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Dr. Richard Mahoney named John F. Kennedy Scholar

Dr. Richard D. Mahoney of Phoenix, Arizona, has been named the first John F. Kennedy Scholar by UMass/Boston and the Kennedy Library.

The University has established a new program under which it will annually select a distinguished post-doctoral scholar who will do some research of his own in the Kennedy Library papers and lead a research seminar. The emphasis in this research will be on materials or issues which have not been extensively exploited by others.

Said U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy:

"I want to express the appreciation of the Kennedy family for the establishment of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy scholar program at UMass/Boston.

"This program, named for President Kennedy, should further broaden the knowledge and understanding of his administration. Many of the challenges that confronted his presidency continue to face us today.

"My congratulations to Richard Mahoney on his selection. I am confident that he, as the first JFK scholar, will contribute to an even greater understanding of my brother's policies, which continue to be important today and in the future."

The Kennedy Library and UMass/Boston have had a very special neighborly relationship since the Library opened in the fall of 1979.

John Stewart, acting director of the JFK Library, said: "We are excited about the opportunities now opening for more student

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Wallace Coyle directs CM’s Essential Skills Program

After teaching English at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in the late '60's, fulfilling teaching and administrative duties at Northeastern in the '70's, Wallace Coyle chose to begin the 1980's at UMass/Boston as the director of the School of Management’s Essential Skills Program.

"I think UMass/Boston is in the process of developing into a big time place. As we merge into the 1990's it's going to be more of a factor in education in Boston," said Coyle.

"It'll be a good, solid alternative to the overcrowded, big-tuition colleges in the city," said Coyle, who once mingled with Lyndon Johnson, Spiro Agnew and Bob Hope during his West Point days.

"At the bigger universities, like Northeastern or B.U., students tend to get lost in the shuffle. At UMass more individual attention is given to students," he said.

Coyle's decision to come to UMass/Boston was based on the challenge it offered and his need for personal and career growth.

"It's nice to come to a place that has potential and developing growth, rather than a place that's already set up and you're just another cog in the wheel," he said.

Since its inception, UMass/Boston has been dedicated to high standards of writing proficiency. The writing proficiency exam was the first step. The exam must be taken and passed by every student before graduation.

Its worth was quickly recognized by other universities. UMass/Amherst has devised a similar program, and, more recently, Northeastern.

"In many ways I think UMass/ Boston has led the way in terms of writing standards it espouses in students," said Coyle. "Even more valuable is the academic support services which benefit students immensely.

"The purpose of Essential Skills is to develop critical thinking and writing skills. We need to develop in future management the ability to analyze ideas and develop them in writing and speaking," said Coyle, co-director of the American Business Communication Association.

Coyle has organized and directed seminars on business communication for business and industry in the city.

He has been a communications consultant for BayBanks of Boston, for Wasworth Publishers and Kent Publishing Co. Through his various ventures through local industry and business, Coyle knows what the business world is looking for in college graduates.

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It is those qualities he tries to instill in management students at UMass/Boston before they graduate with hopes of increasing their chances for job opportunities.

Coyle said in the past the schools of management paid little attention to the importance of writing skills and thought they were only necessary for Arts and Sciences students.

"Business is being set back because of it," said Coyle.

Due to the outcry from big business, and his own experience in business communication, Coyle recognized a need for a solid business writing program.

Aside from his responsibilities at UMass/Boston and organizing communication seminars for big business in the city, he has written numerous books.

The more widely received are The Film Career of Stanley Kubrick and Language and Film: Essays in Criticism.

Dr. Mahoney named JFK Scholar

Richard Mahoney with us for this academic year," said UMass/Boston's Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

"He has a fine record of research, highlighted by his distinguished book, JFK: Ordeal in Africa and he is just the kind of individual we hoped to attract to this new program.

"With an already strong tradition of collaboration with the Kennedy Library, this effort, coordinated by our History Department is a very significant one.

"I anticipate that Dr. Mahoney's own research focused on JFK and the revolution in the Third World, and the seminars he will direct on JFK and foreign policy will make a valuable contribution to the intellectual life and work of both institutions."

A lawyer, Dr. Mahoney was graduated from Princeton University (A.B., magna cum laude, 1973), the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (M.A., 1975, Ph.D., 1980) and Arizona State University (J.D. 1980).

He is the author of JFK: Ordeal in Africa (1983: Oxford University Press) which was a finalist for the Robert F. Kennedy Prize. He also has written numerous articles, mostly in the area of American history and foreign policy. 

For the past 10 years, Dr. Mahoney has divided his time among teaching, practicing law and working in public policy. He was associated with the Phoenix firm of Mahoney, Lehman and Rood and is currently a member of the Arizona bar.

Dr. Mahoney worked for U.S. Representative Morris K. Udall (1976). He was a member of the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board (1984-86) serving as chairman the final year.

A native of Phoenix, Dr. Mahoney, 35, is fluent in French and Spanish.

"What a thrill to be chosen. What an opportunity!" said Mahoney, who is settling into the Greater Boston area.

Student Poetry Series hosts Thomas Lux

Award-winning poet Thomas Lux read from his work as part of the Student Poetry Series at the Harbor Campus Art Gallery.

Lux is author of Half-Promised Land (1986), Memory's Handgrenade, The Glassblowers' Breath and Sunday. He has won a number of awards, among them the Alice Fay Di Castagnola Award of the Poetry Society of America.

Mr. Lux currently is on the faculty of Sarah Lawrence University.
UMB launches Minorities in Management Program

Grants of over $50,000 have launched the Minorities in Management Education Program at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Dr. Arnold K. Weinstein, Dean of the College of Management.

The program will focus on recruitment of Boston-area minorities who are interested in pursuing careers in Management/Business.

Grants the first year of operation were received from IBM, Dennison Manufacturing, The Riley Foundation, Stop & Shop, Polaroid, Filene's, Daniel Dennis and Co. and Houghton Mifflin.

"We know that minorities are not making it into the mainstream of our economic system to the extent they should," said Dean Weinstein. "Demographic statistics reinforce the obvious in this regard. For example, we know that 80% of Boston's minority population lives below the poverty level. Our program was planned to serve these disadvantaged minority citizens."

"A similar expression of the problem is declared by area employers. We frequently hear appeals from employers that finding minority talent and recruiting them into their businesses is an extremely difficult challenge. The pool of talent is too small."

"Our program is an attempt to address the problems. It will serve to uplift substantially the realistic aspirations of minorities."

"We feel that UMass/Boston and the College of Management in particular are ideally suited to address the problem."

NOW president Molly Yard speaks at Faculty Club

The time is NOW, said Molly Yard, President of the National Organization of Women (NOW) when she appeared in the Faculty Club, Healey Library, before a good-sized audience.

Topic of her address: "The Feminization of Power: Flood the Ticket with Women in 1988."

Ms. Yard said women "should change the political landscape in 1988, and called on Greater Bostonians to light a fire under lawmakers in an effort to bring equal representation to male-dominated American politics by the 1990s."

"NOW plans to identify, encourage and inspire women to run for public office in unprecedented numbers," said Yard.

Dr. Ann Cordilia awarded Fulbright Scholar Grant

Dr. Ann T. Cordilia, Professor of Sociology at UMass/Boston, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant for 1987-88 by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

Dr. Cordilia's grant is for lecturing at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan from April, 1988 to January, 1989.

Dr. Cordilia has been on the UMass/Boston faculty since 1978. She serves as an Associate Professor and also is Director of the Substance Abuse Program.

Professor Cordilia was graduated from City University of New York, 1965, magna cum laude and phi beta kappa. She obtained an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Chicago, 1973, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago in 1981.

Her areas of specialization are Alcohol Studies and the comparative sociology of Japan and the United States. She serves on the Advisory Board of UMass/Boston's East Asian Studies Program and teaches an undergraduate course in the comparative sociology of Japan and the United States.

Approximately 1,000 Americans will go abroad to lecture or conduct research during the 1987-88 Fulbright year. More than 22,000 scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program since it began 40 years ago when it was introduced by former U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas.
The seventh annual Chancellor's Scholarship Award Dinner drew a packed audience to the Faculty Lounge, Healey Library, as 38 scholarship recipients were feted. In the audience were parents, friends and academic advisors.

Speakers included Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, Senate President William M. Bulger, who presented a scholarship in his name to Kevin Foley of Mattapan, a graduate of Catholic Memorial High School, and former Governor Foster Furcolo, known as "the father of the community college system."

Gov. Furcolo presented scholarships in his name to eight products of community colleges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Dean Douglas Hartnagel of Enrollment Services served as Master of Ceremonies and ran a smooth program. Dean Hartnagel recalled the first scholarship awards "when there were only a handful."

Also on the program were the winners of the Michael Ventresca scholarship, named for the late president of UMass/Boston's first graduating class - Melissa Menton of Boston and Scott Toner of Cambridge, a product of Matignon High School.

The University Community Scholarship for Adult Learners, financed by payroll deductions from faculty and staff members, went to M. Kate Bartlett of Milton, mother of two, and Elizabeth O'Neill of Saugus, also a mother, who will pursue a graduate degree.

Winners of the Chancellor's Scholarship for Excellence were:
- Boston: Karen Cummings, Amy Locke, Marianne Meyers; Burlington: Peter Cohen; Cambridge: Timothy Holt; Dorchester: Terri Colby, Kathleen Heffel, Janet Selcer; Foxboro: Laura Nyren; Kingston: Jennifer Edge;
- Also, Lynn: David Neary; Lynnfield: Christopher Jackson; Medford: Kathleen Cipollini, Susan Pietrantoni; Natick: Constance Dinion; Newton: Daniel Pollard; North Quincy: Theresa Mysiuk, Erica Suk-Han Tse; Plymouth: Elizabeth Pratt; Quincy: Maureen Mazrimas; Roslindale: Kathleen Granfield; Somerville: Milagros Espada, Barbara Hughes-Sullivan; South Weymouth: Marylou Gifford; Whitman: Shirley Kawa.

Winners of Foster Furcolo scholarships:
- Brookline: Evens Chamblin, Roxbury Community College;
- Chelsea: Duc Tan Nguyen, Bunker Hill Community College; Fall River: Steven Griffin, Bristol Community College; Falmouth: Carol Annis, Cape Cod Community College;
- Also, Jamaica Plain: Peter Powers, Holyoke Community College; Norwood: Stacey Lane, Massasoit Community College; Wollaston: Maureen Griffin, Quincy Junior College.

Big smiles were displayed by Senate President William M. Bulger and Mattapan's Kevin Foley, winner of the Bulger Scholarship and a product of Catholic Memorial High School.

Former Gov. Foster Furcolo, left, attended scholarship dinner with Massasoit Community College President Gerard F. Burke.

Dean Douglas Hartnagel emcees Scholarship Dinner

Karen Cummings of Boston, a winner of the Chancellor's Scholarship for excellence, poses with Bunker Hill Community College President Harold Shively.