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.

Adventure 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 a six-week sojourn in the Southern Ocean and Antarctica aboard the research vessel Laurence M. Gould, they each took a turn kissing a statue of the sixteenth-century explorer Ferdinand Magellan, a seafarer’s petition for safe passage and good fortune.

Zhou, research associate Yiwiu Zhu, and Ph.D. student Ryan Dorland have unfinished business in this part of the world. If you saw them the day they departed, you’d 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
New Building, New Food Choices

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 accented 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, the diversity of the menu reflects the diversity of the campus.

"We do a couple things," explains Sodexho general manager Michael Forcier. "One is called "life-friendly." 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 "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 fire-floor lobby, which will soon offer soups and sandwiches.

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Vice Chancellor Keith Motley sat 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 Campus Center?

I see it as an opportunity to bring together all the components that are now scattered throughout the campus into a place that will become the heart of UMass Boston. The Campus Center will 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 all 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 circumstances.

What do you think of the Campus Center?

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 are some of your plans?

We are able to engage our student government in a way that we believe they should be engaged. We'll be able to work with student organizations to do a lot of collaborative events between faculty, staff, and students. What we want to show is consistency, events throughout the year that become traditions for our university that allow for learning and sometimes some good old-fashioned fun.

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 professors! 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—with free popcorn!

Thursday, April 1
1:00-2:00 p.m.—Cafeteria UMass Boston Jazz Band Our talented musicians will make Music Appreciation easy!

2:30-3:30 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.

7:00-9:00 p.m.—University Room Coffee, Tea, Coca, 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, Cafeterias, 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.

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University and Community Honors 2004 Quinn Award Winner

By Leigh DuPuy

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 Cabral, 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."

"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 Crime Watch, Joe Chaisson of Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association, Farther 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

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 libraries," said 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, archivists, and writers 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 Ed Hayward

Not your average 21-year-old, UMass Boston sophomore Fredson Gomes has more martial arts championship 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. While 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, All African Games Championship, and at the Plymouth Open when he arrived at the age of six. When he

Karaté and Kung Fu Championships. Each and every year after that, he placed honors in 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.”

In 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 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 fundraising 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 Archès 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 Archès 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 EITC’s, 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 return. 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 Archès. “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 Archès is in partnership with the City of Boston’s EITC Campaign, the non-profit Survivors Inc., of Roxbury, Mass., and CTCNet 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 Uremeneta, 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 win, and faculty who do everything 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 5 for playing a Metrowest Club Tournament and beating master player John Cuedo, a 700-time tournament winner and the author of the popular Chess Carver series.

Liberating Social Theory

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PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Lois Biener, senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, presented the study “Town and Annual meeting of the Society for Lectures presented the study "Town and Annual meeting of the Society for philosophy, was the Mitch Snyder Chris Bobel, assistant professor of Cambridge, where he spoke on the Women's Studies Association.

Professor of Russian, gave the talk “Upscale, Temporary Staffing Industry in the United States: Institutional Context, Arrangements in France and the School Stairs” at the annual meeting of the Association for Institutional Research, was an invited speaker at the Center for Social Policy, spoke on women in the Women's Studies Program, presented "Making Something So Personal, Political: An Analysis of Menstrual Activism" at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association.

On February 18, Diana Burgin, Professor of Russian, gave the talk “Upscale, Downscale: Tsveteva's Music of the Stairs” at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University.

Milton Burts Jr. of the Sociology Department presided over a paper session, where he presented “Notions of Success: An Ethnographic Exploration of the Adjustment of Youth Who Are on Society’s Fringe” at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.

In March, Françoise Carre, research director at the Center for Social Policy, presented two lectures for conferences held in Paris: “The Temporary Staffing Industry in the United States: Institutional Context, Patterns of Use and Workforces” and “Non-Standard Employment Arrangements in France and the United States.”

School psychology graduate students Susan Cooney, Barbara Ball, Ora Higgins, Wesley Sims, and Luis Duque worked with Associate Professor Felicia Wilczenski, presented two studies, “Promising Practices in Using Cyber-Communication in School Psychology” and “Service Learning as a Vehicle for Educating School Psychologists,” at the National Association of School Psychologists annual meeting.

Lal Chugh of the College of Management presented the paper “Pre and Post Demutualization Performance of Life Insurance Companies” at the Eastern Finance Association Annual Meetings.

Alex DesForges, assistant professor of French in the Department of Modern Languages, conducted a professional development workshop for school teachers of French at UMass Boston on March 6.

Donald Macedo, 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.

Marc Prou, assistant professor in the African Studies Department, spoke on "The Origin and Evolution of the Haitian Creole Language" at Suffolk University on March 23.

In February, gerontology faculty members and students made presentations at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, including Nina Silverstein, Jena Muthra, Kelly Fergurald, Marian Spencer, and Bei Wu.

Nancy Steiber, associate professor and chair of the Art Department, recently presented the paper "Old Amsterdam 'Was Wot A-Lookin' At': The Beautiful City and its Beautiful History" at Wesleyan University and presented a paper at the symposium "Rethinking Architectural Historiography," held at the Middle Eastern Technical University in Turkey.

M.H. (Iroquois) Tamdgidi, assistant professor of sociology, presented the paper "Rethinking Sociology: Self, Knowledge, Practice, and Dilemmas in Transitions to Quantum Social Science" at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.

Andres Torres, director of the Gaston Institute, presented "Latinos Futures in a Changing Policy Environment" for the annual Jose Martinez Freedom and the Americas Lecture, held at the College of the Holy Cross on February 19.


Institute for Community Inclusion researchers Doris Hammer and Oria Sims, with colleagues; and the panel "Relating for Improving Teacher Quality" for the annual meeting of 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.

PUBLICATIONS


James Biersteker, associate professor of mathematics and finance, coauthored two articles: “Highlights of Current Audit Approaches” and “Have You Seen These Instructional Resources (Internal Audit)” in spring issue of The Auditor’s Report.

Jay R. Dee, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education, published the article “Reconciling Differences: Conflict Management Strategies of Catholic College and University Presidents” in Higher Education.


Melissa Herman, assistant professor of sociology, coauthored the article "Finding 'Soft' Choices: Determinants of Racial Identification in Multiracial Adolescents" in Child Development.


Stuart Licht, professor and chair of the Chemistry Department, co­authored the cover article "Rechargeable Fe(III) Super-Ionic Cath­odes" in the Journal of Chemical Communications. Exploring Literacy, a new book by Eleanor Kurt, professor of English, has been published by Pearson Longman.

Professor Joyce Peşuroff of the English Department has had her fourth volume of poems, 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, "Competent and Organizational Change in the Lowell Police Department: Challenges and Opportunities,” published by the Police Foundation.


Sally Wright of the College of Management recently published three coauthored articles: "Are Financial Auditors Overconfident in Their Ability to Assess Risk Related to Enterprise Resource Planning Systems?" in Journal of Auditing Systematic; "Auditor Negotiations: An Examination of the
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 Monteith. "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, resulting in overall 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 program offerings to meet the needs of our community."

ECOS in the Antarctic (cont.)

Bonaparte Points is one of the many beautiful landscapes the research team came upon in the Antarctic.
WEDNESDAY 7
Social Theory Forum: Liberating Social Theory. Inspiration from Paulo Freire for Learning, Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in April. Set for 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. University Center, Cappie Auditorium. Free event with light refreshments. Program: 1:00 - 3:50 p.m., "Social Theory: From Freire to Today;" 3:50 - 4:00 p.m., "Freire’s Legacy and What Can We Do to Continue It?" Contact: 7-7778 or creid@umb.edu.

WEDNESDAY 22
Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day will be held on Wednesday, April 22. The event is designed to give students and faculty the opportunity to bring their children to work. Group sign-ups are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20. Contact: 7-5858 or jenny.ryan@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 23
The Latino Public Policy Conference 2004: Advancing the Latino Agenda: Perspectives from Policy makers and the Community will take place on Friday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: 7-7691 or pnia@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 27
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