UMass/Boston’s Dept. of Public Safety has become the first-in-the-nation academic police force to be sanctioned by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, it was announced by Director James J. Lovett.

The Boston-area law enforcement agencies were approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, based in Fairfax, Virginia. The other was the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Police Dept.

The accreditation was approved after several in-depth reviews proved that both departments met hundreds of standards for professional excellence.

Said UMass/Boston Director Lovett: “We hope that our participation in the accreditation process will demonstrate to other segments of the criminal justice profession that campus policing is of age. “The complex demands of serving the nontraditional populations found in academia are being met in a highlyprofessional manner by numerous campus law enforcement agencies across the country. Our involvement in accreditation should reinforce the concept of cooperation among all segments of the American law enforcement network.

“We are pioneering a contemporary effort to raise police professionalism. We are the first college or university law enforcement agency in the nation to undergo on-site assessment. Our officers have achieved well-deserved recognition and increased career growth potential.”

The Accreditation Program Manager for the UMass/Boston Police was Detective/Sergeant Phillip M. O’Donnell.

UMass/Boston’s teleconference on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) was beamed to 77 sites in 39 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and Canadian provinces.

It was the largest network in the history of the National University Teleconference Network, of which UMass/Boston is a charter member. Several of the world’s most famed experts on AIDS were involved from the Boston medical community.

They included Dr. Robert Schooley of Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital; Dr. George A. Lamb, Boston University Medical School; Dr. Peter Page, Director, American Red Cross Blood Banks, and Dr. George Grady, Chief of Epidemiology, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Also on the program: David L. Stockton, M.P.H., Director, Health Services, UMass/Boston; Leonard Glantz, J.D., School of Public Health, Boston University, and Dr. Richard Keeling, Director Health Services, University of Virginia.

The two-hour program, first of three to be presented from UMass/Boston was entitled: “The National AIDS Forum: Separating Fact from Fiction.”

The program dealt with the incidence, prevention and treatment as well as legal and social consequences of AIDS.

The teleconference format allowed participants at remote locations throughout the United States and Canada to interact with the panel of experts assembled in Boston.

Primary objective of the teleconference was to separate unsubstantiated and irrational rumors from the best information that epidemiologists, clinicians and public health officials have available.

Additional teleconferences are scheduled for May and June.

The presentation was a result of a collaboration between the University’s Division of Continuing Education,
P R O F I L E

Dr. James F. Brennan’s history of psych text goes into second edition

It started as a challenge from Prentice Hall publishers. Now it is into a second edition.

History and Systems of Psychology, a survey of psychology’s origins, by Dr. James F. Brennan, associate dean of graduate studies and research, at UMass/Boston’s Harbor Campus, is the only history of psychology textbook Prentice Hall has revised into a second edition this year.

“This edition expands my first, which includes a survey of psychology’s beginnings in ancient Greece until the full expression of 20th Century systems of psychological thought,” said Dr. Brennan, 41, of Bristol, R.I.

“In the second edition, I’ve added a new chapter on expressions of psychology in the East (India, China and Japan) which complements the focus on Western psychological thought,” he continued.

Dr. Brennan’s text book is aimed at intermediate level students in university programs ranging from the natural and social sciences to such professional areas as nursing and education.

All this came about when the professor was reviewing psychology manuscripts for Prentice Hall’s consideration. He found most manuscripts didn’t offer enough perspective.

“I felt there was a need for a particular kind of book. Such a book would place psychology’s development securely in the context of those forces (religious, philosophical, social, economic and political) that shared Western Civilization.

“I gave such detailed critiques, Prentice Hall challenged me to write what was needed,” said the professor.

Dean Brennan isn’t one to be pigeonholed. He admits he’s “sustained a fear of specialization for 20 years. You find yourself with a too narrow view of the world”, he explained.

Brennan’s view of the world is through a wide-angle. He majored in psychology and history at Providence College. At Kent State, his major was Learning and his minor: history and systems of psychology. He also studied Library Science.

His specific research field is psychobiology of brain and behavior relationships. But he also teaches history and systems of psychology, statistics, and experimental psychology.

Brennan joined UMass/Boston in 1977. He is an associate professor of psychology with tenure. Two years ago, he was appointed associate dean of graduate studies and research.

“My job is to try to facilitate the development of graduate programs. In the last two years, we added the Masters in Nursing program. We have two doctoral programs in the pipeline: computer science, and human developmental/clinical psychology,” he said.

Outside of the university, Brennan did collaborative research at the Nenck Institute of Experimental Biology in Warsaw, Poland. That project was supported by the National Academy of Sciences and the Polish Academy of Sciences. He also taught doctoral students in Poland.

Brennan was a Congressional Science Fellow, supported by the American Psychological Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

“I served as a science advisor to the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and

Mary Crumlin receives Doctoral Degree in Education from UMass

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Lang Crumlin

Mary Elizabeth Lang Crumlin, longtime resident of Cambridge, recently completed requirements for her Doctoral Degree in Education at UMass/Amherst.

Mrs. Crumlin is Associate Director of Continuing Education (Student Services) at UMass/Boston in the Downtown Campus.

Dr. Crumlin is one of the first to receive the Doctoral Degree among the professional staff and faculty that transferred from the Boston State College merger in 1982.

Crumlin, a native of Fernandina, Florida, received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Tuskegee (Ala.) University in Science and Nutrition and her Masters Degree from Boston College in Educational Administration and Philosophy. Her Doctoral Degree has an emphasis on Administration, Curriculum and Nutrition.

Her late husband, Irving J. Crumlin was an MIT graduate. She is the mother of three children, Donald, an Air Force officer in Sacramento, California; Patricia, a teacher in the Newton public schools, and Irving Crumlin of Tewksbury.

Dr. James F. Brennan

Commerce Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. I have learned a lot about federal bureaucracy,” he said.

Brennan and his wife, Maria Martins-Brennan, a bilingual teacher, have two daughters, Tara and Mikala.
Mary Barrett, Sara Kelley honored at 120th anniversary of Boston YWCA

Associate Athletic Director Mary Barrett (center) with Chancellor Robert Corrigan (left) and Athletic Director Charles Titus (right) at recent event celebrating the Boston YWCA's 120th anniversary.

Mary R. Barrett of Malden, Associate Athletic Director at UMass/Boston, was honored by the Boston YWCA in the grand ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel, Boston.

Ms. Barrett is the first woman president of the 243-member Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). Also honored from UMass/Boston was Sara A. Kelley, founder of the Child Care Center and Director of Child Development on the Harbor Campus.

The 12 honorees represented each decade of the Boston YWCA, now celebrating its 120th anniversary.

Ms. Barrett was installed as the 37th president of the ECAC last fall. Prior to assuming the presidency, she served a year as president-elect.

She has also served on a number of ECAC committees and on the ECAC Executive Council, the first female elected to that body.

been working in the theatre since his graduation from Brandeis University in 1981. His directing credits run the gamut from musicals and corporate entertainments to Shakespeare and Greek tragedies. He joined City State Co. of Boston three years ago as an actor.

The following will be shown at the UMass/Boston Harbor Campus in the Lipke Auditorium from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Center. All shows are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 15. Julia. Taken from a book by Lillian Hellman, Julia is a film about the relationship between two women in a period of war.

Monday, April 21. Hester Street. The story of a Russian Jew who immigrates to New York and assimilates into American society. He finally sends for his wife who does not assimilate in the fashion that he desires.

Tuesday, May 6. Sisters or the Balance of Happiness (1981). In German with subtitles, this film is about the relationship between two sisters who have chosen very different lives.

Allen Ginsburg gives poetry reading at UMB

Well-known poet Allen Ginsberg, a product of the protest movements of the 1960's, read from his works at UMass/Boston in the Healey Library. Ginsberg, a native of Paterson, N.J. and a graduate of Columbia College in 1948, attended many of the anti-Vietnam War early flower power marches in the mid-1960's. He was jailed along with hundreds of peace protesters at the Miami Presidential Convention in 1972.

His early associations were with Lowell-born Jack Kerouac, William S. Burroughs and Neal Cassady.

More recently, Ginsberg composed "Plutonium Ode" in 1978. He has remained an active participant in many organizations.

Ginsberg has published 25 poetry and prose books and has released nine record albums. He has also appeared in five films.

The event was sponsored jointly by the Student Senate Poetry Series and the Dept. of English, UMass/Boston.

UMB Music Department presents faculty concert

UMass/Boston's Department of Music presented a Faculty Concert with the Pro Arte Orchestra in the McCormack Auditorium.

The program included "Piano Concerto in f minor" by Frederic Chopin, with Laurence Berman at the piano; Richard Schilling on the guitar playing "Concerto for Guitar and Small Orchestra" by Heitor Villa-Lobos; "Elegy to the Memory of Federico Garcia Lorca," performed by John Huggler, and "The Five Degrees," a premiere featuring David Patterson, Chairman of the Music Dept.

The Orchestra was under the direction of Larry Hill and Robert Prins.

Vice-Chancellor Charles Desmond named to NCAAA board of directors

UMass/Boston's Vice Chancellor Charles F. Desmond was named to the board of Directors of the Boston-based National Center of Afro-American Artists, it was announced by Chairman Matthew E. Goode.

The Center is the internationally-recognized arts institution dedicated to the presentation, preservation and celebration of the black cultural heritage worldwide. It was founded by Dr. Elma Lewis in 1968 and has operated professional performing art companies in dance, music and theatre as well as a museum in the area of the visual arts. It's a non-profit organization.

A resident of Danvers, Mass., Desmond serves as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, a position he has held since May, 1981. He was born and raised in Malden, and was graduated from Malden High School.

Desmond, 40, was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northeastern in 1972. He was a Martin Luther King Fellow, 1970-72.

In November, 1972, Desmond joined the administration at UMass/Boston and has held a series of positions.

UMass/Boston co-hosts national conference on plight of homeless

UMass/Boston hosted the second day of a national conference on "Homelessness" on the Harbor Campus.

On other days, the event was hosted by Harvard Medical School's Dept. of Continuing Education at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge.

Boston's Mayor Raymond Flynn delivered the opening remarks at UMass/Boston along with Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and Philip W. Johnston, Secretary of Human Services.

More than 500 experts from around the country attended the three-day conference, entitled "Homelessness: Critical Issues for Policy and Practice."

A primary sponsor along with Harvard and UMass/Boston was the Executive Office of Human Needs.

The main event at UMass/Boston was held in the recently-dedicated Lipke Science Auditorium. A number of panel discussions were also held at UMass/Boston locations.

Dr. Russell K. Schutt, Associate Professor of Sociology and Professor Gerald Garrett have an ongoing service project with the Long Island Shelter for the Homeless, administered by the Trustees of Health and Hospitals, City of Boston.

This is part of a UMass/Boston Graduate Program in Applied Sociology and is supported in part by grants to Drs. Schutt and Garrett. Several graduate students have contributed to shelter operations. Three research reports were prepared.

Approximately 2.5 million persons are homeless. The numbers are increasing at an alarming rate.

Teleconference on AIDS beamed across country from UMB

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Center for Communications Media and the University Health Services Division of Student Affairs.

The Center for Communications Media provided technical support during the development of the teleconference and coordinated the satellite up-link to the 77 receiving sites.

On the Harbor Campus, a receiving site was in the McCormack Hall Gymnasium. Here a free forum was moderated by Jeanne Blake, Channel 4, WBZ-TV.