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Congress passes \$3m grant for McCormick Institute

A \$3 million grant has been approved by the United States Congress and President Reagan to support the programs of the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

"We are particularly grateful to the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation for its support," said Chancellor Corrigan. "Specifically we wish to thank Congressman Joseph Moakley, the legislations' principal sponsor, the bill's co-sponsors, Congressman Edward Boland, Silvio Conte and Brian Donnelly, House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. and Senators Edward Kennedy and Paul Tsongas."

"This Institute is a fitting tribute to the life-long dedication John W. McCormack gave to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the nation," said Congressman Moakley.

"I'm extremely gratified," said the Hon. Robert H. Quinn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Massachusetts. "It is most appropriate that the McCormack Institute is located at UMass/Boston."

The McCormack Institute is named for the late Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, who represented Massachusetts' Ninth Congressional District, in which the campus lies, for 43 years. Mr. McCormack was born and raised in South Boston and lived much of his life in Dorchester, about a mile from the Harbor Campus.

The Director of the Institute is Professor Ed Beard of the Political Science Department.

UMass/Boston establishes Task Force for Black Studies

Following a directive from Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, a Task Force in Black Studies has been established at UMass/Boston.

The Task Force will initiate projects in social and policy issues of concern to the local and national Black Community. It also will sponsor research designed to forward understanding of the history, culture and social development of the Black community both locally and nationally.

"I am delighted," said Chancellor Corrigan, "that special funding from the Legislature will allow our faculty and staff to reach out into the community with research and service projects of the highest quality and benefit."

Drawing on campus-wide resources, the Chancellor's Task Force has members from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Public and Community Services and the McCormack Institute.

Chairing the group is Professor Edward Strickland of the Department of Psychology. Members of the Task Force are Professor Edmund Beard, Mrs. Joyce Mobley Corrigan, Vice-Chancellor Charles Desmond, Professor Murray Frank, Deans Richard Freeland and James Jennings and Professors Lawrence Kamara, Winston Langley, Robert Moore and Mary Helen Washington.

Professor Phillip Clay of Massachusetts Institute of Technology is serving as a special consultant on project development.

Task Force chairperson Strickland

The McCormack Institute represents the focal point of the University's commitment to applied policy research, particularly on issues of concern to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to public service and to public policy education.

According to Chancellor Corrigan, this federal grant will insure that the McCormack Institute will become one of the major permanent locations for policy research and public service directed toward Massachusetts and the entire New England region.

"The U.S. Congress has recognized a meritorious program on the Harbor Campus," said Chairman Quinn. "It's a challenge for the University, but we look forward to it with great anticipation. It's nice to continue John McCormack's work in his old neighborhood."

Congressman Moakley (D.-Mass.) called it a "living memorial."

"Certainly it was John McCormack's wish to see our brightest and most talented youth enter into public service and make a life-long commitment to the improvement and preservation of Representative government," said Congressman Moakley. "This Institute



Dean Richard Freeland, center, of Arts and Sciences, with Prof. Edward Strickland, Chairman, seated, and Prof. Lawrence Kamara as Task Force in Black Studies is established at UMass/Boston.

said he sees the group moving in the direction of designing an Institute for the Study of Black Culture which will be concerned with three broad categories of research and service: public policy, heritage and cultural studies and social science research. Projects already underway are a Forum with members of the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus and a Distinguished Lecture of nationally prominent speakers.

will provide a much-needed source of information and incentive for present and future policy makers.

"Many times during the course of my own career, I have spoken to groups of young people and encouraged them to consider carefully careers in public service. The Institute will provide an unique opportunity for these students to study, understand and appreciate the complexities and realities of public service."

In the event of snow, no school announcements will be broadcast on the following radio stations:

WHDH-AM, WBZ-AM, WEEI-AM, WEZE-AM, WBCN-FM, WHTT-FM, WRKO-AM/WROR-FM.

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profiles

Graduate Studies Dean Safwat says UMass/Boston has aged well

UMass/Boston has emerged successful from 20 years of stretching and growing since it was created as Boston's first public institution of higher learning.

It has aged well and has taken a respected place in the Boston academic community according to Dr. Fuad M. Safwat, a member of the founding faculty at the university and recently-named Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.

Safwat revealed that:

- Students from UMass/Boston now find easy access to graduate schools throughout the country.

- Comparatively speaking, a very large number of UMass/Boston students are accepted by medical schools, successfully complete their training and residency requirements, and take their place in the medical profession.

- The teaching and research background of UMass/Boston faculty members is steadily more impressive and attracting a good measure of government and private grant money for special projects.

- The number of graduate studies programs has grown to 23 and the University expects that eventually about 10 percent of the school's full-time students will be enrolled as Masters Degree candidates.

"The process of establishing a new institution among some of the giants in the Boston area like Harvard, MIT, Brandeis, Boston University, Northeastern University and Boston College, was not very easy, according to Safwat who left a teaching post at Washington University in St. Louis to join the fledgling UMass/Boston faculty 20 years ago.

"But my sense now is that this university has gained an incredible reputation. In the past four years especially, it has gained stature and recognition for what its students and faculty are accomplishing," he said.

"I think this University has matured to a level at which we can show its accomplishments clearly, but not matured enough that it will become a stagnant institution," Safwat offered from the perspective of hindsight.

"Things get changed here. You can count on that. They are moving forward. New developments are occurring all the time. This is the sign of a healthy, vital institution and an active faculty and administration."

Safwat, a biologist, specializing in Botany, has held a number of administrative posts at UMass/Boston as well as teaching. He has served as Chairman of the Department of Biology in 1971 and 1981; Acting Director of



Graduate Studies in 1975; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1976; Chairperson of the University Assembly Planning and Budget Committee and Asst. Provost for the Huntington Ave. Campus during the merger of UMass/Boston with Boston State College. He is also interim Director of the University's Institute for Learning and Teaching.

But, Safwat has not lost the deep sense of identification he felt for the fresh new UMass/Boston and its non-traditional students when he joined the faculty 20 years ago.

He is a Kurd. Now a naturalized citizen of the United States, he is one of only 200 Kurds living in this country. When he came here in 1960, there were only 20 living here. "I guess we represent the smallest minority in the country," he likes to joke.

But that, and the fact that all of his schooling was publicly financed by the government of his native land, immediately cemented his attachment to UMass/Boston and its educational goals.

Born into the pastoral culture of the Kurds 62 years ago in Arbil, Iraq, Safwat said the ancient city offered public schooling only through high school. There were no universities there when he was growing up although there is one there now.

Safwat and his three brothers wanted to learn more.

So each, in his turn, passed the required tests and were selected to go to the University of Baghdad where they earned their BAs.

"Everything was fully supported by scholarship," Safwat said. "Otherwise we could not have afforded it. It is one of the reasons why I have such a great feeling for

public higher education, public education in general, because all of my education was supported by public scholarship."

From Baghdad, Safwat was selected by his government to come to the U.S. where he earned his MA and Ph.D at Washington U. in 1960 and 1962. He joined the faculty there and remained two years before coming to Boston.

"When the opportunity to come to Boston came up... to be a part of something new... to work with an entirely different kind of student population who were older and coming to a university with a lot of background in the work place, perhaps the first in their families to go to a university... it was absolutely exciting to me," Safwat recalled.

"It was a marvelous opportunity to begin something new in a place where there had been little public higher education, and to meet new colleagues in various disciplines coming from all over the country, some having left tenured positions to come to this new enterprise... It was just fantastic," he said.

The graduate program at UMass/Boston has extremely good potential for growth in Safwat's judgement. "We have the quality of faculty and the diversity of fields and attractiveness of program to bring in additional qualified students."

Ongoing graduate programs include: Computer Science, Social Science such as Applied Sociology, Public Affairs which will be closely related to the new John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, Business Administration, Education, History, American Civilization and English.

Another highlight of 20 years for Safwat was the university's merger with Boston State College. He was named Provost of the Huntington Ave. Campus for that merger and was in charge of its day-to-day operation during the transition and of the recent final move of all Boston State facilities to the Harbor and Downtown buildings of UMass/Boston.

"It was a major event in the school's history and made a lot of people aware of just how vulnerable a young public institution can be. We had little to do with the processes leading to the merger and, in addition, we were given the incredible challenge of accomplishing it in the very short period of four weeks," Safwat said.

"But," he added, "I think the university came out of that whole process in a much stronger position than it was before. And that is due largely to the faculty, the students, the staff and the administration all working for the common goal. It was quite impressive and it speaks very highly of the skill of the leadership of this institution."

Safwat is married to the former Ruth Bennett, a neurobiologist on the faculty at UMass/Boston. The couple lives in Cambridge.

Students feted at Chancellor's Scholarship Dinner

A jam-packed audience was on hand at the Faculty Club for the 1984-85 Chancellor's Scholarship Dinner honoring 29 recipients.

"You have accomplished much, yet much more lies ahead of you," said Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan in a brief address. "In many ways I envy you, because you still have before you the possibilities of discovery, the potential for creativity, the chances for satisfaction that only a multifaceted University like ours can readily offer . . .

"Not only will you have at your disposal an extensive curriculum and the considerable physical plan you see around you — the laboratories, studios and classrooms and the fine Healey Library in which we are assembled this evening — but also you will have available two other resources I want to emphasize . . . the City of Boston itself . . . and the superior faculty that we have assembled at this University.

"They are graduates of the best Universities, here and abroad. Each has spent years mastering his or her special subject area. And I can testify from personal contact with all of them that they are enthusiastic about their teaching . . . I encourage you to seek them out. I urge you to become not only their students but in some sense their colleagues."

The recipients ran a gamut — some fresh from high school, others, older students returning to study, still others the product of Massasoit Community College and Cape Cod Community College.

Reflecting the demographics of UMass/Boston, almost one-quarter of the students were from Quincy and environs and more than half hailed from South Shore communities.

Dean Douglas Hartnagel of Enrollment Services, reflected how the annual scholarship dinner "has grown like Topsy — the first year we had only a handful of winners and people, now this."

Scholarship Recipients
Chancellor's Scholarship for Excellence, 1984-85: Darby Adams, Plymouth; Linda Bernasconi, Milton; Linda Britton, West Bridgewater; Patricia Buckley, Norwood; Rebecca Dewees, Quincy; Gregory Dousa, Watertown; Michele Dupont, Wollaston; Maurice Hebert, Boston; Lisa Iantosca, Roslindale; Susan Kieffer, Jamaica Plain; Laura Landy, Dorchester; Conrad Marshall, Boston; Annemarie Morey, Quincy; Margaret O'Connor, Braintree; Catherine Reedy, Scituate; Claudette Shea, Needham; Barbara Silverman, Canton; Deborah Springhetti, Rockland; Roberta Trometer, Quincy; Joanna Wilkinson, Quincy; Dale Williams, Plymouth.

University Community Scholarship: Debbie Borromeo, Wollaston; Karen Daley, Dorchester; Marie Berthe Jean-Mary, Cambridge.

William M. Bulger Scholarship: Margaret Dennehy, Hull.



Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan addresses scholarship winners, their parents, teachers and friends at jam-packed Faculty Club affair.



University Community Scholarship Recipients, 1984-85, meet with Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan at dinner. Left to right: Chancellor Corrigan, Debbie Lynn Borromeo, Wollaston; Marie Berthe Jean-Mary, Cambridge; Karen Daley, Dorchester. These scholarships are supported by donations from faculty and staff of UMass/Boston.



Margaret Dennehy of Hull and Cardinal Cushing High School, South Boston, accepts William M. Bulger Scholarship from Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan. Ms. Dennehy is the second recipient of the scholarship named for the Senate President.

Briefly . . .

Dr. James E. Blackwell recently presented a paper at the Second Annual National Conference on Issues Facing Black Administrators at Predominantly White Colleges and Universities at MIT entitled "The Declining Presence of Black Faculty Members on White Campuses."

Dr. Blackwell has a new book due out soon.

The University's Physical Education Dept., in cooperation with the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, hosted a day-long program "Ability not Disability," a Special Needs workshop at Clark Athletic Center. Judith Borin was in charge.

Lt. Gov. John Kerry made a recent major foreign policy statement from the UMass/Boston campus "Forum on Central America and the Caribbean: Contending Views", part of a series sponsored by the University. This came about when a scheduled debate with U.S. Senatorial opponent Raymond Shamie was cancelled when Mr. Shamie withdrew. The event drew widespread TV coverage.

The United Way campaign is well underway at UMass/Boston. You may contribute through payroll deductions or the largest donation you can manage. Pledge cards are available by calling Ext. 7113 at the Harbor Campus.

Robert K. Shope, professor of philosophy, and Paul H. Tucker, associate professor of art, received American Council of Learned Societies fellowships awarded recently in a national competition for research in the humanities and related social sciences. Dr. Shope will research knowledge, truth and representation, and Dr. Tucker, Monet and French painting of the 1890s.

Michael Milburn, Assistant Professor in the Psychology Dept., chaired an open symposium at the recent Toronto convention of the American Psychological Association. . . CAS Associate Dean John J. Conlon is part of an international team of 28 scholars from the U.S., Canada, Germany, Italy and Japan who have recently produced Thomas Hardy: An Annotated Bibliography of Writings about Him (Vol. II) published by Northern Illinois University Press. For Conlon and the others, the 735-page reference work represented a long-term effort.

Dr. Volker Schupp of West Germany pays visits to UMB



German visitors Dr. Heribert Rams, left, and Dr. Volker Schupp, Recktor, University of Freiburg, center, met with Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Dr. Volker Schupp, Recktor, University of Freiburg, West Germany, sister University to UMass/Boston in Europe, paid a recent visit to the Harbor Campus and Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Dr. Schupp was accompanied by his wife Renata and Heribert Rams, Director of the Academic Exchange Office in Freiburg.

The visit matched one Chancellor

Corrigan and Mrs. Joyce Corrigan paid to Germany a few years ago.

Dr. Schupp met with faculty who gave him an overview of the University. Dr. Schupp's academic background is in Medieval German Literature.

The visitors also toured the John F. Kennedy Library and the City of Boston. They also met with German Consulate Jurgen Kalbrenner and with University President David Knapp.

Special Services project to aid students needing academic help

A high-quality Special Services project to serve 350 academically deficient students has been formed, headed by Project Director Carol DeSouza.

On her staff are Counselor Nancy D'Amato, Academic Advisor Millicent Gales, ESL Advisor Hao The Ngo and Administrative Assistant Laurie Williams.

Activities include a process for identifying and selecting eligible participants and assessing their individual needs. This will be linked with Admissions, the Registrar's Office, Student Financial Management officers and the Academic Support Services of CAS.



Project Director Carol DeSouza and Counselor Nancy D'Amato