UMass Boston's "New Chapter" Opens with Convocation

By Anne-Marie Kent
At the September 24 UMass Boston convocation, University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger announced that the event marks "a new chapter in the distinguished history of this campus." The crowd of nearly 550 included faculty, staff, students, UMass trustees William Giblin, Peter Lewenberg, James Mahoney, and student trustee Sandy Karahalis. Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas Finneran joined Bulger in voicing enthusiasm for this new era.

For six weeks now, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora has been meeting with UMass Boston academic and community leaders, institute directors and community leaders, and students and legislators, and getting their sense of the university's greatest challenges and strengths. She has also been asking the question, "What constitutes a national model for public urban universities?"

That question can be traced back, says Gora, to the first UMass Boston convocation held in December of 1966. Then Chancellor John Ryan, stated that a model urban university must be integrated with society, measuring its economic, social, and moral health and reflecting its problems, hopes, successes, and failures.

"If we are to become the model of public urban higher education that is our birthright," said Gora, "then we should have facilities and a campus that also reflect excellence." Noting that recent renovations, including repairs to roofs, addition of sprinklers, and library brick-replacement—all totaling $21 million—are largely invisible, she announced plans to invest a million dollars in more renovations, including new paint and carpeting, upgraded meeting areas, and improvements to the Wi's End Café and the Wheatley student lounge. Inviting the audience to visualize these improvements and the addition of the new Campus Center with its bright, open architecture, Gora presented a vision of a clean, expanded and improved university in the near future. She pointed to the painting of Wheatley Hall interiors, the construction of the Fox Point Pavilion, and the improvements to Lipke Auditorium as signs of things to come.

In addition to efforts to change the look and feel of the campus, Gora announced plans to increase use of technology. Currently 300 instructors use the ten general-use labs, two "smart classrooms" and 30 laptop computers. Thanks to the President's Office, Gora will fund ten new "smart classrooms," and provide faculty with laptops and Instruc-

Out of respect for the tragic losses of September 11, the university rescheduled convocation for September 24 and created support and forums for the university community to come together. Publication of the October University Reporter was delayed to cover these university activities. We thank you for your understanding.
By Leigh DuPuy

It had started as a routine morning with students, faculty, and staff arriving on campus Tuesday, September 11, to start the workday or attend an early class. Within seconds of a network broadcast announcing two planes had crashed into New York’s World Trade Center, the day’s tenor changed drastically and members of the university community gathered around the bookstore television, turned on office radios, and tried to access the Internet to monitor the news as tragedy unfolded.

Disbelief mounted as news spread of other hijacked planes and crashes in Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and a series of evacuations in businesses, government offices, and schools throughout the country. Following the announcement by Massachusetts Governor Jane Swift that all nonessential state employees should return home, UMass Boston administrators cancelled all classes and university activities after 11:15 a.m. Cars crowded the university drive, local roads, and highways as people left school or work to go home. By the end of a day marked by a blizzard of news bulletins and graphic footage, the world had witnessed what is now being called the worst act of terrorism on American soil.

The university community returned to classes and work on Wednesday, passing American and international flags at half-mast along university drive. Many events were postponed in response to the shock, grief, and loss felt by all, including UMass Boston’s convocation, which was rescheduled for September 24, and a business club forum with Mayor Thomas Menino.

Instead, the Offices of the Chancellor, Academic Affairs, and Student Affairs created campus activities to offer support and forums to express reactions.

On Wednesday, September 12 an interfaith memorial service was held at the Ryan Lounge in McCormack Hall. To a group of students, faculty, and staff, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora voiced a common sentiment, “This is not only a national tragedy, but a UMass Boston tragedy. This is a terrible time our nation is facing. September 11 has changed us all.”

Reverend Adrienne Berry-Burton invited memorial participants to stand and offer their prayers and thoughts. Many addressed the group to discuss their fear, confusion, anger, and sorrow during the service. The program also included readings from selected psalms as given by Joel Grossman of the Health Services Department and a moment of silence and prayer.

On Thursday afternoon, more than 250 people returned to the Ryan Lounge to discuss reactions, historical perspectives, and future consequences of terrorist activities. At a teach-in entitled “The Terrorist Attack: A Forum and Dialogue”, a group of faculty and students addressed the crowd, examining the histories of terrorism, how people handle trauma and grief, and the rise of anti-Islamic sentiment toward Arab American citizens.

Kevin Bowen, director of the Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, led the panel. Participants included Paul Bookbinder, a history professor who spoke on the history of political violence and terrorism; Ester Shapiro, psychologist and specialist in grieving and depression; and Paul Atwood, a Joiner Center fellow with expertise in the Middle East. Particularly poignant was the testimony of UMass Boston student Mohammed El-Khatib. He spoke of the already fervent prejudice against Arab American and his own fear of retaliation against American citizens of Middle Eastern descent.

The university offered other opportunities for people to share their thoughts in the “National Disaster Grievance Session” held on September 25 at the Health Promotion Center. University Health Services and Campus Ministry also invited people to register for a bereavement group, which will meet in eight sessions. People are encouraged to visit the counseling center or participate in university health and campus ministry programs as needed in the aftermath of September 11.

University students and community members watch the televised coverage of September 11 outside the UMass Boston Bookstore in the Quinn Administration Building.

Sister Sung-An Kim, Reverend Adrienne Berry-Burton, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, and Dean of Students Stephanie Janey join students, staff, and faculty in a memorial prayer service held on Wednesday, September 12.

Faculty and students discuss terrorism and university reactions to the events of September 11 during the teach-in panel at the Ryan Lounge.

Photos by Harry Brett

Students Organize Donation Drive

In response to the disaster relief needs in New York, Washington, D.C., and Somerset County, PA, a committee of students banded together to organize a series of collections from September 24 to 27 at the UMass Boston. Donation stations for non-perishable foods and money were set up at the McCormack and Wheatley Information Booths from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Office of Student Affairs also served as a drop-off spot for donations of money and non-perishables.

Monetary donations were contributed to the WB56 Disaster Relief Fund, which matched $0.50 for each dollar, and the food items were donated to the Salvation Army with the assistance of a local merchant at UMass alumni with connections to the College of Management.

Those wanting to help further can call the following agencies to learn how to donate blood, food, and services:

- American Red Cross
  800-468-3543
- United Way of New York
  212-251-4035
- The Salvation Army
  617-542-5420
- Greater Boston Food Bank
  617-426-5200

The University Reporter
University Communications
Third Floor
Quinn Administration Bldg.
100 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02123-3393
617.287.5380
E-mail address: news@umb.edu

Contributing Writers:
Wendy Baring-Gould
Kim Burke
David Ceaser
Patrick Dwyer
Robert Geary
Robert Guimond
Mary Ann Machnic
David MacKenzie
Leanne Mardon
Elena Sartelle

Send your news items to:
The University Reporter at the mailing or e-mail address to the left.

The University Reporter is published monthly except in June, July, and August by the Office of University Communications. It is free to all UMass Boston faculty, staff, and students.
**College of Management Convocation**

**Features Jack Beatty**

*By Mary Ann Machanic*

The College of Management (CM) began the academic year in great style with a convocation program that welcomed Chancellor Jo Ann Gora and featured Jack Beatty, a senior editor of *The Atlantic* Monthly. Beatty addressed the group of CM faculty, staff, advisory board members, and special friends at a September 6 luncheon and discussed his latest book, *Colossus: How the Corporation Changed America*.

Beatty is the author of *The Radical King*, a biography of former Boston Mayor James Michael Curley, and *The World According to Peter Drucker*, an intellectual profile of the management theorist. The author and editor attended Boston State College and UMass Boston, served as a co-chair of UMass Boston First, and received a doctorate in humane letters honors causa in 1994 from UMass Boston.

His book *Colossus: How the Corporation Changed America* weaves historical source material with Beatty’s own analysis. He traces the rise of the American corporation from its beginnings in Colonial America to today in this anthology of essays, articles, critical essays, and excerpts from biographies, letters, and literature.

Tracking U.S. corporate history from the Massachusetts Bay Colony to AOL, Time-Warner Inc., Beatty contends that, for good or ill, it is big business—not government, politics, or law—that has played a dominant role in shaping American civilization and powering social, economic and cultural change.

Beatty’s theories on change, competition, and control, and the intertwined histories of the U.S. and its corporations can be heard on C-Span’s “Book TV” series. The telecast will feature the convocation address at a future air date to be announced.

---

**McCormack Institute Senegal Partnership Receives New Support**

*By Joe Peters*

UMass Boston’s McCormack Institute, which for nearly two decades has dealt with government and public policy issues here in the United States, is applying its expertise to those abroad. For the past two years, it has been in partnership with the Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis in Senegal, a largely rural country in West Africa.

This partnership was forged under a two-year USAID (Agency for International Development) grant. However, a new $148,000 grant under the federal Education for Democracy and Development Initiative will pick up where the former federal grant left off.

Specifically this new grant will go toward creating a multifunction resource center designed to link Gaston Berger with the surrounding community. This center will provide various services and technologies from a women’s center to a small-business assistance area to civic education to technology that will allow the community to use the Internet and other communication tools. The center will help connect the community with the university.

UMass Boston Africana Studies chair and McCormack Institute Senior Fellow Jeemadi Kamara will serve as the director of the efforts in Senegal for the coming year while on a one-year Fulbright Scholarship.

The expectation is that the center will contribute to the region’s economic growth and promote education in health, agriculture, business practices, and community participation, thus nourishing a healthy, stable democracy. The McCormack Institute also intends to bring local experts in public policy and government to West Senegal advise leaders and citizens on public policy issues.

Ed Beard is the director of the McCormack Institute and explains that much of the work on the center at Gaston Berger is being done with an eye toward being able to duplicate these centers and programs throughout many other areas.

---

**Gora Appoints Interim Provost**

Chancellor Jo Ann Gora named Professor Arthur McEwan interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs on September 14.

McEwan has been a faculty member of the UMass Boston Economics Department since 1975. He served as chair of the department in 1977-79 and 1983-86, and has been active on several committees in the College of Arts and Sciences, including the college personnel committee. He has served as vice president of the faculty staff union since 1990, grievance officer since 1991, and acting president in both the spring of 1992 and the fall of 1997. In his faculty-staff union work, he has become familiar with faculty across the university and with personnel procedures at every level. He also has gained experience with numerous issues as they affect each of the colleges individually.

McEwan received his doctorate from Harvard University, where he was the recipient of the Wells prize in economics.

He was a faculty member there for seven years prior to joining the University of Technology and Public Policy.

---

**Gerontology Institute Studies Elders in Housing**

The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and the Gerontology Institute received a grant from the Boston Foundation to strengthen service supports to the 1,600 elders and their families living in family housing units operated by the BHA.

Researchers will identify characteristics and special needs of seniors living in family housing, including both physical and social needs, and determine to what extent family housing is providing a conducive environment for meeting those needs. The information gathered will focus especially on factors shaping the desire to “age in place”—to remain in current housing—and the basis for that desire. The researchers also will estimate the extent to which elders currently living in family housing are interested in moving to senior housing, where services are more readily available.

The goal of the project will be met through a sample survey of elders living in family housing, discussions with focus groups of elders currently living in family housing, and analyses of administrative and ecological data available through the BHA.
A New Leader for the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy

By Elena Sarikelle

On August 26, Carol Hardy-Fanta was appointed the new director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy in the McCormick Institute. Following a national search, Hardy-Fanta was the committee’s unanimous recommendation. As she begins her tenure, her vision is to build the center’s connection as a resource for women on campus and throughout the community,” said Hardy-Fanta.

Her initiatives include reinstating the internal advisory board, strengthening connections with women in Massachusetts government, and bringing in community scholars to do research projects. One such project would look for ways to foster excitement within young women that would lead them to become political activists. Hardy-Fanta’s also plans to turn the current center’s library into an information clearinghouse where women can gather, from both the campus and community, to research data and reports. Hardy-Fanta said, “My goal is to take all voices of women to determine the center’s educational and research agenda.”

Hardy-Fanta earned her Ph.D. in public policy from Brandeis University in 1991, she served as the research director for the center for five years and then served as the chair of faculty in the Masters’ in Public Affairs Program. She is an active scholar with two books and numerous articles that focus on a wide variety of public policy, gender, and race issues.

The debut of the “new” center will be on Friday, November 2 at the State House. The center, along with Mass Action for Women, will also release the results of the research project “Connecting for Change: Results of the Mass Action for Women Audit.”

University Welcomes Back Students

By Patrick Dwyer

Marking the start of another school year, thousands of new and continuing students infused life and vitality into the UMass Boston campus on Tuesday, September 4. Noticeably different this year were the numerous activities and festivities of Opening Day 2001, a campus-wide initiative designed to welcome students to campus and reduce the stress of long lines, last-minute registration, and first-day jitters.

The university community greeted students with banners and balloons, information tables, live music, and free bagels, sushi, and nachos.

Opening Day “showed heart-felt spirit,” said Liliana Mickle, director of undergraduate admissions. “We’re grateful to students who chose to enroll with us, who chose to return to UMass Boston.”

Further dispelling the notion of “business as usual” was a live R-and-B performance in the Quinn Administration Building by the band Six of One. Featuring staff members Tom Goodkind and Dick Lourie, the band played an infectious two-hour set. Despite the celebratory nature of Opening Day, the start of any new semester is never without stress and anxiety for students. Graduate student Kelly Tobin found the day to be “slightly chaotic. I thought the flyers with information about the different offices placed throughout campus was good,” she said. Vanessa Aller ‘03 from the College of Arts and Sciences said, “I thought it was great, with so many people around, to have information tables all over campus, for people who needed help.”

While final numbers are not yet in, it appears as though the total enrollment at UMass Boston remains level with fall 2000 enrollment. Registrar David Cesario reports approximately 8,500 enrolled undergraduate students, 2,600 graduate students, and over 1,100 Continuing Education students as of September 19.

A Best Practice: Biology Advising

By Robert W. Guimond

Last spring I was invited to appear before the University Retention Committee to provide information on the Biology Department’s advising practices. Here is a summary of our current advising processes for undergraduates.

As soon as an individual declares a biology major, he or she either chooses or is assigned an adviser and is required to make an appointment with the adviser to review the student’s current status and projected course of action.

The student also is given our 37-page Biology Department Handbook for Undergraduates containing pertinent information that is updated yearly.

In addition to a student’s assigned faculty adviser, the department has an advising committee, the chairman of which is the departmental director of undergraduate advising (DUA). The DUA works closely with the department chairman, and supervises and coordinates all advising functions for Biology’s more than 450 majors.

In order to maintain uniformity of standards and procedures, students wishing to transfer credits, seeking permission to take certain course credits elsewhere, or requiring waivers or modifications of departmental requirements must secure formal approval, in writing, from the DUA and/or the chairman. All transactions agreed upon by faculty in their advising capacities are kept with the DUA in a central repository. Those materials then refer to when a student’s transcript is evaluated for potential graduation.

Twice a year, prior to the fall and spring registration periods, the faculty-adviser lists are updated and posted in the hallway and biology faculty members receive updated lists of their current advisees.

About one month prior to registration periods, letters are sent to all biology majors informing them of the need to see their advisers before registering. On the reverse of the letter is a complete list of faculty advisers, along with their office locations, phone numbers, and office hours. In the letter, students are apprised that they must see their advisers to review course selections and remove the hold on their names in the Registrar’s Office in order that they may register.

At about the same time that student letters are sent out, informational memorandums and packets are sent to all biology faculty members, reminding them of the forthcoming registration and their advising responsibilities.

Finally, the DUA remains available during intersession and in the summer to handle all advising matters that may arise. The DUA is also the liaison between the department and the registrar’s admissions, and university advising offices to keep the department informed of changing practices or policies.

Two elements play a key role in the department’s success in its advising efforts. The mandatory nature of student advising prior to student registration compels students to see an adviser in order to be able to register for courses. Also, especially useful in large departments is the existence of an individual faculty member, other than the chair, who is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all aspects of a department’s advising activities. This promotes continuity in departmental practices from one year to the next.

Robert W. Guimond, Ph.D., J.D., is a professor in the Biology Department. This column is a part of a continuing monthly series featuring best practices at UMass Boston.

Share Your News And Events!

Submit news items for the November Campus Notes and Calendar of Events by Tuesday, October 16.
Two Days of Fun at the Boston Folk Festival

By Anne-Marie Kent

Expanded this year to two days, the fourth annual Boston Folk Festival, organized and run by UMass Boston radio station WUMB 91.9 FM, proved that more is better, at least when it comes to folk music.

For the weekend of September 22, the festival transformed the entire campus into a musical showcase. The fourth annual Boston Folk Festival, organized and run by the main stage area to enjoy the top festival headliners.

Above: Clarin Tourish, a musician in the Irish traditional band Altan, played on Sunday under the American Flag.

Right: UMass Boston Alumni boarded the Boston Belle to tour Boston Harbor and listen to folk artists as part of the homecoming activities held in conjunction with the festival.

Below: Fans gathered on the soccer field and the main stage area to enjoy the top festival headliners.

and ice cream, the congregation of food vendors formed a kind of bohemian outdoor food court.

Sunday’s main stage line-up consisted of Kerri Powers, Jimmie LeFavre, Livingston Taylor, Eddie from Ohio, the Holmes Brothers, and Altan. While Huru remained motionless, a number of people sprang up to dance, hopping to the upbeat tempos of Eddie from Ohio and the bluesy rhythms of the Holmes Brothers. When Irish band Altan played in the late afternoon, a group of unlikely stepdancers gathered for an impromptu afternoon jig. University President William M. Bulger even took the microphone for a few songs to close out the event, much to the delight of the crowd.

“We couldn’t have asked for better weather or better performances from all the artists, including the president,” joked station manager Patricia Monteith. “This year, I think we also saw a special tribute to the country that only folk musicians could have offered.”

This year, of course, the festival followed the tragic terrorist strikes of September 11. American flags

and the Spirit of Africa, singing sea chanteys aboard a harbor cruise with Lynn Noel and Friends, enjoying the bucolic sounds of Chris Smither outside, or retreating indoors for any of the coffee house stages or song swap workshops. For those with small children, there were kids’ activities near the Fox Point Pavilion and lots of movement on the dance stage, which was open to everyone. Even university staffers and students taking breaks from Saturday classes joined in to rockabilly sounds of Paved Country and the salsa-hot rhythms of Mondo Sweetie.

On Sunday, the fun started up again under sunny skies with two stages. At the Fox Point Pavilion, one offered music, storytelling, Irish and contra dancing. The main stage, on the front soccer field, offered music and more. Serving everything from Brazilian barbecue, Indian curry, pad thai, Chinese lo mein, fruit smoothies, and more. Serving everything from Brazilian barbecue, Indian curry, pad thai, Chinese lo mein, fruit smoothies, and more. Serving everything from Brazilian barbecue, Indian curry, pad thai, Chinese lo mein, fruit smoothies, and more.

and the Spirit of Africa, singing sea chanteys aboard a harbor cruise with Lynn Noel and Friends, enjoying the bucolic sounds of Chris Smither outside, or retreating indoors for any of the coffee house stages or song swap workshops. For those with small children, there were kids’ activities near the Fox Point Pavilion and lots of movement on the dance stage, which was open to everyone. Even university staffers and students taking breaks from Saturday classes joined in to rockabilly sounds of Paved Country and the salsa-hot rhythms of Mondo Sweetie.

On Sunday, the fun started up again under sunny skies with two stages. At the Fox Point Pavilion, one offered music, storytelling, Irish and contra dancing. The main stage, on the front soccer field, offered music and more. Serving everything from Brazilian barbecue, Indian curry, pad thai, Chinese lo mein, fruit smoothies, and more. Serving everything from Brazilian barbecue, Indian curry, pad thai, Chinese lo mein, fruit smoothies, and more.

and the Spirit of Africa, singing sea chanteys aboard a harbor cruise with Lynn Noel and Friends, enjoying the bucolic sounds of Chris Smither outside, or retreating indoors for any of the coffee house stages or song swap workshops. For those with small children, there were kids’ activities near the Fox Point Pavilion and lots of movement on the dance stage, which was open to everyone. Even university staff

The University Reporter • 5
UMass Boston Campus Center Changing Landscape

By David MacKenzie

After many years of planning, delays, and sometimes frustration, we finally broke ground on our new Campus Center on July 20. The center will be the new front door to the campus and will transform the look and feel of the campus, and that of Columbia Point as well. The facility will consolidate student services and activities, as well as provide new dining facilities and conference center space. It will be an open, inviting building, facing the harbor, with a limestone shell. When completed in December 2003, the building will be 331,000 square feet, approximately the size of McCormack Hall.

We are currently driving over 1,000 pilings into the ground to form the structure on which the Campus Center will rest. We expect to finish the pile driving in October. Please pardon the noise and inconvenience that this activity may cause.

We plan to start constructing the steel structure for the building in late November and will have the all the steel in place by September 2002, weather permitting.

At the same time as the Campus Center construction, we are making a number of changes in our parking options. We are committed to retaining approximately the same number of parking spaces for our faculty, staff, students, and visitors throughout the construction process.

For example, we have already built an extension to the North Lot on the northeast corner with 175 spaces. Early in October, we will be opening a new parking lot, to hold approximately 360 cars that will be accessed through Wheatley Hall. In November, we will be opening an additional lot adjacent to the Clark Center, where we are converting some temporary modifications from the presidential debate into permanent parking for 104 cars.

As time goes on, we will keep you up to date on the progress of the campus center, the various parking and garage projects, and energy conservation projects through e-mail and other media.

UMass Boston Makes Strides Against Breast Cancer

By Wendy Baring-Gould

Arts on the Point brings Columbia Point History to Campus

For the seventh consecutive year, UMass Boston will join over 325,000 walkers nationwide for the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event. The 5-mile Boston walk takes place along the Charles River on Sunday October 14. The fundraiser supports research, early detection, treatment, genetic tests, risk reduction, and access to care for breast cancer programs with the American Cancer Society. Clare Poitier, director of personnel administration in the Human Resources office, is hopeful that the UMass Boston team can surpass last year's total of approximately $3,500. She points out, "Bringing a team to the walk is a way to give back to the community."

Registration forms will be available in the Human Resources Office and in the Beacon Fitness Center. The UMass Boston team meets in front of the Hatch Shell at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the walk, but with a rolling registration between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., late sleepers can participate as well.

The vibrant six by nine foot quilt, titled "Families in Action, Memories from Columbia Point," is exhibited in the 5th floor gallery of the Hayden Library from September 17 through October 30, accompanied by archival and contextual material. A welcoming reception for the quilt's creators and interested members of the university community will be held on October 1 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

After October 30, Memories from Columbia Point will move to the DeCordova Museum, where it will be part of a retrospective exhibition of Clara Wainwright's individual and collaborative work. There are plans to follow this project with a second history quilt that will involve young people from the Walter Denny Youth Center in illustrating current life at Harbor Point.

Arts on the Point has focused this past year on creating educational programming which links the surrounding neighborhoods to UMass Boston's contemporary sculpture park. The project is under the leadership of Executive Director Paul Tucker and Wendy Baring-Gould, director of education and community outreach, and in collaboration with members of the Community Advisory Board. The goal is to encourage our neighbors to participate in creating art works in collaboration with members of the university art faculty and community-based artists and to foster a greater understanding of the importance of art and the role of the artist in contemporary society.

Projects are also underway with the Dorchester Center for Adult Education, Little House Alternative School, and Little House After School Programs.

The Latest with PeopleSoft

By Leanne Marden

Have you heard the term "PeopleSoft" lately? Are you wondering what it is? PeopleSoft is a company founded in 1987. It is also the name of the company's main product, an enterprise-management software package that includes software for human resources, finance, and student administration. Most importantly, PeopleSoft is a project here at UMass Boston to replace outdated administrative computing systems.

Currently, team members are working to install new systems for the areas of finance, human resources, and student administration. The new human resources and financial systems are being designed and built together by all UMass campuses and the President's Office. This effort occurs primarily in Worcester and has been named "Project e/mpace," an acronym for Enterprise Management and Performance through Administrative Computing.

The Inter-Campus Student Information System, known as ISIS, is a collaborative effort of the Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses to design and build the new student administration systems. Core team members for this project also are located primarily in Worcester. Currently, team members are working on recruiting and admissions components of the system.

Over the course of the next year, the campus will introduce various modules of each of these systems. In December, the student recruiting module will go into operation. In January 2002, the new human resources system will become operational, followed by the student admissions module that is tentatively scheduled to "go live" in summer 2002. Finally, in July 2002, a new financial system is scheduled for operation.

In the coming months you will hear more about our new computing systems and find out how the campus and your departments can get ready. The change in technology provides UMass Boston the opportunity to change the ways we do business and to ultimately improve our service to students, faculty, and all members of the campus community.
CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES


Margery O'Donnell of the McCormack Institute's Center for Democracy and Development represented the results of UMass Boston's partnership with the University Gaston Berger de Saint Louis of Senegal at the Synergy in Development 2001 Conference in Washington, D.C.

MacPhee, research associate, attended as well.

Debra Osnowitz, research associate in the Labor Resource Center, presented her paper "Making Gender Malleable: Home-Based Professionals and Household Work" at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in August.

Sherry Rhylo of Marketing and Information Services and Tony Holmes of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education attended the Stamats conference "Generating Successful Integrated Marketing and Branding Strategies for College and Universities" held in Boston August 12 - 14.

On August 27 Gary N. Sperstein, director of the Center for Social Development, presented a white paper at the Learning Disabilities Summit in Washington, D.C.

PUBLICATIONS


James Bierstaker of the Accounting and Finance Department has co-authored "An Examination of Internal Auditors' Utilization of Internally Developed and Commercial Software" in Internal Auditing.


Xiaogang Deng of the Sociology Department co-authored an article, "Impact of Citizen Review Board on Complaints Against Police Brutality," in Policing.

Jacqueline Fawcett of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences published the chapter "Conceptual Models of Nursing, Nursing Theorists, and Nursing Practice: Future Directions" in Nursing Theory: Utilization and Application.


Nina Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, and Jennifer Morehead, a doctoral candidate of gerontology, published "Responding to Social Service and Health Care Needs of Aging Women Veterans" in the Journal of Women & Aging. The article was based on research conducted jointly in the Gerontology Institute and Joiner Center.


Associate Professor Dennis J. Stevens of the College of Public and Community Service completed the textbook Applied Community Policing, to be published in 2002. The textbook features data from surveys completed by the Boston Police Department and 900 Dorchester residents.

Julie Winch, professor in the History Department, published the article "A Person of Good Character and Considerable Property! James Fortune and the Issue of Race in Philadelphia's African Business Community" in the most recent issue of the Business History Review.

Xuchen Wang of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department published the paper "Contribution of Old Carbon from Natural Marine Hydrocarbon Seeps to Sedimentary and Dissolved Organic Carbon Pools in the Gulf of Mexico" in Geophysical Research Letters.

William Robinson, professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department (ECOS), and ECOS Ph.D. graduate F. Satish Nair published "Cadmium Binding to a Histidine-Rich Glycoprotein from Marine Mussel Blood Plasma: Potentiometer Titration and Equilibrium Speciation Modeling" in Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

PEFORMANCES

Peter Janson of the Music Department released his second solo recording, Sometimes From Here, in June. The recording ranked #2 on the New Age Voice Top 100 Airewaves chart for three months.

The "Workshop in Dance," taught by Ron Nosh of the Division of Communications and Theatre Arts this semester, will produce three short plays: Trife, The Jewish Wife, and Incident at Victory. The plays will open after Thanksgiving.

GRANTS

Xiaogang Deng of the Sociology Department has been awarded a $30,000 grant from the Chiang-Kung Foundation to conduct a comparative study of shame and deviance behavior in Taiwan and the United States.

Professors Robert Morris of Computer Science and Rob Stevenson of Biology received a $62,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Division of Biological Infrastructure as renewed funding for their "Electronic Field Guide." In addition, the team has received more than $640,000 in NSF grants for their projects in biodiversity data discovery and econometrics.

Juanita Urban-Rich of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department received a contract within a larger NASA-EPSCOR-funded project to examine optical characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico. She will be collaborating with scientists from Louisiana and Mississippi to look at the coastal optical characteristics in a river-dominated shelf for the next three years.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

James Bierstaker, assistant professor of accounting and finance, has been awarded tenure.

The Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Department has appointed Assistant Professor Daniel Brubacher director of the new environmental science undergraduate department and hired new faculty member Meng Zhon, a physical oceanographer and modeler.

Carla Byers has been appointed director of major gifts for the College of Management.

Robert Crossley, professor of English, accepted the first Cowles-Walker Smith Redecoration Award on behalf of the late Olaf Stapledon at the World Science Fiction Convention in Philadelphia on September 2. Crossley is Stapledon's biographer, editor, and literary executor.

Virginia Harvey of the Department of Civics-Boston's Applied Sociology program was elected to fellowship status at the American Psychological Association's annual convention held in San Francisco in August.

Eric Hayden, professor of accounting and finance, Sylvia Dorado, assistant professor of management and marketing, Edward Romar, lecturer in management and marketing, and Pratyush Bharati, professor in management science and information systems, received Dean's Faculty Scholarship awards from the College of Management.

Vicki Milledge, assistant professor of management and marketing, has been appointed program manager for the Emerging Leaders Program in the Center for Collaborative Leadership.

Laura O'Leary, a recent graduate of Harvard-Boston's Applied Sociology program, joined the Office of Institutional Research as associate research analyst.

Alexia Pollock, assistant professor of biology, received a proposal development grant of $5,000 from UMass Boston for her project "Regulation of Sartorial Neuropeptide Emissions by Dopamine Agonist Priming."

Jennifer Raymond of the Center for Social Policy was selected as one of 30 individuals in the state to participate in the Massachusetts College-Career Leadership Training, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Elizabeth Sherman, senior fellow at the McCormack Institute, has been appointed research associate at the Center for Public Leadership of the Kennedy School of Government for her work in progress on women's political leadership in the United States.

Adrienne Vigilante has been appointed assistant director and international transfer credit evaluator in the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Adrienne has worked at the university for seven years, primarily with international students.

Lin Zhao of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, the only nurse from Massachusetts chosen this year. Zhao will be inducted with 67 new fellows during an induction ceremony at the Academy's 2001 Annual Meeting, held in Washington, D.C. on October 27.

EVENTS

On September 5, the McCormack Institute hosted a luncheon and roundtable discussion with the President's Office in the Chancellor's conference room for a delegation from the German State of Hesse. The twenty members of that delegation included the Director of Higher Education, and the Arts examined the role of state government in the management of institutions of higher learning and the role of public-private partnerships in Massachusetts universities.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Urban Land Institute published a report of the Downtown Advisory Panel visit to Hollywood, CA. The visit was organized by Philip Hart, director of the Trotter Institute, through The American City Coalition (TACC) and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. The report will guide the multi-billion dollar facelift now underway in Hollywood.

IN THE NEWS

On August 15, Marlene Kim of the Department of Economics was a guest on Business 1000's morning show to discuss her research on elections discrimination against black women. She was also a plenary speaker at the Union of Radical Political Economists summer conference on August 20. The title of her talk was "The Working Poor in the U.S."

Jan Mitchler, professor of gerontology, is quoted in the Boston Globe on September 10 in an article about the loneliness of elderly men who are widowed and its effects on their well-being.

Richard Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute, has been appointed a senior 4 Boston Globe article on the revival of environmental protests during the Bush presidency.

James Green, professor of labor studies, was quoted in an article about the working people in the Boston Globe on September 1 and the Patriot Ledger on September 3.
Monday 1

Native American flute perfor­
ners: 10:30 - 11:00 a.m., McCormack Hall, 2-A04. Featuring the com­po­
ing of "Native American flutist" by Jane Patterson. Jahlle Pomellet, clan flutist, will lecture and perform, ac­com­panied by percussionist Eric Platt. Contact: 7-6980.

Families in Action. Memories from Columbus Point
4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Healey Library, 5th floor. Reception for growers of quilt, exhibit, creators, and the university community. Contact: 7-5347.

Tuesday 2


Wednesday 3

Health Services Open House 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Quinn Administra­tion Building, 2nd floor hallway. Free screenings of blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, flexibility, body fat, and dental health. Food, raffle prizes, chair massage, ac­­puncture talk and demonstrations. Contact: 7-5685.


Thursday 4

Manufacturing Roundtable 7:00 - 9:00 a.m., Newton, MA. Feature­ing Brian Jones, President of Nyme Plastics North America, speaking about their patented con­­ifiable improvement initiative "De­­ and, Compression, Supply." Con­­act: 7-7737.

UMass BostonBeacons: Women's Volleyball
4:00 p.m., vs. Simmons College. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

Friday 5


Saturday 6

UMass BostonBeacons: Men's Soccer
1:00 p.m., vs. University of South­­ern Maine. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

Monday 8

Columbus Day. University closed.

Tuesday 9


Instructional Technology Center: Technology Enhancing Teaching with JennaBarcom 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level. Learn how to enhance classroom web technology using JennaBarcom. Workshop code: L-195. Contact: 7-3990.

Wednesday 10


Friday 12

Department of Biology Seminars: "Checkpoint Responses and Repair of a Broken Chromosome" 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring James Habe, Brandeis University. Contact: 7-6618.

Saturday 19

Instructional Technology Center: Web Development Forum 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level. Questions and answer session on web development, offer­ing technical and design advice. Workshop 1-280. Contact: 7-3990.

Tuesdays 10


October 20

UMass BostonBeacons: Women's Soccer
3:00 p.m., vs. Western Connecticut State University. Clark Athletic Cen­­ter. Contact: 7-7801.

Wednesday 24


Friday 26

Department of Biology Seminars: "Understanding the Arabidopsis Genetic Clock: A Chronic Challenge" 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Robertson McClurg, Davidson College. Contact: 7-6618.

Graduate College of Education, Science Administration Doctoral Program: "Community Colleges in the New Century: Evolving Missions, Innovative Strategies" 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Massachu­­setts State Archives Building (general session). 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Workshop session. Contact: Jerry R. De, 7-6794.

Saturday 27

University-Wide Open House 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undergradu­­ate, graduate, and Corporate, Con­­tinuing, and Distance Education. Registration, welcome address by Chancellor Jo Ann Gora; debut of university recruitment film. Oppor­­tunity for prospective new students to speak with faculty, staff, and cur­­cular guidance students. UMass 6007 or open.home@umb.edu.

UMass BostonBeacons: Men's Soccer
1:00 p.m., vs. Keene State College. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

Sunday, November 5

November 7

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to students, staff, and UMass Boston alumni members. Fit­­ness professionals, strength equip­­ment, free weights, cardiovascular equipment, racquetball and squash courts, and aerobic classes are available. Hours are Monday and Wednesday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-6786.

Health Promotion Programs
Offers programs in meditation, tai­­chi, yoga, study skills, weight management, stress management, smoking cessation, and AIDS awareness. Contact: 7-5685.