Chancellor Corrigan speaks to Congress in support of Title XI

Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan represented the public sector and was one of two nationally-known educators to speak last week when the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education took testimony on higher education.

Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J., President of Georgetown University, represented the private sector in Room 2358, Rayburn House Office Building. The two testified on behalf of the entire higher education community.

"For the first time since its enactment in 1980, the higher education community as a whole made a specific request for funding for Title XI," said James Harrison, spokesman for the Association of Urban Universities, of which UMass/Boston is a member.

Title XI provides opportunities for colleges and universities to enter into partnerships in economic development in their local communities.

Chancellor Corrigan and Father Healy testified on funding priorities for Fiscal Year 1988. They submitted lengthy recommendations into the hearing record.

"The Higher Education Community reiterates its longstanding priority—one which this Subcommittee and the Congress have long honored—the funding as generously as the circumstances allow, of need-based, means-tested student financial aid," said Chancellor Corrigan.

Guggenheim fellowships awarded to UMB professors Martin and Bawa

Two members of the UMass/Boston faculty have been awarded prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships—Dr. Kamaljit S. Bawa, Professor of Biology, and Dr. Jane Roland Martin, Chair of the Philosophy Department.

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation annually awards fellowships to scholars, scientists and artists. This was the 63rd annual competition and involved 3,421 applications for awards totaling $6,336,000.

The 1987 awards make a total of six UMass/Boston winners in the past four years. Historians Clive Foss and I. Linda Gordon were singled out in 1983. In 1985, Guggenheim Fellowships were awarded Dr. Ruth Butler in Art and photographer Jim Goldberg.

"It was with great pleasure that I learned that two faculty members had been selected as Guggenheim Fellows for 1987," said Dr. Joan Liem, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.

"Drs. Bawa and Martin belong to a growing corps of faculty here whose research and scholarship have received national recognition.

"Dr. Bawa's work on tropical forest ecology has been long recognized and Dr. Martin's recent book Reclaiming a Conversation: The Ideal of the Educated Women has been acclaimed by reviewers. I am proud to count them among my faculty colleagues."

Dr. Bawa, born in Kapurthala, India, completed his undergraduate and graduate education at Punjab University, gaining a B.S. (honors) in 1960; M.S. (honors) in 1962 and a Ph.D. in 1967.

He came to the United States in 1967 as a Post-doctoral Research Associate at the University of Washington. He was awarded a research fellowship at Harvard University, 1972-74, and joined the UMass/Boston faculty in 1974 as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1977 and Professor in 1981.

Dr. Bawa's research under the Guggenheim Fellowship will be concerned with conservation and management of tropical forest resources. He proposes to study the impact of forest management on the loss of biological diversity in two states of South India with large tracts of forest, Karanataka and Kerla. For the past 15 years he has worked on the population biology of tropical forests in Central America.

Dr. Martin proposes in her Guggenheim research to "examine the ways in which education today is influenced by, and at the same time buttresses, a philosophy..." continued on page 3
UMB honors Barney Troy with library dedication

Frederick S. "Barney" Troy, left, poses with Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan at his recently-unveiled portrait in the new Troy Library in Wheatley Hall. Troy's life has been tied to UMass since his student days in 1927.

Chemistry Professor Ernest Becker elected fellow by AAAS

Chemistry Professor Ernest I. Becker has been elected a fellow by the American Association for Advancement of Science.

In addition, Dr. Becker is a prime candidate for a Fulbright Fellowship which will be announced in a few months.

"We are proud to have among our faculty a colleague with Dr. Becker's standing and accomplishments," said Dean Fuad Safwat of Graduate Studies. "This recognition by AAAS brings honor to the entire University Community."

Prof. Becker has been a member of the UMass/Boston faculty for 22 years and has helped many students gain background for advancement to medical schools and in pursuit of masters and doctoral degrees.

"I've worked with 27 doctoral students," he recalled, "and helped some 60 pursuing masters degrees. I've had a very rewarding career.

"I've always said that if we had reincarnation and I was to return as a cockroach, I'd want to be a cockroach teaching chemistry."

Prof. Becker received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Western Reserve University. He served at Polytechnic Institute of New York before coming to UMass/Boston. He was Chairman, Dept. of Chemistry, 1965-72.

He has authored more than 100 professional papers and edited seven books.
Senator Kennedy advocates hike in minimum wage at UMB conference

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy called upon Japan to play ball and vowed an increase in the minimum wage as he made headlines for UMass/Boston's day-long conference on American wages, incomes and public policies assembled by Prof. Barry Bluestone.

“Security interests internationally and trade interests internationally are intertwined,” said Kennedy, addressing the trade imbalance with Japan.

“Our kids are watching Miami Vice while theirs are studying,” said the Senator from Massachusetts.

Sen. Kennedy also predicted that Congress would approve his proposal to raise the minimum wage from $3.65 an hour to $4.65 by 1990.

“I'm very pleased with the way the conference went,” said Prof. Bluestone, who made the closing summary after four panels discussed topics.

In his opening remarks, Sen. Kennedy lauded Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and UMass/Boston:

“Under Bob Corrigan's leadership, UMass/Boston has become a national model for urban public education.

"Coming to this campus, I am always struck by one of your finest achievements, and surely one of our best hopes for the future — no other institution in this city captures our diversity so well. Old and young. Black and white. Brown and Asian. Women and men. Everybody is here and the educational mission of this campus is one of the most impressive answers to the questions we are pursuing at this conference."

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of social atomism and to explore the implications of alternative theoretical constructions.

“I hope to define and develop,” she added, “a solution to it that takes as its starting point both the fact and the desirability of social interdependence.”

Dr. Martin received an A.B. from Radcliffe, 1951, an M.Ed. (1956) and a Ph.D. from Harvard (1961). She has taught at Brandeis University, University of Denver, University of Colorado, Harvard, University of Alberta, Canada, and Boston University, where she was a visiting professor, 1970-71.

Dr. Martin joined the UMass/Boston faculty as Associate Professor of Philosophy in 1972 and in 1980 was named Professor.

She has received a number of academic honors, the most recent a Fellowship from the National Science Foundation.
Mellon Fellows awarded for first time to UMB students

Two products of a UMass/Boston education have been awarded Mellon Fellowships—the first ever captured by students from the Boston campus.

Luke Swetland was awarded a fellowship in the Humanities, while Sarah Luria, who was awarded the John W. Ryan Prize for distinguished performance in her first two years, was honored with a Fellowship for graduate study in American Studies.

"Luke Swetland," says Prof. Lois Rudnick, "transferred from the University of Nebraska in 1983 and graduated in 1986 with a major in English and a concentration in American Studies.

"He won Honors in English, along with the Josephine Bunselmeyer Prize for Language and Literature for his work on the Lyceum Movement in America. Luke began his research for his Honors program as part of the Nantucket Semester.

"The Mellon Fellowship brings with it a $9000 stipend plus tuition and fees. Luke will enroll in the American Studies Ph.D. Program at the University of Michigan next fall, where he will study with James Turner, formerly of UMass/Boston's History Department."

Meanwhile, Sarah Luria "is a distinguished former student of ours" reports Prof. Monica E. McAlpine of the English Department.

"She was honored at the Convocation in Fall, 1985," said Prof. McAlpine. "In January, 1986 she transferred to Berkeley, mainly for personal reasons: her fiance, a medical student, was relocating in California. That same semester she wrote a thesis on Jane Austen. Her thesis won the prize for best Senior thesis— even though she was still a Junior.

"She has been accepted at Yale, Berkeley and Stanford. She intends to specialize in medieval literature," said Prof. McAlpine.

"She was my student in English C201, Five British Writers and in my 300-level Chaucer course. I wrote one of her letters of recommendation for the Mellon and for the graduate school applications. She's presently living in San Francisco."

Governor Dukakis names five new trustees to UMass Board

Five trustees were named at the University of Massachusetts by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis: Lawrence S. (Larry) DiCara, G. Richard Huguenin of Deerfield, Alice S. Huang of Cambridge and student trustees Colleen Lopes (Boston) and Paul Wingle (Amherst).

Mr. DiCara, a resident of Dorchester, is an attorney with offices in Boston, Providence, R.I. and Washington, D.C. He specializes in real estate and administrative law. He served as a member of the Boston City Council, 1972-81. He graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1972 and received a degree from Suffolk Law School.

Ms. Huang, a graduate of Wellesley College, later studied at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and received a Ph.D. in Microbiology in 1966.

Mr. Huguenin received a Ph.D. in Astronomy from Harvard University, 1964, and founded Millitech, a company that produces and markets millimeter and submillimeter components and systems. It is based in South Deerfield.

Ms. Lopes is majoring in Psychology in CAS. She has held numerous positions in campus governance and was a University Senator in 1986.

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"We place special importance on adequate funding for the Pell Grant program—asking for a total of $4.9 billion for this keystone of the aid structure. We place further emphasis on the special programs for disadvantaged students and on other student grants, and on the imbalance of loans over grants and work as a form of aid.

"We urge the Congress to disregard the Administration's savage cutbacks in grant and loan programs, and to refrain from appropriating the $600 million the Administration has requested for the income-contingent loan program until the limited experiment which the Congress, in fact, authorized last year can be carried out and evaluated . . .

"We have more than 9,000 degree-seeking undergraduates at UMass/Boston. Over 70% are eligible for student financial aid, and 60% receive some sort of aid.

"The Administration's plans would affect 65% of the students on my campus who receive financial aid. We estimate that 550 of the 20% of Pell Grant recipients would be dropped completely, with another 720 or 26% facing reduced awards. All 100 of our student workers under college work-study and 1400 supplemental grant recipients would be dropped, and another 360 would face reductions . . .

"The University of Massachusetts at Boston and other community-orientated universities, public and private, in cities and towns of all sizes are working with their neighbors to help find answers to problems they share with those neighbors. The Congress, in enacting Title XI, puts its seal of approval on the relationship," concluded Chancellor Corrigan.