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 530 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 academicians and administrators, 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-
September 11: UMass Boston Reacts to National Tragedy

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 blitz 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 Dialog for September 11,” 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; Esther 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.

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 and 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

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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 honoris 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 providing social, economic, and political 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.

C-Span taped Jack Beatty's CM convocation address for its "Book TV" series. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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 (EDDI) 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 Jamadari 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 announced 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

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.

・Robert Geary
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 McCormack Institute. Following a national search, Hardy-Fanta was the committee's unanimous choice. As she begins her tenure, her vision is to build on the strengths of the program's 30-year past. The center's mission is to encourage the participation of women in public life and provide leadership in public policy research and outreach on issues of concern to women in the Commonwealth. Hardy-Fanta looks forward to the center's renewed commitment to its mission and forward movement on a variety of new initiatives. "I want to reinvigorate 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&B and R&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.
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 of over 40 musical groups, representing traditional and contemporary folk, gospel, bluegrass, rockabilly, and Celtic styles.

According to WUMB Station Manager Patricia Monteith, diversity is an important part of the event's success. "The Boston Folk Festival celebrates the wealth and diversity of folk music from Massachusetts and all over the world." she says. "There's truly something here for all ages and all musical interests." She continues, "Adding a second day to the festival this year allowed us bringing in some quality talent who were not available to perform on Saturday.

Folk fans seemed to agree. Some spent each day on the main stage field, toasting frisbees and reading books between sets, while others rushed from stage to stage, hoping to catch favorites or get a sampling of everything.

Nine stages of entertainment on Saturday and two on Sunday provided a dizzying range of options. On Saturday, for example, the afternoon choices included learning African dance from the group Mohamed Kalifa Kamara 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 Altn 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 Pat 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 flew everywhere: little flags attached to baby carriages, large flags waved by energetic members of the crowd, and even a flag motif button-down shirt worn proudly by one folk fan. On Saturday, Marcia Ball and ten other performers led the audience in singing, "We Shall Overcome," and "Amazing Grace." On Sunday, performers Eddie from Ohio, Terry Powers, Jimmy LaFavre, and Livingston Taylor offered renditions of "America the Beautiful," and "This Land is Your Land."

"This is a UMass Boston event that has always brought people together in a celebration of diversity," says Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, who attended both days of the festival. "Following the national tragedies of September 11, this year's festival provided us with a special time to cherish peace and unity."
Campus Center Changing UMass Boston 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 community as well. The facility will consolidate student services and activities, as well as providing 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 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 Wheately 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

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 will take 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 Poirier, 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 good 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.

- Kim Burke

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/mpac," 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 the 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.
PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES


Margery O'Donnell of the McCormack Institute's Center for Democracy and Development presented the results of UMass Boston's partnership with the Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis of Senegal at the Synergy for Social Service and Health Veterans held in San Francisco in August.

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

On August 27 Gary N. Sipsen, director of the Center for Social Development and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, 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 Citizens Review Board on Complaints Against Police Brutality," in Policing.

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


Nina Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, and Jennifer Moorehead, 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 Forten and the Issue of Race in Philadelphia's Annenberg 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 P. Satish Nair published "Cadmium Binding to a Histidine-Rich Glycoprotein from Marine Mussel Blood Plasma: Potentiometry Titration and Equilibrium Speciation Modeling" in Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

PERFORMANCES

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 Airwaves chart for three months.

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

GRANTS

Xiaogang Deng of the Sociology Department has been awarded a $30,000 grant from the Chiang Chieh-Kuo foundation to conduct a study of abuse of shame and deviant behavior in Taiwan and the United States.

Professors Robert Morris of Computer Science and Rob Stevenson of Biology received a $620,000 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 $460,000 in NSF grants for their projects in biodiversity data discovery and ecoinformatics.

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 Brabander director of the new environmental science undergraduate department and hired new faculty member Meng Zhou, 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 Colorado Smith Redecorah Award on behalf of the late Ollf Stapleton at the World Science Fiction Convention in Philadelphia in September. Crossley is Stapleton'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 Praythub 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 Civic/Boston's Applied Sociology program, joined the Office of Institutional Research as associate researcher analyst.

Alexa Pollock, assistant professor of biology, received a proposal development grant of $5,000 from UMass Boston for her project "Regulation of Striatal Neuropeptides Following 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 Campaign 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 partnership discussed Cooperation in Higher Education, Research, 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 earnings 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 Mutchler, 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, is quoted in a September 4 Boston Globe article on the revival of environmental protests during the Bush presidency.

James Green, professor of labor studies, was quoted on Business 1000's study to show his research on worker protests during the Boston Globe on September 1 and the Patriot Ledger on September 3.

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TUESDAY 1
Native American flute performer
10:30 - 11:30 a.m., McCormack Hall, 2nd floor. Featuring the composition "Pehp" by Dana Patterson. James Pellerite, fluent flutist, will lecture and perform, accompanied by percussionist Eric Plate. Contact: 7-6980.

Families in Action. Memories from Columbia Point
4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Healey Library, 5th floor. Reception for quilt exhibit, creators, and the university community. Contact: 7-5547.

TUESDAY 2
Chemistry Seminar Series: "Design Crystallographic Materials"
4:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-089. Featuring John McDonald, Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Contact: 7-6130.

TUESDAY 3
Health Sciences 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, acupuncture talk and demonstrations. Contact: 7-5685.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: "Comparing Early Life History Strategies of a Globally-Distributed Marine Species: Implications for Recruitment."

WEDNESDAY 1
Office of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor, fax (617) 287-5305, or email news@umb.edu. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for the Calendar of Events on-line listings.

MONDAY 4
Manufacturing Roundtable
7:00 - 9:00 a.m., Newton, MA. Featuring Brian Jones, President of Lypro Plastics North America, speaking about their patented continuous improvement initiative "Dem, Con, coached, Supply."
Contact: 7-7737.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Volleyball
1:00 p.m., vs. Simmons College, Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

FRIDAY 5
Department of Biology Seminar: "Signal Transduction Downstream of the gpr11-containing Ciliary Neutrophil Factor (CIF) Receptor"
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Steve Reves, Massachusetts General Hospital. Contact: 7-6618

SATURDAY 6
UMass Boston Beacons: 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
Chemistry Seminar Series: "Diamonds and Dust: K/IT Boundary Day Analysis"
4:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-089. Featuring Lisa Lloyd Kindstrand, UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6130.

Instructional Technology Center: Technology Enhancing Teaching with Jenzabar.com
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level. Learn how to design a web site using Flash. Workshop code: L-195. Contact: 7-3990.

WEDNESDAY 17
Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: "Examination of Sea Scallop, Placopecten magellanicus, Aggregation Using a Video Survey in Closed Season." 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Ralph Scannell, Union College, New Jersey. Contact: 7-6130.

Instructional Technology Center: Planning Your Flash Website
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level. Learn how to design a web site using Flash. Workshop code: L-195. Contact: 7-3990.

SATURDAY 18
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 Jere A. DiBiase; opening of university enrollment for the fall semester. Opportunity for prospective new students to tour campus, meet students, faculty, and staff. Contact: 7-7801.

MONDAY 19
Department of Biology Seminar: "Call signals of the ciliates: an emerging field of research?"
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring James Haber, Brandeis University. Contact: 7-6618

SUNDAY 20
UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Soccer
3:00 p.m., vs. Western Connecticut State University, Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

WEDNESDAY 21
Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: "Integrated Watershed Modeling and Decision Support for Sustainability Research."
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Timothy Randulh, UMass Amherst. Contact: 7-7440.

FRIDAY 22
Department of Biology Seminar: "Understanding the Arabidopsis Grain: A Chronic Challenge"
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Robert J. Law, Rorer Robinson, Clarkson College. Contact: 7-6618

Graduate College of Education, Office of Graduate Administration Doctoral Program: "Community Colleges in the New Century: Evolving Missions, Innovative Strategies"
5:30 - 7:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m., Massachusetts State Archives Building (general session). 9:10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., J. Rod Taylor, Rorer Robinson, Clarkson College. Contact: 7-7694.

SATURDAY 27
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MONDAY 29
Instructional Technology Center: Technology Development Workshop
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., College of Health Professions, Dowd Science Building, Room 227. Contact: 7-5300.

TUESDAY 30
4:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-089. Featuring Drs. Iwa Omi, SUNY and S. Dorsey Brook. Contact: 7-6130.

OCTOBER 31
Biotechnology & Health Care Professionals Conference
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge. Opportunity for UMass Boston students and alumni to meet New England's top companies in the biotechnology and health care industries. Candidates should dress in business attire and bring resume, 7-5519 or www.careers.umb.edu.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: "Oil Spill Injury Assessment in the Real World."
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring David S. Page, Bowdoin College. Contact: 7-7440.

Counselors Appreciation Breakfast
8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd floor. High school guidance counselors learn about new programs, services, and future events.

MISCELLANEOUS
University Career Services
University Career Services hosts employers from top local companies each semester. The On-Campus Interview Program is open to graduating students of any major. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to learn about InterviewTrack, the web-based system for the interview program, at Career Services seminars offered throughout the semester. Contact: 7-5519 or www.careers.umb.edu.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)
Support for faculty and staff to learn, create, and connect with technology. ITC supports instructional technology in the classroom, professional development, distance education, and special events. Contact: 7-3990 or www.ict.umb.edu for more information.

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

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to students, faculty, and staff, 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.; Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-6786.

Health Promotion Programs
Offers programs in meditation, tai chi, yoga, skills training, weight management support, smoking cessation, and AIDS awareness. Contact: 7-5685.