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Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan poses on Harbor Campus dock with City of Boston school kids prior to tour last spring as part of program which won kudos from U.S. Dept. of Education. (see adjacent story)

Dr. John Farrington joins Environmental Science

Dr. John W. Farrington, internationally-known organic geochemist in the marine field, has been named the first Rev. Michael P. Walsh Professor of Environmental Science at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Dr. Farrington, 43, a native of New Bedford, assumed his new position January 1, 1988. He comes to the University from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution where he was Director of the Coastal Research Center and Senior Scientist.

The professorship has been named in memory of Rev. Michael P. Walsh, S.J., a native of South

Boston and former president of Boston College and Fordham University. He died in April, 1982 after serving nearly a decade as academic advisor to University of Massachusetts presidents. He was particularly active in UMass/Boston's earliest development.

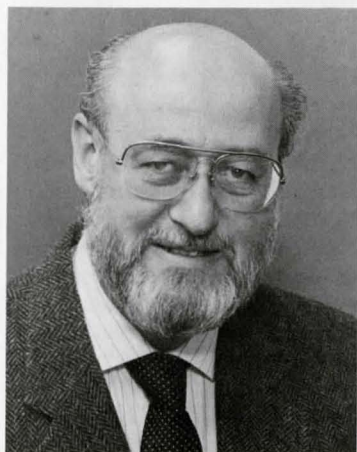
Dr. Farrington's appointment was confirmed at a recent meeting of the University's Board of Trustees chaired by Mr. Andrew Knowles.

"I'm enthusiastic about joining UMass/Boston," said Dr. Farrington. "I'll be able to do a lot of things in a University setting that I can't do now. I see a lot of opportunity at UMass/Boston."

Dr. Farrington received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Chemistry at Southeastern Massachusetts University. He gained a Ph.D. in Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island in 1972.

He has had an association with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution since 1971, where he went originally as a Postdoctoral Investigator.

Dr. Farrington's appointment will enable the Environmental Science Program to take a major step forward in its development.



Prof. John Farrington

US Department of Education cites UMB Harbor project

UMass/Boston's Harbor Explorations has been cited by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Exemplary Project in Science Education.

It was one of six projects nation-wide to appear at the recent National Title II Conference in Washington, D.C.

"This was started with a small seed grant from Title II in 1985," said Associate Chancellor Jean MacCormack, long-time coordinator of collaborative school programs at the Institute for Learning and Teaching.

"Its growth is largely responsible through the enthusiasm and imagination of Dr. Robert Spayne, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, and Jack Crowley, a science teacher at Hingham High School, who served as Teacher-Program Coordinator," she said.

A collaboration with Project Oceanology in Groton, Ct. and other groups enabled some 4,000 students from middle schools, high schools and UMass/Boston to participate, along with 500

teachers. The program's long-term goal is to serve 43 towns and communities from Plymouth to Gloucester.

Over the next two years, the program will continue to expand with 10-12 weeks of on-water programming.

"We are working with our Congressional Delegation to get U.S. Customs to release to us a confiscated vessel, so that we could have a Boston-based Enviro-Lab III to expand the program to a full 36-week activity," said MacCormack. "We hope to know by February."

Total funding to date has been \$180,254 from Title II, the Board of Regents, UMass/Boston contributions and from business and school systems.

Assistant Chancellor MacCormack was a primary speaker at the recent first annual Boston Harbor Educators Conference at the New England Aquarium.

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Attending first Boston Harbor Educators Conference were Assistant Chancellor Jean MacCormack, flanked by Dr. Robert Spayne, left, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, and Hingham High School science teacher Jack Crowley.

Margaret Perri studies roles of women veterans

A year of nursing wounded Vietnam veterans on the combat scene in Southeast Asia has had a profound effect on Margaret E. (Peggy) Perri. She was only 21, fresh out of nursing school and Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Vietnam is not in my past—it's in my present," said Ms. Perri who works with Julia Perez in the Veteran's Center. "I spent 366 days there—it was leap year—from March 2, 1967 to March 5, 1968. It changed my life."

Currently, she is Research Coordinator on a Women Veterans Project for the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

Only recently has the role of women veterans in Vietnam been placed in the spotlight. One of the most positive steps was a 1985 conference held at UMass/Boston—"The Invisible Force: Women In the Military."

This spring Ms. Perri will teach a course in Women's Studies: "Women and the Vietnam War."

"We were really invisible," she says. "In fact, it isn't really known how many women, largely nurses, served in the Vietnam War. The military never counted us by gender. It could have been anywhere from 5,000 to 55,000. The best estimate is around 5,000. This includes Red Cross, people from Catholic Charities and the American Friends."

"We do know that 42 percent of women currently active in the military are young, black women. It was largely that way then, too."

Ms. Perri was just six months out of nursing school, graduated from Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn with her R.N., when she was thrust on the scene in Vietnam.

Just two days after her departure from Travis Air Force Base in California, she found herself in Army fatigues and combat boots, in charge of an operating ward in the 24th Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, Vietnam. Helicopters landed nearby with brutally-damaged soldiers.

"We saw 30-50 cases a night, a total of some 10-15,000 during my stay. It was the worst horror any nurse can witness. It was horrendous. Napalm burns, for instance, are unlike any other."



Margaret (Peggy) Perri

We saw stinking bodies, night after night.

"The experience has taken its toll. Vietnam was the cutoff point in my life," she says. "I had a life

before Vietnam and a life after. I'm still searching for the connection between the two."

In her rare spare moments from the hospital, Ms. Perri

volunteered as part of a medical team that traveled the villages and helped the people.

She also worked as a volunteer in a leprosarium run by French Catholic priests on an old rubber plantation. It was a moving experience.

Nurse Perri concluded her Army experience at Fitzsimmon General Hospital, Denver, and since has shared her time with nursing and with academia.

She received a B.A. in Psychology from Emmanuel College in 1977 and an M.Ed at UMass/Amherst in May, 1986. Currently she's working towards an Ed.D. at UMass/Amherst. Her dissertation topic: Healing and Recovery Processes of Women who Served in Vietnam.

Ms. Perri also has done extensive work in violence against women; woman abuse; sexual harassment and child sexual abuse prevention. She has written a number of papers on these topics.

For the past eight years she has put extra time into the battered women's movement.

"We live in a culture that perpetuates, condones and encourages violence against women. My experiences in Vietnam are the fuel for the passion and commitment I now give to my work with battered women."

"Above all, my Vietnam experience makes me a strong advocate of peace."

Prof. Zompa named Search Committee chair

Professor Leverett J. Zompa has been named chairman of the 14-member search committee for a new Chancellor at the University of Massachusetts/Boston.

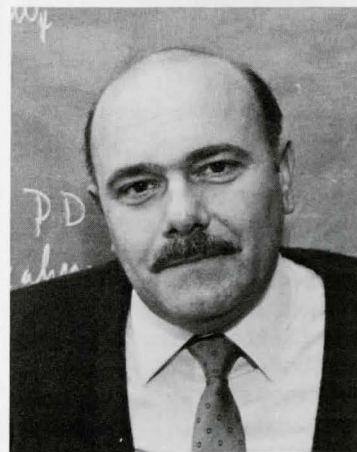
Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan recently resigned, effective August 31, 1987.

Professor Zompa is a professor in the chemistry department at the Boston campus. He was formerly chairman of the department.

He is a Holy Cross graduate who took advanced degrees at Michigan State University.

Professor Zompa's appointment was made by University President David Knapp.

"I have selected a committee that includes faculty and staff members, students, alumni and trustees who together represent a balanced



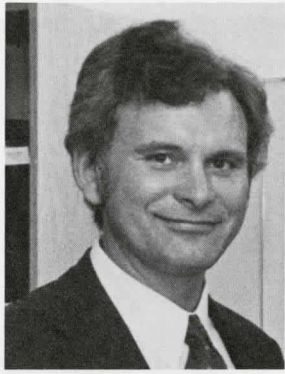
Prof. Leverett Zompa

composition of the campus community," said President Knapp.

The Committee: Judith Baker, Class of 1978, UMass/Boston,

Product Manager, Cullinet; Hon. Lawrence DiCara, Trustee, UMass; Clare Joyce Donahue, Dean of Students, UMass/Boston; Richard Hogarty, Professor, CPCS, UMB; Andrew C. Knowles, Chair, Board of Trustees, UMass; Jeffrey Krumrine, Speaker, Student Senate, UMB; Colleen Lopes, Trustee, UMass, Class of 1988; Donald Macedo, Assistant Prof. of English, UMB; Frances L. Portnoy, Professor of Nursing, UMB; Wornie Reed, Director, William Monroe Trotter Institute, Assoc. Prof. of Black Studies, UMB; Fuad Safwat, Dean, Graduate School, UMB; Edgar Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs, UMass; Joan C. Tonn, Assoc. Prof. of Management, UMass/Boston.

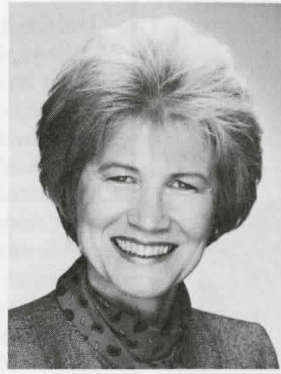
College of Management announces lecture series speakers



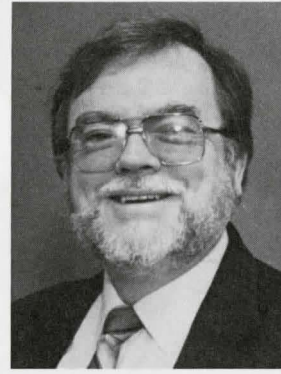
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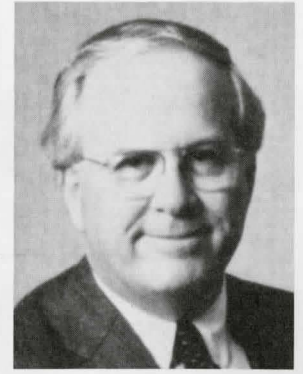
Prof. Barry Bluestone



Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy



Prof. Joseph Cooney



John Larkin Thompson

UMass/Boston's College of Management will sponsor a series of five breakfast lectures, beginning Friday, February 5, 1988, according to Dean Arnold K. Weinstein.

Featured speakers include Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy; Prof. Lawrence Franko; John Larkin Thompson, President, Blue Shield of Massachusetts; Prof.

Joseph Cooney and Prof. Barry Bluestone.

Attendance is limited to alumni and corporate sponsors of the college. Current business issues will be the topics of the day. All lectures will be held in the Faculty Club, Healey Library, 11th floor, on the Harbor Campus.

The schedule:

- February 5, 1988. "Doing

Business in Massachusetts: Prospects and Problems"— Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy.

- February 26, 1988. "The Future of New England's Economy: An Internationalist's View"— Dr. Lawrence Franko.

- March 25, 1988. "The Boston Harbor Cleanup: Its Impact on Business."— Professor Joseph Cooney.

- April 8, 1988. "Health Care, How Much?"— John Larkin Thompson, President, Blue Shield.

- April 22, 1988. "What's in Store for the New England Economy: A Jaundiced Economist's View."— Prof. Barry Bluestone.

Faculty Speakers Program continues to bring UMB faculty to local secondary schools

The Faculty Speakers Program will make its 330th visit when the program resumes in February, according to Prof. Walter E. Weibrecht.

Prof. Weibrecht is soliciting help and expects another good year in this collaborative program that opens the door for excellent relations with secondary schools.

"In my view," said Prof. Weibrecht, "this program is not so much a bald recruiting tactic as it is an opportunity for meaningful interaction with high school students and their teachers. We, at the University, have a lot to say on a wide range of topics.

"If some of the students who hear us come to the point of view that UMass/Boston is an exciting place where they might want to continue their studies, all the better."

Don Costello, who handles the program, anticipates visits to some 50 schools this semester.

Faculty speakers who have one or more talks this year: Steve Ackerman (Biol), Mary Ann Alexander (Student Services), Donald Anderson (Nursing), Bernice Auslander

(Math/Computer Science), Irving Bartlett (Hist), Fiora Bassanese (Ital), Ernest Becker (Chem), Augusto Blasi (Psych), Larry Blum (Phil), Ethan Bolker (Math), Bob Bowers (Phy Plant), Bob Bowen (Env Sci), Jim Brennan (Honors Program).

Also, Tom Buckley (Anth), Lal Chugh (Acc/Fin), Mike Chesson (Hist), John Conlon (Eng), Don Costello (Careers), Bob Dentler (Soc), John Ebersole (Biology), Marlene Fine (MBA), Murray Frank (McCormack Inst), Ed Ginsberg (Physics), Ed Gittleman (English), Virginia Harrington (Hist), Bettina Harrison (Biol), Christine Kibel (Biol), Ken Kleene (Biol), Paul Klein (Math), Bernard Kramer (Psych), Larry Kamara (Soc), Barbara Luedtke (Anth), George Lukas (Math), Don Lyons (Physics), Tom Margulis (Chem), Henry Mariani (Chem), Anne McElroy (Env Sci), Joe McHugh (Acc/Fin), Michael Mensoian (ESciGeo), Beebe Nelson (Phil), Cathryn Nelson (Analysis/Comm), Charles Nelson (Anth), Duncan Nelson

(Eng), Tom O'Grady (English), Padraig O'Malley (McCormack Inst), David Patterson (Music), Diane Paul (Pol Sci).

Also, Rita Peters (Pol Sci), Frances Portnoy (Nursing), Richard Robbins (Soc), Lois Rudnick (Amer Studies), Joe Schork (Classics), Mary Shaner (Eng), Mike Shiaris (Biol), Tim Sieber (Anth), Malcolm Smuts (Hist), Helen Tager-Flusberg (Psych), Brian Thompson (French), Hal Thurman (Art), Paul Tucker (Art), Betsey Useem (Sociology), Richard White (Biol), Alexzandrina Young (Student Services), and Lina Zahr (Nursing).

Faculty members who have volunteered to speak in the spring semester: Jeanne Ambrose (French), Bob Bertone (Analysis/Comm), Naomi Bishop (Anth), Larry Blum (Phil), Jonathan Chu (Hist), Lal Chugh (Acc/Fin), Estelle Disch (Soc), Linda Dittmar (Eng), Mona Dorsinville (Spanish), Ann Froines (Women's Studies), Gene Gallagher (Environ/Sci), Michael Gibbons (Anth), Oscar Gutierrez (Man/Sci), Ken Kleene (Biol), Winston Langley (Pol Sci), Mary Lewis (Nursing), Joan Liem (Psych), Celia Moore (Psych), Shaun O'Connell (Eng), David Patterson (Music), Ron Polito (Art), Russell Schutt (Soc), and Daisy Tagliacozzo (Soc).

ACCESS program receives new federal grant

UMass/Boston has received another Federal grant from the Department of Education to continue the Student Support Services on campus known as the ACCESS Program. The three-year grant carries through August 31, 1990 for a total appropriation of over \$650,000.

The grant proposal was written

by Alan Clarke, Executive Director, Education Support Program. It will be administered by Carol DeSouza, ACCESS Project Director.

Major objective of ACCESS is to identify and select academically-deficient students and provide support services necessary for them to graduate.



WUMB General Manager Patricia Monteith displays station-of-the-year plaque with Assistant GM Tom Callahan.

WUMB-FM named Station of the Year by MBA

UMass/Boston's public radio station WUMB has been named the non-commercial radio station of the year by the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association.

General Manager Patricia Monteith accepted the award at the annual convention.

"This is especially appreciated as we're currently celebrating our fifth anniversary," said Monteith.

WUMB-FM (91.9) operates from the Harbor Campus in Dorchester with a transmitter in Quincy.

The station was recognized for its unique community service and public affairs programming.

WUMB has grown rapidly since it went on the air in 1982. Among its milestones was qualification by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, an award

from the Massachusetts Dental Society and, just recently, an award from the Odyssey Institute in New York City for excellence in children's programming.

The station receives support from the University, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and from listeners.

WUMB's programming offers a range not produced by other stations in the area. There are many locally-produced features and public affairs talk segments.

There is a daily program for older listeners, acoustic music programming and music and talk programming for the black community. All programs feature informational segments, local public service announcements and interview segments from community organizations and leaders.

Harbor Explorations wins praise

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Save the Bay at the day-long conference. Emphasis on the conference was on ways to make Boston Harbor a topic that could be used in all subjects, from science and mathematics to social studies and English.

State Sen. William B. Golden, a founder of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, gave the keynote address.

Hingham High's Crowley urged the audience to "spread the word" about how the harbor can be used as an educational resource.

Presenters at the Washington, D.C. project included Betty J. Diener, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost at UMass/Boston, Project Director MacCormack, and Program Coordinator Crowley.

Rosalind Matthews 1942-1987

University trustee Rosalind A. Matthews, 45, died on November 30 after an extended illness.

"Rosalind provided a strong commitment to her role as a trustee," said Andrew C. Knowles, Chairman of the Board. "She will be remembered for her incisive mind and warm personality."

Ms. Matthews was appointed to the Board in 1985. She served as a member of the Committee on Budget and Financial Affairs and the Affirmative Action Committee.

A Boston resident, Ms. Matthews was a vice-president of KGA Personnel. She was a special assistant to the chairman at Textron, Inc. in 1974 and in 1979 joined John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company where she served in a variety of positions. Her most recent post was as director of group health conversions.

She was honored by the Boston Jaycees' Ten Outstanding Young Leaders Award, an



Rosalind Matthews

Exceptional Service Award winner from former President Jimmy Carter and won the Outstanding Business Achievement Award from Delta Sigma Theta.

Ms. Matthews was a board member of the Roxbury YWCA, a director of First American Bank and a member of the Stock Options Committee.

A funeral service was held at the Union United Methodist Church, Roxbury.

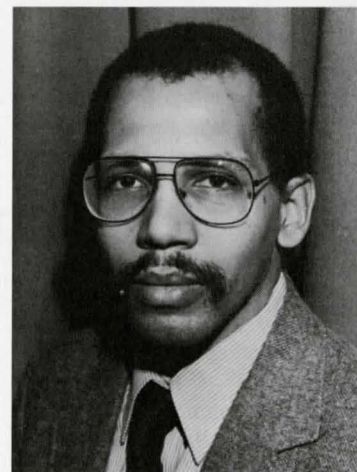
Dr. James Jennings joins UMB's Trotter Institute

Dr. James Jennings, former Dean of UMass/Boston's College of Public and Community Service, has joined the William Monroe Trotter Institute at the University as a Senior Fellow.

After five years as Dean, Dr. Jennings is resuming his teaching and research.

He will direct the Community Research and Technical Assistance Program at the Trotter Institute.

Dr. Jennings also will resume teaching at CPCS in the area of urban politics and minority political experiences.



Dr. James Jennings

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