access to workshops and classes in the early childhood community. Center staff members also have presented workshops at a local conference and assisted in the accreditation process. All these activities help to broaden and deepen the knowledge of an already experienced and committed staff.

The parents associated with the Early Learning Center represent diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, cultural, racial, linguistic, and religious backgrounds. A recent event revealed that families have ties with countries all over the world, and speak many languages - from the more prevalent Spanish, French, and Chinese, to different versions of Creole and Mendi, the little known language of Sierra Leone. The staff members draw from this diversity and breadth of experience by involving parents as much as possible in the life of the Center.

The Parent Advisory Board is composed of ten elected members who act as a support group for parents at the Center and as an additional link between parents and staff. These parents, and others who wish to attend, meet monthly to discuss issues and organize fund-raising, educational, and social events. Together with Center Director Kelly Meehan and the Center's family advocate, the Board has been instrumental in the creation of parent education workshops. The Center will also host a Nurturing Father's Program conducted by the Family Nurturing Center and a home buyer's course sponsored by the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Association.

The Center hopes to establish closer connections with the academic programs at the University. The recent formation of the Early Childhood Steering Committee, chaired by Dean Clara Jennings of the Graduate College of Education, will examine ways to better utilize the teaching, research, and service capacity of this faculty, staff, and students at UMass Boston. This will place the Center at the forefront of best practices in early care and education.

Interested visitors are always welcome at the Early Learning Center, which is located just a short walk from the campus at 2 Harbor Point Boulevard. The Center provides quality childcare from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for children ages 15 months to 5 years whose parents are students, staff, or faculty at UMass Boston or residents of the Harbor Point community. For more information, please contact Meehan at (617) 287-6195 or kelly.meehan@umb.edu.

Support the Children's Program

Enrichment Fund

Buy a $10 raffle ticket for the chance to win an all-inclusive trip for two to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, at a five-star resort. The drawing will be held on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Early Learning Center. For tickets, call 7-6195.

Menino and UMass Boston Leaders Inducted into Golden Key Society

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 honorees. With the new inductees, the UMass Boston chapter now includes approximately 250 students, and has become one of the largest organizations on campus.

Chancellor David MacKenzie commended the new inductees, and praised the Golden Key Society for the tremendous amount of involvement in community service 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 Presidential Debate at UMass Boston possible.

The ceremony's keynote address 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 been inducted when I was a student," quipped Menino, who went on to praise the new inductees for their leadership, volunteerism, and high level of academic success. "You do so much for the community, for the city of Boston, and for the country. UMass Boston graduates have made a difference to the City of Boston."

Other honorary members included Ross Center Assistant Director Mary Amrichousseit, Accounting and Finance Professor Thomas Hogan, Student Life Director Joyce Morgan, and Earth and Geographic Sciences Professor Zeng Guo Xia.

Four UMass Boston Golden Key International Honor Society members were recognized with scholarships for their academic and community service accomplishments. Awarded Ford Motor Company / Golden Key Scholarships were Laura Gersch, Overton '02, and Esther Rita Smith '01. Julianna Kingsmill Campos '01 and Xiao Dong Lee '02 were presented with the Provost's Scholarship Award.

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 overlooked 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 an April 4 research forum sponsored by the McCormack Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and the Women's Studies Program highlighted such issues.

The policy brief showed how women on welfare face significant barriers to employment, including mental health problems, in part because they exhibit a much higher level of psychological disorders and mental distress than the general population. The report was put together by Center research associate Carol Cardoso and research assistant Lisa Susman, who examined the literature about programs around the country offering specialized services for women in transition. Pointing to work requirements and strict time limits, the authors show it is becoming increasingly evident that many women making the welfare to work transition have a desperate need for such services as counseling and substance abuse treatment, in addition to general preparation for work and specific job training.

The study found programs were successful when they took steps to address the problem including: locating providers of psychological services in welfare offices; training staff to recognize psychological distress and mental health problems; and offering intensive case management for those most at risk for failure in the job market. The authors suggest further that mental health treatment could be counted as part of work requirements and integrated into job search strategies.

This policy brief is one of three recently prepared by Center researchers. The first compared the new welfare regulations in Massachusetts and at the federal level; the second focused on family leave, which is currently being discussed by the legislature. Such briefs are designed, Carol Cardoso says, to give policy-makers a solid user-friendly interpretation of a given issue that they can use in formulating law and policy. This brief will probably be shared with the mental health caucus of Massachusetts legislators.
Service Learning and Community Outreach Office Blooms This Spring

By Anne-Marie Kail

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 Peaches 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 latched onto the academic 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 27 at 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.

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 Tom Pomeran. 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. (Photos by Harry Brett)

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 parking 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 work's progress through daily updates, and those with specific questions or concerns can contact Stephen Chait at 7-5100 or stephan.chair@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Statistical Portrait 2000

By James Castile

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 freshman 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 MBA Program leads with 308 students, followed by the MBA and Counseling Programs. Perhaps the most impressive statistic is the number of doctorates 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 7-3420 or institutional.research@umb.edu. The material will also be posted available on the web at omega.cc.umb.edu/-oirp/index.html.

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 External Relations. Only items sent directly to melissa.fassel@umb.edu or news@umb.edu will appear in the Reporter Calendar of Events. Questions? Call 7-5317.
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

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. Steven'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.

Soon to step down as president of the University of Vermont, Judith Ramaley 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 Palmer, creating promotional materials for an upcoming benefit concert and experimenting with science fiction movie byes 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.
In Moscow on March 2-11, Edmund Beard, director of the McCormick Institute, presented support for a project that will 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 gave a presentation on "Interests in Graduate Advanced Practice" Chemical Engineering paper at the conference on "Advanced Concepts and Methods" at Boston College's Sociology department.

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.


Adrian K. Haagabrook, assistant dean of student affairs, was lead presenter with Thara Fuller, program coordinator at the NEA, and Lisa Gonsalves, 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 Interspersial," for the Center for Excellence in Teaching at Oregon State University. He also spoke on panel on the future of teacher thinking at the March ASCD conference in Boston.

Political Science's Kathleen Hartford recently published American Politics and International Relations on the Internet. "The Smart Student's Guide. Hartford will be continuing research for her next book, on the 'informationization' of China, while teaching American and comparative politics to Chinese graduate students in Nanjing.

Richard Horsley of the Study of Religion Program recently completed two publication projects, editing and contributing to Paul and Politics: Ekklesia, Israel, Impression, Interpretation, and coediting and contributing three articles to the double issue of "Slavery in Text and Interpretation" in the experimental journal Semios.

Nancy Lovejoy of the Department of Adult and Gerontological Nursing was awarded the Susan Baird Excellence in Writing Award for Clinical Practice for her article "Career-Related Depression in Older People: Neuropsychological Alternations and Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy," published in Oncology Nursing Forum. Margherite Mattes, Department of Community and Family Nursing, and Derek Talos, now UMass Boston College of Nursing alumus, coauthored the paper.

The Music Department's Jon Mitchell published his paper "The Kneifel Hall Archives II: The Eckersberg and Sommers Collections in the ISEB Kongressbericht: Baraka Bystica proceedings.

Gopal Rao of the Physics Department published "Nonvolatile Grating in an Azobenzene Polymer with Optimized Molecular Orientation" in the February 26 issue of Applied Physics Letters. This article discusses the technique's advantages in storing information that can be read repeatedly without erasing.

William Robinson, professor in the Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences Department, and doctoral student Michael Liu, published "Histidine-Rich Glycoprotein in the Blood of the Bivalve Mytilus Edulis: Role in Cadmium Speciation and Cadmium Transfer to the Kidney" in Aquatic Toxicology.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, has coauthored an article, "Stylistics of a Community Policing Context," which will be published as a chapter in the forthcoming The Transformation to Community Oriented Policing: Strategies for Change, edited by M. Morash and J.K. Ford.

Alfred P. Cardarelli, senior fellow at the McCormick Institute of Public Affairs, has been appointed director of the Center for Policy Research in Family and Community Violence in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Center is affiliated with the Department of Sociology, where Cardarelli will assume a faculty position.

Goldie Langel was presented with an Officer of the Dean of Students Recognition in appreciation for her service to UMass Boston as acting director for Health Services from 1998-2001.

Three 2001 Research Fellows at the Institute for Asian American Studies were named: Marlene Kim, assistant professor of economics, will explore wage penalties for Asian American workers; Michael Lia, research associate, will conduct a survey of East Coast Asian-American immigrants; and Rachel Rubin, assistant professor of American Studies, will examine Asian American cultural expressions in cyberspace.

Louis Rudnick, director of the American Studies Program, received The Council for American Studies Education Distinguished Service Award from an urban/suburban coalition of Chicago-area secondary school educators at their February conference.

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

Christopher Reppert, Ph.D. candidate in gerontology, defended the dissertation "Community Support for Older Adults with Mental Retardation" with their chairperson, James Green. McFeely worked with students who were reading and writing about the Narrative of the Life Frederic Douglass, as well as McFeely's own biography of Douglass.

On March 14, the McCormick Institute hosted a seminar featuring Alexander Oslen, director of the largest private research firm in Russia. Oslen's talk focused on the utilization of the Internet, politics, and public opinion in Russia today.

In the News

On March 9, the Joiner Center's Kevin Bowen and Nguyen Ba Chung were interviewed by Robin Young on WBUR'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 work and of Vietnamese poets on March 11.

Maurice Cunningham, Political Science Department, spoke with the Otsuway 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 WCRV's Chronicle on March 19.
Elizabeth Sherman, McCormack Institute, was featured on ABC World News tonight with Peter Jennings on March 15 discussing Jane Swift's impending birth of twins and appointment to the governorship of Massachusetts.

Birth

College of Management Associate Professor of Accounting and Finance

Thomas Hogan and his wife Barbie are the proud parents of first-born daughter Emily Katherine Ann on February 26.

Obituary

Alice Treat, assistant professor in the Department of Economics, died on March 2 following a battle with breast cancer. Treat had taught at UMass Boston since 1992. She published a version of her award-winning dissertation in her book, Employment and the Urban Poor: The Impact of Job Relocation.

Miscellaneous

David Patterson of the Music Department had his CD Saving Daylight Time, which includes a song setting of a poem by Lloyd Schwartz, featured on a listening station at Boston's Tower Records during the month of February. In March, Cambridge Community Television aired a tribute celebrating Toni Morrison on her 70th birthday, held at the New York Public Library on February 17.

The Labor Resource Center of CPCS is working with artist Joshua Sarantitis to develop a limited edition art piece depicting the hopes and history of the labor movement in Massachusetts. The Center will unveil the project at a special reception in June.

March Corrections

Hippolito Mejia, president of the Dominican Republic, was incorrectly identified as Ramiro Hipolito Mejia on page 2.

Arlene Castello is a member of the Facilities Department, not the Registrar's Office as reported in the Ice Cream Social photo caption on page 3.

On page 7, in the Who's Who article, Collins Brown was misidentified as winner of the "Outstanding Future Professional" award of the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Brown was nominated for that award, which was won by fellow student Eugene Metto.

CEO Appointed for UMass Online

by Leigh DePuy

As UMass 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 bids the campus 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, information technology, and strategy, and organized the eBusiness 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. Eric Jonsson 22 Distinguished Professor of Physics at RPI.

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 UMass 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 coauthor of Green Chemistry: Theory and Practice, and serves on the Governor's Science Advisory Board for Tinted 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 UMass 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.

"UMass 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."

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 Mookley 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."
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Cit Open Forum: Queen Issues
Representation and Beyond
3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor
Contact: 7-3678

Tuesday 10

Gastin Institute Spring Seminar Series
1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-012
Featuring Lisa B. Gordon-Hagerty, PhD, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution.
Contact: 7-5839

Wednesday 4

Women's Research Forum: The Mental Health Needs of Women in Transition from Welfare to Work
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor
Contact: 7-5519

Thursday 12

Graduate Program for Women in Politics and Government Open House
3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor
Women interested in careers and graduate study in politics or public policy should attend. Contact: Jackie Mears, 7-6785.

Friday 20

Biology Seminar: How Many People Can the Earth Support?
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 2nd floor, Lipke Auditorium, Featuring Joel Cohen, Rockefeller University.
Contact: 7-6600.

Saturday 28

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 2-200.
CIT community will lead activities and workshops. To register, send names and e-mail addresses to ccftumb@umb.edu.

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: 7-6890.

Monday 30

Green Bag Seminar Series: CD2 Emissions and Global Warming: Where is the Missing Carbon?
2:30 - 3:20 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-012
Featuring Kurtill Otton, ECOS. Contact: 7-5839.

Wednesday 11

ECOS Seminar: Planning Tomorrow's Coasts
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Campus Ministry Weekend Retreat
Through Sunday. Time away for personal aloneness, prayer, small group faith sharing, and presentations on various topics about spiritual life.

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 Yang Zuo, UMBC Dartmouth. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP by April 24.
Contact: 7-6850.

Bernard A. Stotsky Holocaust
Lecture Series
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., Administration, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference room
Featuring Dr. Andrew Ryan, Harvard University, who will talk about his experiences investigating Nazi war criminals. Hosted by the McCormick Institute.
Contact: 7-5850.

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: 7-6854 or 7-5855.

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: 7-6854.

Memorial Service for Professor Emeritus Maxwell J. Schleifer
2:30 p.m., Ryan Lounge, McCormick Hall. Professor Schleifer was a faculty member with the Psychology Department for 29 years until his retirement in 1998. He passed away July, 2000.
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