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The UMass/Boston Friday Report

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News and information about and for the
University Community from the Chancellor's Office

Two Football Players Win Top Awards -- UMass/Boston seniors

Steve Austin, the starting quarterback, and **Sean Munroe**, a starting wide receiver, were each honored by the New England Football Writers Association and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in recent days when they received Gold Helmet Awards. The Gold Helmet is bestowed by the New England Football Writers Association each week to two players, one from Division I-A or I-AA, and the other from Division II or III, for outstanding performance in the region for that week. Munroe was honored on September 22 after catching 11 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns in the 34-20 win over Westfield State. It was the University's first-ever Gold Helmet. Austin was honored on October 6 after throwing for 447 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for a fourth touchdown as the University Beacons defeated Worcester State, 32-27. In addition, Austin was named by Sports Illustrated as the Small College Player of the Week in the magazine's October 12 issue.

Student Enrollment Up By 1.5% Over Previous Fall -- Chancellor

Sherry H. Penney has announced that 11,775 undergraduate and graduate students are currently enrolled at the University, an increase of 1.5% over the enrollment total of 11,606 full-time and part-time students who registered for the fall 1991 semester. More than 25% of the degree-seeking undergraduates at UMass/Boston this year are members of minority groups. In 1988, the proportion of minority undergraduates to the overall college student population enrolled at the University was 18%. "This demonstrates once again," the Chancellor said, "that UMass/Boston continues to serve the largest percentage of minority students as a proportion of the overall student population among four-year public higher education campuses in New England." She added that minorities this fall accounted for about 35% of new freshmen, as well as 19% of those students who transferred to the University from other institutions. "The median age of the student population, however, has remained constant," she said. UMass/Boston serves an older population of students; the median age of undergraduates is 25.

The University experienced an increase of students registered for science courses, and a "dramatic" increase in those majoring in the sciences. She said that enrollments also went up over last fall in the College of Public and Community Service and in the College of Nursing's Human Performance and Fitness Program. The Chancellor also noted that the most recent figures show that of 464 full-time faculty, total minority representation is 15.1%, -- up from 12% in 1987 -- and the proportion of women is 34.5% -- up from 33% in 1987. **Reginald Wilson**, in a newsletter from the American Council on Education praised UMass/Boston's record in faculty hiring: "Miami University (Ohio), under strong presidential leadership, doubled the number of its African-American faculty in just over two years. The University of Massachusetts at Boston similarly achieved the highest proportion of faculty of color in the state under persuasive presidential leadership."

Sixty-four Students Receive Scholarships Totaling \$800,000 --

The University awarded merit-based scholarships to 64 undergraduate students at the 12th annual scholarship dinner on October 8 in the cafeteria of Wheatley Hall. The scholarships will be given to students who have demonstrated the

potential for high academic performance, as well as those undergraduates who have excelled in the arts or in community service. The University contributed approximately \$750,000 of its own resources to support the scholarship winners. They also are supported by gifts from private sources amounting to almost \$50,000. The total figure of \$800,000 in scholarship awards is in addition to the \$1.5 million in curriculum fee waivers that the University has extended to students this year to fund financial aid programs so that UMass/Boston remains an accessible, affordable institution. The donors represented in tonight's awards include individuals, foundations, corporations, and civic and labor organizations from throughout Greater Boston. Sixty percent of the scholarship recipients are transfer students. Sixty-eight percent are women, and 31 percent are members of an ethnic minority. This year's recipients range in age from 18 to 52. They are enrolled in 21 different academic programs at the University, with the most popular majors among them being management, human services, biology and English. Since 1981, the University has awarded over 500 merit scholarships.

Campus Notes -- In the last issue of the *Friday Report*, we incorrectly attributed the authorship of an article, "Multiculturalism Without Political Correctness: The University of Massachusetts Boston Model," which appeared in the May/July issue of the *Boston Review*. The author is **Esther Kingston-Mann**, professor of history/American studies and director of the Center for the Improvement of Teaching. The editor regrets the error. • Professor **Lloyd Schwartz** (English) will be reading from his poetry at 5:30 p.m., November 4, in the Forum Room of Lamont Library at Harvard, and at 7:30 p.m. on November 19 at the Charlestown Public library. His book of poems, *Goodnight, Gracie* (University of Chicago Press), which was published last March, has just gone into its second printing. It has been favorably reviewed in *Publishers Weekly*, the *ALA Booklist*, *Ploughshares* and *Harvard Review*. • The New England Resource Center for Higher Education has two new visiting/research fellows. They are **Elizabeth ("Bettina") Stanton Blake**, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, and professor of French, at the University of Minnesota, Morris; and **Claire A. Van Ummersen**, former chancellor of UMass/Boston, who recently completed her tenure as chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire. • The University was the site of two days of intensive conversations recently that took place between faculty and staff from the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses, and representatives of the government of Cape Verde. The agenda: to explore ways in which the campuses could work with Cape Verde in such areas as economic development, education and training. • **Jack Crowley**, a science teacher at Hingham High School, was awarded the Chancellor's Medal for his work in directing the Harbor Explorations program during the October 5 commissioning of Enviro Lab III, the University's new 65-foot research vessel.

• **John E. Guilfoy**, of 2 Pope's Hill, Dorchester, a carpentry foreman for the University since 1987, died on Friday, October 9. While at UMass/Boston, Guilfoy played a major role in several important construction projects throughout the campus. He was responsible not only for routine and emergency maintenance at the University, but also was in charge of construction for the College of Nursing office/conference room project, office suites in the Provost and Affirmative Action areas, the CPCS relocation, and other departmental renovations. His work in renovating space for the CPCS move to the campus was crucial in permitting the project to meet a tight deadline. Guilfoy attended Boston schools, served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and refereed youth hockey in Weymouth.