Building On Our Strengths: The Campus Center Opens Its Doors

By Leigh DuPuy

Large floor-to-ceiling windows filled with sparkling harbor views, stunning atriums, sage-green carpeting, that “new building” smell — these are some of the first things people may notice in exploring the 330,000-square-foot Campus Center. However, for those moving into the center and for those who return again and again, this is only the beginning of new sights, sounds, and experiences permeating the building and the entire UMass Boston community.

“I’m delighted to see the activity and energy that is already filling the new building,” says Chancellor Jo Ann Gora. “It’s wonderful to see our plans for a robust student center really starting to take shape.”

Beginning March 5, student services and offices began their move into their new spaces, including those of Financial Aid, Admissions, Registrar, Bursar, Student Employment, Career Services, a game room, Student Life offices, as well as the offices of the vice chancellors for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

“It’s a huge excitement for me that we’ll be able to provide services more easily to students,” says Joyce Morgan, director of Student Life, whose office is located on 3rd floor West. “I’ll be able to stand at my office doorway and look across the floor, see what’s going on in our student groups.”

Throughout March, activity flowed into and out of the center.

Adventures in the Antarctic: Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Researchers Return to the Southern Ocean

By Peter Grennen

Devoted students of hard science, Professor Meng Zhou and fellow researchers from the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department (ECOS) would never admit to being superstitious. But if you saw them the day they embarked on their most recent research cruise in early February, you might conclude they had good reason to be. Before setting sail from the Chilean city of Punta Arenas for the austral summer, when phytoplankton is plentiful-if you know where to look. Of special interest to this research enterprise, a battalion of five scientific interests dubbed Project Blue Water Zone, was a piece of the Drake Passage called the Shackleton Fracture Zone. Satellite images show that from west to east the “blue water” here steadily gives way to “green water,” indicating a considerable rise in phytoplankton levels and hence the trace elements and other
By Anne-Marie Kent

The new Campus Center not only boasts great views and open spaces; it also offers a fresh selection of food choices. In addition to the already-popular Atrium Café, which opened March 8, the new building also features a food-court dining area with seating for 750 people, which opened March 22. The University Club is also located in a new building, serving similar entrees, buffet-style, in a beautiful new venue, a room accentuated with cherry wood finishes and expansive views of Boston Harbor.

From light vegetarian fare to heavier, home-style options, café drinks and pastries, mainstream fast food, and even sushi, the new center offers delectable options for everyone. The range of choice is no accident: a lot of research went into the menu planning, with the diversity of the menu reflecting the diversity of the campus.

"We do a couple things," explains Sodexho general manager Michael Forcier. "There is a demand for "Asian" food. We take all the zip codes of the people who work and go to school here and you put them into a program that basically says, "OK, most of the people there would want to eat these types of foods." He adds that Sodexho also does surveys and traffic studies to determine not only what people want but when they want it. "Plus, we're a company so large, we have so many college campuses, we know what's popular." So what's popular? The new food court includes the "Mein Bowl," offering authentic Asian cuisine, cooked to order on gas-fired woks. There is also sushi, soup, and an "extensive" salad bar. The deli sandwich area is called "It's a Wrap." Then there's "The Pete's Arena," serving up hot calzones, pizza, pasta, and other Italian favorites. "It's all fresh. It's all made right there," says Forcier. "If you order a chicken Parmesan sub, they take it and put it through the oven so it's all made-to-order, good-quality food." The "Harbor Market" area provides what Forcier calls "home-style comfort foods." Also, Burger King is back. Forcier reports that Burger King accounts for 20 percent of Sodexho's business. "People know it. They like it. We have to give them what they want," says Forcier. The Atrium Café and the food court will be serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Giving people what they want means that Forcier's team is also making changes to other food service outlets on campus. Their plans include a "cyber café" in the lobby of the Healey Library, a new look for the Quinn cafeteria, and an expanded menu for the coffee cart in the McCormack first-floor lobby, which will soon offer soups and sandwiches.

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Vice Chancellor Keith Motley set down with the University Reporter for a Q & A session on his vision for student services in the new Campus Center: What’s your vision for the Center?

I see it as an opportunity to bring all the dimensions of university culture into a place where we can cross boundaries and learn new things about each other. It is also a way to open our community to visitors and give them an opportunity to understand that we are more than most of them probably thought we were, from their view from the outside. When you walk into such a dynamic building with wonderful things happening everywhere, the attitude of even your most critical person will be taken to another level because of the energy.

Do you think this will make your job easier? I think if we sit back and wait for the Campus Center to make our jobs easier, then we’re in trouble. We have to be the energy that moves the Campus Center forward. We have to make it happen. All of us, even those who do not have an office there, play a role in the success of the Campus Center.

What is the students’ vision of the Campus Center? I think students are really excited about the potential of the center, but they’re also nervous about the transition, moving and packing, those sort of worries. So we’re trying to keep on top of every one of those concerns that we hear about and help people transition to the building in a way that makes them comfortable enough to give it a chance. Moving is one of the more stressful things to do under any circumstance.

How do you relate campus on campus to doing things certain ways, often because of constraints. New opportunities will bring new relationships, new challenges, and new collaborations. How does it change your job? I think my ability to be right in the building with students and to go downstairs and encounter students will allow me to have dialogue with them. I’m really looking forward to that.

I’ve been able to meet with a majority of students by going over to Wheatley Hall, but even when I went over there, students were saying, “the Vice Chancellor is coming to see us”—as if they were doing something wrong. Now it’s going to be different, because we will be there with them every day, so they’ll be used to seeing us.

With the STARS program, we’re able to provide a series of events year round that allow for student growth and development.

What do you think of the Campus Center’s future impact for students? The Campus Center will be an important part of the recruitment process for students as they consider where they will attend college. I believe that we have positioned ourselves to provide the type of support, in a world-class facility, that will assist students outside of the classroom and help them to be successful here at UMass Boston and beyond.

It’s grand. It’s beautiful. I’ve seen a lot of buildings, and this is among the very best.

Remember when . . . ?

In December 2001, construction began on a new plywood wall and pile caps for the Campus Center.

As seen in May 2002 from the Wheatley Building, its new neighbor begins to take shape with the skeletal steelwork in place and entrance to the catwalk formed.

In May 2003, the interior of the Campus Center hints at the quality of light, harbor views, and open airy design of the final building. (Photos by Harry Brett)

Campus Center Student Celebrations: March 31 through April 2

Wednesday, March 31
8:00-9:45 a.m.—atrium café
Community Breakfast with Free Coffee, Bagels, and Donuts Join Chancellor Gora, Vice Chancellor Motley, and fellow community members for breakfast. Raffle drawing at 9:25!
8:30-10:00 a.m.—University Dining
Student Affairs Annual Staff and Faculty Prayer Breakfast
The speaker will be Rev. Sheldon W. Bennett, senior pastor at the United First Parish Church in Quincy.
12:30-2:30 p.m.—University Dining
Raise Your Voice—Student Action for Change Campaign
Join the chancellor, the Boston Youth Vote Coalition, and others in a voter participation rally.
1:00-2:30 p.m.—Alumni Room
Readings by Faculty Authors
Stop by to hear your favorite professor! Participants include Carol Hardy-Fanta, Esther Kingston-Mann, Jean Rhodes, and Lloyd Schwartz.
2:30-4:00 p.m.—Ballroom
Hypnotism in the Ballroom
Naptime may be calling—come and be entertained by hypnotist Frank Santos.
6:00-10:00 p.m.—Cafeteria
Double Feature! “Pirates of the Caribbean” and “School of Rock” It’s time for Film Appreciation—free popcorn!
Thursday, April 1
1:00-2:00 p.m.—Cafeteria
UMass Boston Jazz Band
Our talented musicians will make Music Appreciation easy!
2:30-5:30 p.m.—University Streets
Campus Center Festival
Our Campus Center “streets” will be lined with food-giveaway stands and novelty booths featuring caricature artists, basketball hoop shooting, tarot card readers, and talent show.
5:30-10:00 p.m.—Student Center
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, and Snack Giveaway, with Live Music
Take a break from class for live music from WUMB for your soul! Performances by Chris and Meredith Thompson.
Friday, April 2
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.—Game Room
Pool and Game Tournament
Sign up for the pool and game tournament and test your skills, or try your hand at Madden football. Free popcorn and pizza!
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
The official opening of the Campus Center.
7:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.—Ballroom, Cafeteria, and other Center locations
“Celebration of Stars” Gala
Dancing and Entertainment Celebrate our community at a festival with games, prizes, mini-fashion shows, international eats, and dancing!
March 31 - April 2
Scavenger Hunt (with Raffle Finale)—Campus Center
Check out building offices, gather a puzzle piece, and complete your picture of the Campus Center to be entered for prize drawing at the Gala Dance. Prizes include free tuition for next semester.
University and Community Honors 2004 Quinn Award Winner

By Leigh DuPay

For Isaura Mendes, the 2004 recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award, her community activism is a deeply personal one. In an emotional speech to a crowded Ryan Lounge, Mendes said, "I want to make a difference to everyone in my community and my family. I have four children and six grandchildren and I can't give up. Survivors and their families must get together to make a difference." On March 16, UMass Boston held its eighteenth Annual Community Breakfast in honor of Mendes' exemplary community service. Elected officials such as Representative Marie St. Fleur; Boston City Councilors Maureen Feeney, Chuck Turner, and Jim Kelly; Andrea Cahral, Suffolk County Sheriff; and Dan Conley, Suffolk County District Attorney, joined community leaders, local business people, and UMass Boston faculty and staff members to pay tribute to Mendes and her achievements.

"I am delighted to welcome you all to the breakfast. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate UMass Boston's relationship with the community," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora. After a recitation of Mendes' many achievements and honors, including the 2002 Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus "Profile of Courage" award, Chancellor Gora noted, "You are truly a profile in courage."

Above: Many came out in honor of Isaura Mendes' achievements, including: (front row) Dan Conley, Suffolk County District Attorney; Maureen Feeney, Boston City Councillor; Jim Kelly, Boston City Councillor; Chancellor Jo Ann Gora; Isaura Mendes; Chuck Turner, Boston City Councillor. (back row): Jack Wilson, president of the University of Massachusetts; Andrea Cahral, Suffolk County Sheriff; Robert H. Quinn; and Captain Tom Leo of Area C-II, Dorchester.

Below: Dominga Carvalho, sister of Isaura Mendes; Mendes; Shannon Flaherty of the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy and nominator of Mendes; and Hal Cohen, colleague and friend of Mendes. (Photos by Harry Brett)

"What you have done for our community is enthralling for all of us," said Robert H. Quinn, former Massachusetts Speaker of the House of Representatives, for whom the award is named. "You have taken a terrible tragedy and turned it around to something positive for the community."

"We walk against violence," said Mendes in her address to the breakfast. Since the death of her son, Bobby Mendes, in 1995, Mendes has worked tirelessly to bring about peace on city streets. Working with other community leaders, she helped organize the First Annual Parents' and Children’s Walk for Peace in July 2000, which attracted 300 marchers in its inaugural year. The annual march is now in its fifth year. "I want to thank everyone who is here today, honoring just one of us who has lost our children," said Mendes, who has been a resident of Uphams Corner since she emigrated from Cape Verde when she was fifteen years old. "I have lived here for thirty-seven years and I love Dorchester. I want to try and make it a better place."

"Of course, we say congratulations," said Jack Wilson, president of the University of Massachusetts, who followed Mendes' stirring speech. "But more importantly, we must say thank you for setting the example."

Many of the former awardees were in attendance, including Chris Hayes of Boston Police Neighborhood Gone Watch, Joe Chainson of Columbia/Savrin Hill Civic Association, Farber George Carrigg, Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch, Sister Maryadele Robinson, and Ed Forry of the Dorchester Reporter.

The Quinn Award was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, whose record includes serving as Massachusetts attorney general and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

Historians Help Secure Donation of 800 New Texts for Healey Library

By Leigh DuPay

Through the thoughtful efforts of UMass Boston's Jim Green and Stephen Haas, the Organization of American Historians (OAH) has arranged the donation of 800 new academic and scholarly texts by 183 publishers to the Healey Library following the OAH's annual meeting held in Boston this March. The donation, valued at $32,000, was arranged by Green, a historian and professor at the College of Public and Community Service, who served as the chair of the Local Resource Committee for OAH's conference, "American Revolutions." Knowing that OAH donates to local schools books that are displayed by publishers at their annual conferences, Green decided to pitch UMass Boston as a worthy recipient of the books. "They don't usually donate to universities," says Green, "but as we are a public university affected by recent budget cuts, we were able to show them how much we could use these books."

Green solicited the help of Haas, collections development librarian at the Healey Library, who contacted OAH to ask them to consider UMass Boston. "I sent a summary of our needs and explained the impact current budget cuts have had on our library," says Haas. "For example, three years ago, the legislature designated 14.5 million dollars for all five UMass campus libraries. Last year, they designated 1.5 million."

The OAH was also impressed with the mission of the university and its student body. "They like the fact that we have a multicultural, nontraditional student body and that the public is free to come and use our resources," says Haas. "Also, with this donation, we will be able to use our current funds to acquire even more materials."

The donation will be a great addition to the Healey Library, says Green: "These books include the latest research monographs, popular biographies by trade publishers, and new editions of classic titles and survey texts in U.S. history."

Green worked for months with the OAH's Local Resource Committee, which organized a number of activities, plenary sessions in city venues, and special events devoted to Boston history. "The conference really showcased the city, its institutions, and its people," says Green. "We arranged events such as the town meeting with Howard Zinn at the Old South Meeting House and walking tours for conference participants that feature the Women's Heritage Trail, the Black Heritage Trail, and the Working People's Heritage Trail."

The latter, a tour that Green led, offered a "great opportunity to use monuments and historic sites to bring scholarship to street level. We as historians are looking at new ways to involve the public in history and to look at what's been left out of the traditional texts," says Green.

A record number of historians registered for the conference, which was highlighted by a session commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark desegregation decision in the Brown case. The OAH is an association of 11,000 college and university professors, high school teachers, and historians who are dedicated to teaching, researching, and interpreting U.S. history and publishes the prominent Journal of American History.
UMass Boston Student Goes for the Gold in Summer Olympics 2004

By Anne-Marie Kent

Not your average 21-year-old, UMass Boston sophomore Fredson Gomes has more martial arts championships medals than he can carry, his own website, and plans to compete for the gold medal in Tae Kwon Do in the summer 2004 Olympics in Athens.

As a College of Management student, Gomes studies business management with a concentration in marketing, but in the short run his eyes are on the gold in Athens.

"I practice four to five hours a day, basically doing what I have to do," says the Brockton resident. "It's important that I come to school too, just to keep my mind occupied on something else. At school I can forget about practice, focus on schoolwork, and then I just go back to training. It's not a bad mix."

Born in Sao Vicente, Cape Verde, Gomes came to this country at the age of six. When he was ten, he was introduced to martial arts. "My dad signed me up. I was a chubby little kid. I didn't want to go, but after a while, I got used to it," he says.

He began competing in 1994. That year, he won gold medals at the Northeast Karate Championships, the Plymouth Open Championships, and the Kung Fu Championships.

Each and every year after that, he placed honors at various Karate and Tae Kwon Do championships. He recently won the Massachusetts State Championship, U.S. National Championship medal, All African Games Championship medal, and the Egypt Olympic Qualifiers bronze medal.

"I used to do open-style Karate tournaments. It's difficult to describe. It's not continuous. If you score five points, you win. Tae Kwon Do is a little bit different. Tae Kwon Do is three rounds, three minutes. It's continuous," says Gomes. "I toured all over the U.S. doing point-fighting Karate, and Tae Kwon Do has just given me the opportunity to travel all over the world. I've been to Korea, Egypt, France, and Nigeria."

Athens, he will represent his home country of Cape Verde.

"It's where I was born. It just gives me great pride to compete for Cape Verde. I want to bring glory to the country," says Gomes. "It's sort of a small country. The way I look at it is, where would this country be without a Michael Jordan or Wayne Gretzky or some idols like that? I want to give hope to the kids back home."

No doubt, in August, they'll be cheering for him in Cape Verde, in Brockton—and, he hopes, at UMass Boston. So far, classmates have been supportive. When he demonstrated his skills at a recent Black History Month event, Gomes, many of his fellow students purchased t-shirts to support him.

"Come August, Gomes's former UMass Boston soccer coach, Noel Cotterell, will also be cheering him on. "I'm not surprised at Fredson's success," says Cotterell. "He's a coach's dream. He plays intensely and learns quickly due to his self-initiative. He maintains personal standards on and off that field that are exemplary. He will never stop until the task at hand is completed."

"Visit Gomes's website for the latest news of his competitions: www.fredsongomes.com."

CPCS Professors Use Federal Grant to Expand Access to Tax Filing Technology

Professors Joan Arches and Terence McLarney are helping more Boston-area residents file for Earned Income Tax Credit. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Ed Hayward

As many as a quarter of eligible Boston residents don't take advantage of one of the nation's most effective anti-poverty programs—the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)—according to two UMass Boston professors who used a federal grant to kick off an effort this tax season to return more than $1 million in federal, and state taxes to qualified residents in Greater Boston.

Professors Joan Arches and Terence McLarney of the College of Public and Community Service are coordinating the Boston EITC Electronic Filing and Technology Access Project to pilot an electronic application and filing program at community technology centers providing outreach, referral, and processing services.

The project, which will supplement the City of Boston EITC Campaign's 156 free tax-help sites, hopes to return $1 million in federal and state taxes, including $300,000 in EITCs, to low-income residents in Boston neighborhoods for the 2003 tax year. U.S. Department of Commerce funding of $300,000 supports the project.

"This is a national model for much better access to technology for residents who might otherwise not be able to take advantage of the new tools in our increasingly digital world," said McLarney. "Our goal is to raise awareness of electronic filing for the EITC, as well as state and federal tax refunds. Finally, we see this as a gateway to other financial literacy services for inner-city residents." The program seeks to increase access to an existing support system for EITC filing, as well as community technology centers, which are multimedia facilities that emerged in the 1990s as improved versions of neighborhood computer centers. The technology centers now have staff that can help residents use the computer tools needed to navigate the filing systems.

"People should have the tools, the place, and the confidence to use this technology, regardless of whether they can afford a computer in their home," said Arches. "It's a viewpoint that's shared by the city, the EITC Coalition, the non-profit groups, and the university community involved with us. This project aims to address the promise technology holds for everyone in our society."

The project, now being piloted at community technology centers in Boston, Malden, and New Bedford, brings a specialized online application and federal filing program, known as ICAN, from its initial success in Orange County, Calif., to Boston and a select few other cities throughout the United States, said McLarney. ICAN, developed by Legal Services of Orange County, is a national computer filing program that simplifies the steps required to file for the federal EITC, which last year returned $36 billion to low-income working individuals and families.

Filing for the EITC takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes through the ICAN system, said McLarney. Typically, residents have had to rely on private tax-preparation offices as the nearest access point for filing services and technology. A family of four earning $25,000 in 2003 was eligible for a credit of up to $4,204.

The work of McLarney and Arches is in partnership with the City of Boston's EITC Campaign, the non-profit Survivors Inc., of Roxbury, Mass., and CTNNet New England, the regional affiliate of a national coalition of community technology centers.

Chess Team Wins Best College Team Trophy

Members of the Chess Club play one of their first games in the new Campus Center on March 4. (Photo by Harry Brett)

In its second year, the UMass Boston Chess Club has seen great success. In March, five club members, Kelvin Lo, Joseph Perl, Dan Korsunsky, Rueben Urmeneta, Jr., and Dimitry Frenklah, formed a team to compete in the 13th Annual Eastern Class Championships, held in Sturbridge. Following the competition, the team received a trophy for the best college team at the tournament.

"I was using this trip to give experience to some of our players who had not played in tournaments," said club president and founder Dan Korsunsky, "and ultimately in preparation for our next tournament."

Korsunsky organized the club when he arrived at UMass Boston as a freshman. "Of course I am thrilled about the trophy, but it is difficult to fall when one is surrounded by people who want to learn and, who do every thing possible to help make trips like this possible," he said.

Additionally, Joseph Perl was written up in the "Chess Notes" section of the Boston Globe on March 4 for participating in a Metrowest Club Tournament and beating master player John Cuido, a 700-time tournament winner and the author of the popular Chess Cannot series.

For more information, please e-mail chessfoyo@hotmail.com.

Liberating Social Theory: Inspirations from Paulo Freire for Learning, Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in Applied Settings. Wednesday, April 7, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Provost Conference Room, Healey Library, 8th Floor. See www.sociology.umb.edu for more information.
Jeff Duke, professor of biology, gave the keynote address at the "Species at Risk 2004" conference, held in Victoria, Canada, on March 5.

Donald Macdonald, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, was the keynote speaker at the 29th Annual Conference of the California Association for Bilingual Education.

Margaret McAllister, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and nurse practitioner for University Health Services, presented the keynote address "Current Practice for the Nurse Practitioner" at the Nurse Practitioner Retreat Day Dana-Farber Institute, held on March 3.

Corinne Etiene, assistant professor in the Department of Applied Linguistics, and Pratima Prasad, research assistant in the Department of Modern Languages, conducted a professional development workshop for school teachers of French at UMass Boston on March 6.

Patricia Gallagher, a senior fellow at the Center for Survey Research, was an invited speaker at the Annual Conference on Health Survey Research Methods.

Professors Anne Jones and Julie Brennan of the College of Management attended the AccounTeen New Faculty Consortium in February. Participants were selected through a national competitive process.

William Kiernan, director of the Institute for Community Inclusion, moderated the session "Responding to the Needs of All Job Seekers: A Universal Strategy" at the National Association of Workforce Board's 8th Annual Conference on Health, Education, and Training.

Mari Koerner of the Curriculum and Instruction Program presented "Using the Community as a Resource for Teacher Education: Integrating Alternative Voices" with Najwa Abdal-Tawab and Lee Tye-Toh. "Beyond the Outer Test: The Massachusetts Coalition's Use of Broadscale Survey Data to Extend Evaluation of Urban Teacher Preparation Programs" with clinical supervision. The improving presentation "Doing Dewey: The Practices of Deliberative Democracy for Improving Teacher Quality and Student Achievement" at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.


Virginia Smith Harvey, associate professor and chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, spoke at the National Association of School Psychologists conference and conducted the workshops "Administrative and Clinical Supervision," "Improving Study Skills," and "Surviving and Thriving as a School Psychologist." presented the paper "The Promises and Perils of Civil Society in Africa" at a February conference held at Harvard Graduate School of Education.


Ying Tan, assistant professor of biology, gave the talk "Molecular Evolution of Color Vision in Primates" at the Keystone Symposium on Molecular and Cellular Biology: Natural Variation and Quantitative Genetics in Model Organisms.


Melissa Herman, assistant professor of psychology, has published the article "Forecasting the Determinants of Racial Identification in Multi-Racial Adolescents" in Child Development.


Stuart Licht, professor and chair of the Chemistry Department, co-wrote the cover article "Rechargeable Fe(III)/Super-Ion Cathode" in the journal Chemical Communications.

Exploring Literacy, a new book by Eleanor Kurt, professor of English, has been published by Pearson Longman.

Professor Joyce Peressini of the English Department has had her fourth novel, tentatively titled Eastern Mountain Time, accepted by Carnegie Mellon Press.

The College of Management's Kiran Verma published the co-authored paper "Is the Cheapest Drug Always the Best Alternative?" in Primary Psychiatry.


James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, is the first author on a research monograph, "Competitive and Organizational Change in the Lowell Police Department: Challenges and Opportunities," published by the Police Foundation.


James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend to support his work on convict transportation.

The Center for Social Policy received a University Public Service Endowment Grant to enhance the involvement of low-income constituents in the center's research activities.

Professor Carroy U. Ferguson of the College of Public and Community Service has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the Association for Humanistic Psychology's bimonthly magazine AHP Perspective.

Donna Kuzenenga has been appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Kuzenenga, a professor of romance languages, most recently served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont.

Howard University's Division of Nursing has recruited Laurel Radwin of the Adult Gerontological Nursing Program as an "Emerging Star in Health Disparities Research" for her work on quality of nursing care received by diverse populations.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

The College of Management has named Edward Albertian Executive-in-Residence. In that role he will work with faculty, staff and students on projects related to areas of strategy, leadership, operations and marketing management, and information systems.

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At February 17, McCormack Graduate School's Dean Edmund Beard and researchers Erica White and Michael McPhee hosted five visitors from the Republic of Georgia participating in the U.S. State Department's International Visitor Program.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

In conjunction with the Center for Social Policy, Phyllis Freeman, senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School, released "Emergency Preparedness: A Manual for Homeless Service Providers."

WUMB Goes Digital

By Darrell Penta

Last month, WUMB-FM became one of the first stations in the country to adopt a technology thought to revolutionize radio broadcasting. High Definition (HD) Radio enables stations like WUMB to broadcast digital versions of their existing signal with CD-quality sound and the option of streaming text information such as song titles, weather, and traffic.

"This is definitely the future of radio," said WUMB general manager Lisa McPhee. "It's going to help us grow into the next century."

Monteith believes stations will change over to digital format in the coming months for many reasons. For example, "the pop- "his," and fades associated with FM and AM broadcast will be virtually eliminated with digital radio, reducing in general improvement in sound. Also, stations will be able to add streams of content to their existing signals—basically increasing the amount of information they can transmit at once. This additional information may be sent as song and artist information, or weather and traffic reports, which would appear on digital receivers like a news ticker. In some cases, the added streams will result in stations being able to simultaneously offer two different formats.

The cost of converting an average FM station to HD Radio typically ranges from $50,000 to $100,000; for smaller public radio stations like WUMB, therefore, cost is a large factor in the decision to go digital. Nonetheless, upwards of 300 stations across the country, received a HD broadcast license and the number is expected to increase dramatically as consumers respond to the technology. WUMB recently received a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to pay for 70 percent of the costs to convert to digital.

The benefits of this conversion far outweigh the costs," said Monteith. "Not only will we be able to deliver the highest-quality audio signal available to our listeners, but we'll also strengthen our presence on the dial and leave room to expand our programming offerings to meet the needs of our community."

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The Emerging Disabilities Project at the Institute for Community Inclusion hosted a policy summit in Washington, D.C., to discuss disabilities from an environmental, political, and social perspective.

IN THE NEWS

Research by Jeff Dukes, professor of biology, on CO2 fertilization was reported by the BBC, San Francisco Chronicle, and WBZ-AM on February 16.

In February, Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, provided commentary on the presidential election on WBZ Channel 4 News and New England Cable News. She was quoted in the Christian Science Monitor on the appointment of women to top spots in San Francisco. She was also quoted in Scholastic News on March 1.

A review of Harriet Tubman: Her Life and Her Life Stories by Jean Hunter, director of the Women's Studies Program, was published in the New York Review of Books on March 11.

John McGaig and the Center for Social Policy's Give Us Your Poor Community Action Forum on Homelessness in Greater Boston was featured in Spare News on March 4.

A review of Reenchantment: Tibetan Buddhism Comes to the West by Askold Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, was published in the Boston Sunday Globe on February 29.

In February, Marc Prou, assistant professor of African studies, was interviewed on the political crisis in Haiti by CNN World News, BBC News, the Bay State Banner, the Haitian Times, Journal Do Brazil, and El Mercurio. He was also interviewed on WFDH-TV's "Urban Update" on March 7.

Lorna Rivera, assistant professor in the College of Public and Community Service, discussed women's literacy and how adult literacy education is a vehicle for social change on WRBB Radio on February 29.

Debra Weis of the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education was interviewed for a segment on nutrition for WLIW-TV's "Urban Update." [on March 2.]

CORRECTION

In regards to the March article on the new student trustee, Omar Bukhari reported that he missed one meeting while serving as student trustee.

ECOS in the Antarctic (cont.)

The cruise planning," Zhou reported soon after the Gould had reached the study site.

At other times nature herself seemed the biggest obstacle. Work of this kind involves measuring a host of oceanographic variables using an array of high-tech equipment that is apt to malfunction, especially under the extreme conditions encountered on the open sea. Indeed, the researchers' daily website updates refer to numerous occasions when an equipment problem put one or more of the mission's objectives in jeopardy.

"It was enough to make even a veteran voyager to the Antarctic wax philosophic about the tools of science. "When the ocean is in front of you, you realize that your symbols and equations mean so little. While our vessel was helplessly rolling and pitching, we seemed so insignificant before nature," Zhou noted in an early-March dispatch.

Zhou's observations serve as a cautionary tale about the power of nature. And they may help explain why some scientists see nothing unusual in enlisting spiritual guidance before venturing from the sanctuary of their labs to confront nature on its own terms. **
**WEDNESDAY 7**

**Social Theory Forum: Liberating Social Theory.** Inspirations from Paulo Freire for Learning, Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in April 7-10. 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Healey Library. Presented by Diana Ruddy and Mohamed. Contact: diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

**WEDNESDAY 21**

**Joiner Center Spring 2004 Film Series: No Man's Land** 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, McCormack Hall, 1st Floor. Joiner Center for Global Social Change. Contact: 7-3381 or andreawight@umb.edu.

**Vocal Master Class** 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st Floor. Vocal coach and master class, University Choral Society. Contact: davidrodgersp@yahoo.com.

**WEDNESDAY 22**

**Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Faculty and staff are welcome to bring their children (between the ages of 8-12) to work. Contact: Denise McNair at 7-5176 or denise.mcnaier@umb.edu.

**FRIDAY 23**

**The Latino Public Policy Conference 2004** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Policy makers and community members to exchange ideas on how to improve the status of Latinos in Massachusetts. Deadline for registration is April 9. Registration: 7-5971 or paulrinit@umb.edu.

**THURSDAY 22**

**Upcoming**

Second Annual Beacon Dash 5K Run/Walk May 2, 10:00 a.m., Clark Athletic Center. 3.1 mile run/walk course circles UMass Boston. Register before April 23. $17.00. Day of event: $20.00. A fun run for kids will take place following the run/walk. All proceeds benefit UMass Boston Early Learning Center. Contact: www.umb.edu or 7-6788.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Beacon Fitness Center Offers include phlebotomy (Mondays, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.), pilates (Tuesdays, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.), cardiovascular (Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.), step and tone (Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.), ab blast (Fridays, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.), muscle conditioning (Fridays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.), fitness classes. Open to all members. Contact: 7-6786 or www.umb.edu beacoon/index.htm for schedule.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry offers include Imagination Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, university chapels, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or umb.edu/students/campus_ministry.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC) Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.umb.edu or call 7-2990 for updated workshop information.

Intramural Clinics Come join a free clinic to learn the rules to the game, and/or to improve your game: racquetball, squash, and racquetball. Sign-up forms are at the Beacon Fitness Center. Contact: 7-7380.


University Health Services: Yoga Wednesdays, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., Peabody, Fitness Center, McCormack Hall, 1st floor. Free for students. Staff and faculty $5.00 per class following first free class. Contact: 7-5680.

USave Computer Discount Program April 2 - May 21. Visit usave.umb.edu for details on bulk discount pricing on computers and components. Contact: usave@umb.edu.

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal Sunday 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6790.