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Conservator on Team that Discovers World's Oldest Deep-Sea Shipwrecks

Conservator Dennis Piechota was on the team that surveyed two ancient Phoenician ships found off the coast of Israel in June. His job—preserve fragile artifacts brought up from the deep after almost three millennia under water.

Two thousand, seven hundred and fifty years ago, two ships loaded with a cargo of wine set sail from ancient Phoenicia (present-day Lebanon) headed for a foreign port. But instead of gracing the table at a royal feast, the ships sank, probably in a storm. For nearly three millennia, the ships rested undisturbed in more than 1,000 feet of water.

In June, the ships—the oldest deep-sea shipwrecks to be discovered to date—were located and explored by a crew of scientists and engineers under the leadership of famed oceanographer Robert Ballard, discoverer of the Titanic. Using the latest in high technology, including a deep-water side-scan sonar system and a remotely operated vehicle, the wrecks were closely explored and photographed. The larger of the two ships, at 58 feet, is the largest pre-classical-era shipwreck ever discovered. The smaller ship measures 48 feet.

One of the crew members on Ballard's research vessel was Dennis Piechota, conservator of Big Dig artifacts for the University's Center for Cultural and Environmental History. When the Phoenician artifacts emerged from the sea, it was Piechota's job to prevent their deterioration. The twelve amphorae, (elongated clay vessels that held about twenty quarts each), other crockery, a wine decanter, and an incense burner were fragile, having been under extreme pressure for thousands of years, and would otherwise have begun deteriorating almost immediately.

Piechota has two objectives: keep the artifacts wet while removing the sea salt, and then to dry them slowly to avoid cracking. The amphorae and other pottery are made of resin-coated, low-fired clay. Some of the artifacts—about ten percent—are prone to cracking, says Piechota. "The theory is that as those objects go deeper, the clay converts back to clay." (continued on pg. 6)

New Directors to Lead at McCormack and Trotter Institutes

Two faculty members, both with many years of experience in their respective fields and in public service have been tapped to direct the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs and the William Monroe Trotter Institute.

Political Science Professor Edmund Beard, who played a primary role is the establishment of the McCormack Institute in 1983 and served as its first director until 1991, will head the institute on an interim basis. He assumed the role in June when Robert Woodbury stepped down as director after four years.

Political Science Professor Edmund Beard (left) will lead the McCormack Institute as interim director, replacing Robert Woodbury who stepped down in June. Sociology Professor Philip Hart (right) of the College of Public and Community Service will serve as interim director of the Trotter Institute this year. Former director James Jennings remains as a senior fellow.

Since 1991, Beard has been a McCormack Institute senior fellow and during that time founded the Institute's Center for Democracy and Development (CDD), created to apply the resources and skills of the Institute to the needs of developing democracies. He will continue to head up the CDD during his tenure as director. Beard's area of expertise include American political institutions, public policy, political behavior, and the development of democratic institutions in emerging democracies.

Professor Philip Hart of the College of Public and Community Service, a sociologist with expertise in inner-city economic and community development, will lead the Trotter Institute during the coming year. Hart assumes the director's role from James Jennings, who stepped down from the directorship this summer after eight years. Jennings will continue his long affiliation with the Institute as a senior fellow, and continue on as editor of the Trotter Review. As well as supporting the Institute's present activities, Hart plans to explore the possibilities inherent

University Reporter gets a new look!

After three years of delivering news and information about the university in a newsletter format, the University Reporter has gone tabloid. This allows us to deliver you the same quality of information but with the look and feel of a newspaper. We have introduced photos, and believe that they will bring added value and interest to our readers. We hope you continue to keep us apprised of what is happening in your area of the university.

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Welcome, New Faculty Members

The University of Massachusetts Boston welcomes new faculty for the coming academic year. New facts around campus belong to:

College of Arts and Sciences
• Roger House, Lecturer, American Studies
• Sarah Smiley, Instructor, Art
• Corinne Etienne, Assistant Professor, Applied Linguistics
• Paul Cantor, Lecturer, Economics
• Julie Nelson, Lecturer, Economics
• Lovelady King, Assistant Professor, English
• Caroline Brown, Assistant Professor, English
• Carlo Rotella, Lecturer, English
• Lisa Rivera, Assistant Professor, Philosophy
• Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Professor, Philosophy
• Michael Miller, Assistant Professor, Psychology
• Nancy Lopez, Assistant Professor, Sociology
• Adam Colon-Carmona, Assistant Professor, Biology
• Michelle Foster, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
• Julia Speyer, Visiting Assistant Professor, Chemistry
• Alborno Giordano, Assistant Professor, Earth & Geographic Science
• Thomas Brewer, Visiting Assistant Professor, Earth & Geographic Science
• A.J. Noskin, Visiting Assistant Professor, Engineering

College of Management
• Demisnew Dio Ejera, Assistant Professor, Accounting and Finance
• Alan Vogel, Lecturer, Accounting and Finance
• Mohsin Habib, Assistant Professor, Management and Marketing
• Hee-Dong Yang, Assistant Professor, MIS

College of Nursing
• Jacqueline Fawcett, Professor, PhD Program
• Sherry White, Lecturer, Family Health
• Deborah Lind Mahony, Associate Professor, Family Health

College of Professional Studies
• Sarah Smiley, Assistant Professor, Human Services
• Dennis Stevens, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
• Jose Segarra, Lecturer, Applied Language and Mathematics

Graduate College of Education
• Jay R. Dee, Assistant Professor, Leadership in Education
• Catherine Wong, Lecturer, Counseling and School Psychology
• Mary Ann Byrne, Assistant Professor, School Organization and Curriculum (SOCI)
• Joanna Hall, Assistant Professor, SOCI
• Mari Koerner, Professor, SOCI

LETs Program Ready to Begin this Fall

On an especially fine day in June, the new Life Enrichment Transition Studies program (LETs) held an open house in Snowden Auditorium for over 200 people. Sponsored by the Gerontology Institute, this institute for learning in retirement program will offer part-time, non-credit seminars to anyone over the age of 50, whether retired, semi-retired, or still working, starting in September.

The enthusiastic participants, drawn from all over Greater Boston and the South Shore, heard an introductory presentation by Frank Caro, director of the Gerontology Institute, met many of the facilitators who will teach the first set of courses, and took home course schedules for the fall. Within a few weeks, over 186 people had signed up, and all the courses were filled.

For an annual fee of $75 the first year, LETs members can take up to three seminars per semester, taught mostly by retired faculty from UMass Boston. Among them are Robert Spaethling, Myron Segelman, Frances Portnoy, Roger Prose, and Lawrence Amara. Harry Gloss, a graduate of the Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology, will teach a course in genealogy, leading the way for other members who will have the opportunity to teach, since under the learning-in-retirement concept every member has the opportunity to teach others. All one needs to do is come up with a proposal for a course acceptable to the LETs Curriculum Committee, and a majority of several committees composed of members who run the program.

LETs members are also invited to brown bag lunches on a given topic—one will be presented this fall by Jun Allen, director of the greenhouse, another, by Joel Grossman, who coordinates the health promotion program.

More than 60,000 older learners participate in nearly 100 similar programs nationwide. They are looking for a connection to academic life at a time when most of their working years are behind them. The LETs program is an effort by UMass Boston to meet this need in the community and to reconnect older UMass alumni and retired faculty and staff to campus. One full-time Gerontology staff member, Wichan Rojanawon, with one part-time volunteer, is directing the program during its initial phase.

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Convocation Week Begins Sept. 25

At UMass Boston, convocation week marks the official opening of the academic year. Beginning Saturday, September 25 with the Boston Folk Festival (see story, page 4), convocation activities will be held throughout the following week, culminating with the second Alumni Family Day Homecoming, which will be held on campus Saturday, October 2.

In between, a host of events—some open to all on campus, others specifically for students, faculty, or staff—will be held. Open to everyone are a series of intercollegiate athletic events, including women's tennis and volleyball, and men's and women's soccer matches. The Athletics department will also sponsor an open house and tours of the Beacon Fitness Center, as well as a workshop on how to start an exercise program. The Learning Center and WUMB 91.9 FM radio will also hold open houses this week, and several guided tours of the University Greenhouse are scheduled.

Among the events planned for specific groups are the Chancellor's breakfasts for the faculty and professional staff and for the classified staff, the doctoral student lunch, the Provost's lunch for deans, chairpersons, and centerheads, a merit scholars reception, a student leadership reception, and the Diversity Research Initiative Conference, sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students and the Center for the Improvement of Teaching.

A detailed schedule of Convocation week events will be delivered to all faculty and staff later this month.

Chancellor Sherry Penney at the August Luncheon honoring trustees Robert Hayes (left) and James O'Leary (right) who have finished their terms on the University Board of Trustees.

Chancellor Penney Provides Trustees with Update on Boston Campus Agenda

At the August Board of Trustees Meeting, Chancellor Sherry Penney charted the future course of UMass Boston in a major presentation. While noting the challenges, the Chancellor emphasized the University's unique opportunities for substantial growth and ways in which the campus will achieve that growth.

In other news, Student Trustee Ed Rodgers gave his first official remarks as a new member of the Board, commenting on the diversity of the student body and noting several examples, including the AIDS Quilt display, the Athletic Department's NBA summer camp, and the Vietnam Moving Wall Display, of projects that students and faculty organize.

The Board of Trustees approved the motion to name Richard Horsley as Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Paul Hayes Tucker to the Paul Hayes Tucker Distinguished Professorship in Art.

Student Government President Sherry Chang at the August Luncheon honoring trustees Robert Hayes (left) and James O'Leary (right) who have finished their terms on the University Board of Trustees.

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Jean MacCormack Named Interim Chancellor at UMass Dartmouth

On August 4th, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees confirmed President Bulger's appointment of Deputy Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Jean F. MacCormack as Interim Chancellor at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. She will replace Chancellor Peter Cressy, who has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer of the National Distilleries Council. This September, she will begin her work as the first woman chancellor in Dartmouth's history.

News of her historic assignment has met with both excitement and sadness on the Boston campus. Chancellor Sherry Penney stated, "This is a wonderful and well-deserved appointment for Jean, but she will be sorely missed at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She has devoted most of her professional life to our campus because she believes so very strongly in its mission." She added, "I know I speak for everyone when I say that it has been a pleasure working with Jean over the past years."

MacCormack has indeed been here for many years. She joined the University of Massachusetts Boston in 1980 as Director of the Institute for Learning and Teaching. She became Acting Dean of the Graduate College of Education in 1982, and in 1988, was appointed Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance. From 1995 to 1996, she served as Interim Chancellor for the Boston campus, when Chancellor Penney left to serve as Interim President for the University of Massachusetts.

MacCormack played a key leadership role in shepherding the 12,500 student campus through the state budget crisis of the early 1990s and managing its revitalization over the past few years. That revitalization has included the addition of new graduate programs, dramatic increases in private support, expanded research and public service initiatives, enhanced technology for faculty and students, the development of a $60 million campus center due to open in 2002, and planning for a new waterfront environmental center. "I witnessed firsthand the task and determination that Dr. MacCormack brought to the task of keeping the Boston campus a vibrant community during an exceedingly difficult time," Board of Trustees Chairman Robert S. Karam said. "Now, thanks in large measure to the efforts she made then, the Boston campus not only survived but has become a thriving urban center of educational opportunity."

President Bulger praised MacCormack's work on what he called "the front lines of public higher education." Bulger stated, "She is uniquely qualified by experience, education and personality to continue the momentum that Peter Cressy has built in attracting the best students and faculty to the campus, building partnerships with business and industry and engaging the University in the region's public school reform effort." Cressy, in turn praised the appointment, saying, "I have personally known Jean MacCormack for six years. She is the perfect choice to lead UMass Dartmouth."

In the midst of the transition, MacCormack remembered the time at UMass Boston fondly. "What means the most to me is the mission of UMass Boston and the people who dedicate themselves to making it come alive. I know whatever success I may have had in helping the campus to survive and thrive is a shared achievement with the many people who have been fortunate to work with every day and who are always willing to go the extra mile. This is a wonderful opportunity for me but UMass Boston will always have a place in my heart." -Anne Marie Kent

Donald Macedo Receives President's Public Service Award

Long before he became director of the Applied Linguistics Graduate Program(formerly the Bilingual/ESL Graduate Program), Professor Donald Macedo had a strong understanding of the challenges facing working class and bilingual students. Raised in an immigrant community in Dorchester, Macedo says that his scholarly work relies on his ongoing connection and service to local communities. This includes million-dollar grant writing, grassroots project development, and even individual mentoring.

In July, he was awarded the President's Public Service Award for his dedication.

"Coming from the community and remaining tied to the community, I realize that people often just don't have the means, financially, to become educated," Macedo explained. "If I can work to create opportunities and improve teaching...then I do these things as a part of my commitment to UMass Boston and its mission."

Macedo's accomplishments reflect this energy. Since 1982, he has raised over $6 million in scholarships for an average of 70 Applied Linguistics graduate students each year. He has also raised millions to support bilingual programs in local schools. Brockton's Director of Bilingual Education, Benjamin Silva, reported that in his city Macedo has helped raise close to $3.5 million over sixteen years to support programs for Spanish, Cape Verdean, and Haitian students.

Macedo is also known for his availability to students and parents. He explained, "As a teacher, you've got to engage students at the human level. When there's that connection, you can negotiate all kinds of difficulties."

If students benefit from this approach, so does his research.

He has numerous publications to his credit, including his most recent work, Critical Education in the New Information Age (with Paulo Freire, Henry Giroux, and Paul Willis, 1999). He says, "I think there would be something missing in my writing if I did not have that communion with the community that I write about."

Reflecting on Macedo's seventeen years of experience, Dean of the Liberal Arts Faculty Neal Brosnach referred to Macedo as "a public intellectual of international scope," and stated, "I can think of no member of the Liberal Arts faculty, or the University community, more deserving of the special recognition of President Bulger's award."

--Anne Marie Kent

Moving Vietnam Wall Revives Memories, Honors Veterans

If you've never seen it, you might not understand it. Throughout this country there are many memorials and monuments honoring the military, and many specific to those who died in Vietnam. But the Vietnam Memorial in Washington perhaps is unlike any other tribute or remembrance. And as testament to this fact it's probably one of the few structures of its kind that has a traveling replica that brings the memorial to the people.

From August 4 through 9, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall stood on the soccer field of UMass Boston, the host for the moving wall's first-ever visit to Boston.

"It's heart-warming to see the pieces coming together," said one of the principal organizers, Ed Rogers, just days before the Wall went up. "When I got involved about a year ago, I was wondering if I bit off more than I could chew."

Per capita, Rogers' hometown of South Boston sent more soldiers to Vietnam than any other area of the country. Many of them he grew up with. In the UMass Boston student government many of his contemporaries are half his age, but Vietnam and its memorial touch them too.

"Every time we go to Washington with the student government we go see it," he says of the Memorial. "Most of the students are a lot younger than I am, but everyone wants to go." Getting to the Memorial isn't easy for everyone, though.

Rogers said the significance of bringing the wall to Boston struck home when he started to field calls from elderly mothers in remote parts of the state, wondering about transportation to campus and facilities here. "It's about location, but also has to do with who we are," Rogers said of why it was important that the wall come to UMass Boston. "It's about what this school means to a lot of people in the area."
Student Services Earn High Scores

The results of the latest Student Customer Satisfaction Survey are in, and, for high percentages of UMass Boston undergraduates, "very satisfied" is the verdict.

The survey is conducted annually by the Donahue Institute, based in the University of Massachusetts President’s Office. Last March, the institute polled undergraduates throughout the University system, 269 of them (or 21%) at UMass Boston.

Students rated their current experiences with the University Advising Center, the Bursar’s Office, Career Services, Financial Aid Services, the Health Service, the Healey Library, and the Office of the Undergraduate Registrar. All seven earned high rankings. On a scale of 1 to 5, no office scored lower than 3.49 for its "overall services."

In the case of each office, well over half of the polled UMass Boston students declared themselves to be "very satisfied" with overall services; the average was 63%. And in each case, the percentage of UMass Boston students very satisfied with overall services was higher than the system average. The percentages of students reported as either "very satisfied" or "some-what satisfied" with overall services averaged 94%.

Two offices performed especially well. 70% of the polled students were very satisfied with the overall services of the Undergraduate Registrar’s Office, and 68% with Financial Aid Services, as compared with system averages of 58% and 55%. The ratings for these two offices are especially significant in view of their importance to the surveyed students, 88% of whom rated the Undergraduate Registrar’s Office as "very important," while 86% similarly rated Financial Aid Services.

Individual areas of service were also rated for each office. Among the highlights: 67% were very satisfied with the "knowledge level of staff" at the Healey Library, and 65% were very satisfied with the "assistance with your academic problems" provided by the Advising Center—in both cases higher percentages than on any other campus.

Detailed analyses of the survey results will help to strengthen the performance of each office involved.

—Jeffrey Mitchell

GCOE Professor Promotes Qualitative Research Methods in Mexico

GCOE Prof. Martha Montero-Sieburth believes some of the best research is the kind that can change researchers’ thinking about how they themselves view the world. This year she returned to her native Mexico as part of a team training educators and administrators in qualitative research techniques. In November, she will pay the last of three one-week visits to complete the Mexican government-supported program.

The effort was initiated by investigators noticing discrepancies in national test scores among urban, rural, and indigenous (Indian) children. They established a program to examine administrative policies and procedures, classrooms, and communities, in many districts.

Qualitative research, Professor Montero-Sieburth believes, brings scientific method back to its roots in observing, recording, analyzing, and drawing conclusions. Her students, all college graduates, understand quantitative research, but to conduct qualitative research they must, in her words, "detach themselves from bureaucratic roles to understand...there's a different way of conceptualizing the world."

Thus, a teacher may say, "There is no point in teaching math to these Indian children; they're not capable of learning it." While quantitative research might focus on the children's exam scores, qualitative research wants to know what effect that teacher's attitude has on their learning.

Most exciting for Montero-Sieburth was to find among her workshop participants a dedication to national improvement, a feeling of "mystica," which she characterizes as that "soulful commitment to making things happen because you believe in them."

—Dick Laurie

Boston Folk Festival Brings Over 100 Performers Here on Sept. 25

Someday you can say you were there when it all started.

The Second Annual Boston Folk Festival will set up shop on the UMass Boston campus Saturday, Sept. 25. More than 100 performers will play, sing, and dance on eight stages from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The featured performance of the day will be by renowned Irish fiddler Eileen Ivers and the Riverdance dancers.

Last year about 15,000 people stopped by the two-day festival located at several sites in downtown Boston. This year, organizers changed it to one day and one location.

Many of the performances are free, but to support the festival, some require an all-access button, available from the event’s main sponsor, WUMB 91.9 FM, for $10 ($12 on Sept. 25) at and other locations. The button also entitles you to discounts at various organizations after the festival.

Of course there are other ways of supporting the festival. "For us to do this right takes about 200 volunteers," says WUMB General Manager Pat Monteith. "Everyone who wants to can volunteer. Ideally what we'd like is for people to work two to three hours that day."

The uninitiated might not realize that Boston is the hub of folk culture in the U.S. And perhaps one reason for that is that last year Boston had no folk festival to celebrate one of its best-kept secrets.

"Boston is the folk capital of the world. It's ridiculous for Boston not to have a festival," says Monteith.

If Boston is the folk capital, then WUMB is its current head of state. The station devotes about one-third of its current programming to folk music. Throughout the year it hosts and supports various folk performances and programs. And when it comes to promoting the genre, WUMB is usually in the lead.

In 1996, WUMB hosted a "folk town meeting," to discuss ideas for promoting folk music in the area. Out of that meeting grew the idea for the Boston Folk Festival.

Some fortunate timing also paid off in that shortly after that meeting the Massachusetts Cultural Council announced a new round of funding directed at the local economy. The group then wrote a grant proposal to the council emphasizing the use of homegrown musicians in Boston's first folk festival. The Council granted seed money for the festival.

This year, organizers are on their own for the most part. While Monteith hopes for some grant money, it will be nowhere near the level it was last year. About half the expenses are in contract- ing the performers. The headliners this year, Eileen Ivers and the Riverdance Dancers, will be opening up in Boston just a short while later, offering folk festival patrons a preview.

Within a few years though, Monteith expects the festival to be so large that organizers will be at a loss to find a big enough location in the Boston area. Even for September 25, she expects the festival to draw folk fans from all the New England states and outside the region.

But WUMB can't do it alone. As Monteith explains, "We all need each other. The radio station, the coffeehouses, the performers—none of us can do it on our own. We all have to work together."
A dedication of the UMass Boston Boat Dock at Fox Point Basin took place this past June in honor of Mark G. Hamilton, the University's first dockmaster. The event was attended by nearly 200 of Hamilton's family, friends, and colleagues, including Deputy Chancellor Jean MacCormack, who, along with Hamilton's wife Christine and his three sons, Christopher, Matthew, and Michael (above photo) unveiled a memorial stone and plaque. The bronze plaque, mounted on a stone from Hamilton's hometown of Milton, reads: In Memory of Mark G. Hamilton: Mariner, Mentor and Friend. Sailmaster and the First Dock Wrangler 1984-1994. Hamilton, who died of cancer in 1994, was instrumental in helping thousands of students learn the skills of sailing. In addition, Hamilton was active in many youth programs, and served as an auxiliary police officer and an emergency medical technician. He was a 1985 graduate of UMass Boston.

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Public Safety's Technical, Manpower Capabilities Enhanced by Grants

In July, the Department of Public Safety hired two new officers, thanks to a U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing (COPS) grant of $150,000. In addition, a $24,100 COPS MORE 98 Technology Grant will provide the department with a laptop computer for each UMass Boston police cruiser, provide laptops for investigative units, and fund the purchase of a facial image identification system to help identify suspects. A further grant of $7,000 from Environmental Studies Research Institute will provide the department with software for crime mapping and geographic analysis of incidents and services. The grants were secured by Officer Richard Lee.

Gerontology Institute to Coordinate Pension-related Activities in New Center

A variety of pension-related activities sponsored by the Gerontology Institute and Center will now be consolidated in the newly formed Pension Action Center. The Center will house the New England Pension Assistance Project, the National Pension Lawyers Network, administrative support for the Massachusetts Pensions not Poses Coalition, and various pension research projects. These projects have been providing assistance to individuals having difficulties obtaining their pensions, lawyer referrals, and a forum for grass-roots advocacy groups and others to develop pension-related public education and policy initiatives. The new Center will continue to provide these services, and seek funding to further identify pension-related issues. The Center's director is Prof. Ellen Bruce, associate director of the Gerontology Institute.

Twelfth Forum for 21st Century to be held September 21

The Forum for the 21st Century begins its third year with a discussion of the topic "Thinking Ahead of the Curve: Preventing Urban and Regional Problems Before They Happen." Panel discussants at this forum event include Bob Watt, president and CEO of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce; Anne Fimcucne, senior vice president, at Fleet Bank; Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, and partner at Gant and Huberman, Architects; and Badi Foster, director of Tufts University’s Lincoln Filene Center. The moderator will be Deborah Jackson, vice president for programs at the Boston Foundation, and commentator will be Paul Guzz, president and CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. The forum takes place at the BankBoston Auditorium, 100 Federal Street, Boston, from 9 to 11 a.m. A continental breakfast will be available from 8:15 a.m. The Forum for the 21st Century is sponsored by the University in order to focus public discourse on the economic and social development challenges facing Boston. It is free and open to the public.

Alumni Family Day on the Point Slated for October 2

A variety of activities—athletic, academic, and most of all social—are the order of the day on October 2, when the University holds its second Alumni Family Day. Beginning with a continental breakfast hosted by the Office of Institutional Advancement, the day's activities include numerous non-credit classes on a variety of topics offered by UMass Boston faculty members. Morning class sessions will be followed by a UMass Boston vs. Southern Maine men's soccer match, and a reception featuring the Blue Suede Boppers. An Oktoberfest Homecoming Luncheon and alumni, college and class reunions will precede the UMass Boston vs. Nichols College football game in the afternoon. Other activities will include scheduled tours of the Arts on the Point Sculpture park and the Harbor Islands, along with activities geared towards UMass Boston students and activities especially for children. For a schedule of activities and a sign-up form, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 287-3330.

Enrollment Up for 1999-2000

While final fall 1999 enrollment numbers are not available until the end of add/drop period, all indications are that we will exceed our goal of 12,700 students. Throughout the undergraduate admission cycle, freshman applications have been between 15 and 20% ahead of last year. Transfer applications have increased 8.5% over 1998. New undergraduate student enrollment is approximately 2,500. New graduate enrollment is expected to be level with 1998 at approximately 700 students. Continuing student enrollments are also strong, with projected final numbers at 5,600 undergraduate and 1,960 graduate. With additional categories of readmit, nondegree, second degree, and certificate students, UMass Boston should reach 13,000 students overall, a 4% increase over 1998.

CPCS Administrator Evonne Hill-Sheddor Dies

College of Public and Community Service administrator Evonne Hill-Sheddor died on August 1 in her Hyde Park home. A 1984 alumnus of the University, she joined the UMass Boston community in 1986, working in community relations and then as director of alumni services for CPCS. Among her accomplishments was her work with the New England Patriot organization, where she worked to enroll the players at UMass Boston to complete their college degrees. She also established and directed the University's first student gospel music association, which toured widely throughout the region. In 1996, she invited her childhood friend Donna Summer to perform at the Capital Campaign Kick-off Gala at the Kennedy Library. A well-known community activist, Hill-Sheddor was an advocate for adult education, teaching basic English and offering vocational counseling for immigrants at the Hyde Park Adult Education Center. She leaves two daughters, Simone and Carla Butler.
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an unfired state. This problem is controlled by drying the artifacts at a high humidity for several weeks. That way, the skin of the pottery is as moist as the core," he says. The artifacts will eventually be put on exhibit so that they can be viewed by the public.

The artifacts from the Phoenician ships are the latest that Piechota has worked on during his ten-year association with Ballard. Ballard has now turned his attention to the Black Sea, which is believed to be the resting place of many well preserved ancient shipwrecks. Chances are good, says Piechota, that the Black Sea will be a future destination for exploration and discovery.

Since July, Piechota has been back in his laboratory at the Center for Cultural and Environmental History, where he is surveying the Big Dig artifacts which were placed in the care of UMass Boston in February of 1997. Anthropology Prof. Steven Mrozowski, who was instrumental in bringing the Big Dig collection here and directs the Center, hired Piechota for the massive task of creating a ten-year conservation plan for the 200,000 Colonial and Native American objects in the collection. Piechota also works part time with Harvard University's Semitic Museum on conserving a collection of cuneiform tablets from the Akkadian civilization, circa 3000 B.C.

Piechota expects to continue working with Ballard in the future. Estimates are that there are vast numbers of shipwrecks at the bottom of the sea. "For every shallow water shipwreck found, records from Lloyd's of London suggest that there may be 10,000 deep-sea wrecks out there, waiting to be discovered," says Piechota.

Joiner Ctr Programs Reach Teachers, Writers & Students from Here to Hue

A series of summer programs conducted by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences reached out to schools, teachers, writers, and the Hispanic community, and overseas to Vietnam.

In early June four noted writers visited selected public schools in Boston to instruct Latino students in the art of writing.

The week of instruction by Alan West, Charley Trujillo, Yrene Santos, and Naomi Ayala culminated in a day-long conference at UMass Boston for some 170 students who participated in a morning workshop and an afternoon reading of their work.

The 12th annual Writers' Workshop attracted over 160 participants for a two-week conference, which featured recipients of the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize among its faculty. From June 20 through July 2 participants attended classes, workshops, panels, seminars, and faculty readings on the subject of war and writing.

Coordinator T. Michael Sullivan opened the workshop with an address on Writing and Wonder.

Four writers from Vietnam — Nam Ha, Thu Bon, Nguyen Vinh, and Quang Hue — joined Irish writers John F. Deane and Eva Bourke and a US faculty highlighted by Grace Paley, Tim O’Brien, Robert Creeley, Yusef Komunyakaa, and Carolyn Forche.

As part of a weekend for the Hispanic community, authors Demetria Martinez, Martin Espada, Alan West, Norberto James, and Pedro Pietri, offered readings, panels and classes at neighborhood locations in Boston. The Hispanic Workshop was coordinated by Jaime Rodriguez of the Joiner Center and Jack Fagan, S.J., pastor of St. Mary of the Angels Church in Roxbury.

Workshop panels presented the experiences of Vietnamese writers from both sides of the conflict as well as the views of American veteran writers, including Doug Anderson, Bruce Weigl, and Larry Heinemann. Lady Burton, a humanitarian worker in Vietnam, presented three documentary films.

Christopher Merrill, a poet, offered his insights into the Balkan conflicts.

The Vietnam Institute, a three-day seminar focusing on teaching the war in Vietnam in the secondary school curriculum, hosted 25 high school teachers from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. This year’s theme was The Veteran as Witness: Bringing Vietnam Veterans into the Classroom.

Coordinator Paul Aewoolou noted students’ perceptions of the war in his remarks. In addition to exchange of methods and materials, the institute focused on how teachers might prepare students and veterans for classroom oral histories.

Presenters included Stephen Sonneman, a professor of English at Westminster College and a Vietnam veteran who has recruited and trained veterans to speak in high schools as a co-author of the Veterans Education Project, and Jerry Lembcke, an army veteran of Vietnam and professor of sociology at Holy Cross College and author of The Spitting Image: Myth, Memory and the Legacy of Vietnam, a work challenging the notion of the abusive homecoming for veterans while acknowledging the hostile atmosphere.

Another Brother, a PBS documentary, offered a look at the problems confronting black soldiers upon their return to civilian society. The film was presented by Elena Schwolsky-Finch, who was part-producer.

Marilyn Young, a professor of history at New York University, again moderated the discussions.

Last, Vietnam Today, a collabora­
tive program with the East Asian Studies Program and Interna­
tional Relations, brought students to Hue, Vietnam, for three weeks of instruction in the history, culture, literature, and politics of Vietnam. Participants in the program regularly interact with Vietnamese people and visit the cultural landmarks of the country.

Nguyen Ba Chung, coordinator of the study-tour.

The Joiner Center hosted numerous distinguished writers who participated as instructors in their programs this summer. Left: Port Marilyn Nelson of the University of Connecticut, and Tim O’Brien, author of The Things They Carried.
The Critical and Creative Thinking Program hosted a workshop in July for 40 teachers, students, and concerned citizens on the topic of "Science-in-society, Sociology in Science." The workshop explored ways in which developments in science and technology can enrich science education and citizen activism. The workshop was organized by Prof. Peter Taylor of the GCOE.

In August, the Psychology Department hosted a reception for convention- goers this year at American Psychological Association meeting in Boston. Attendees were treated to a tour of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and a reception on the UMass Boston campus.

In the News

Leonard Robinson, senior fellow of the McCormick Institute, was interviewed by Chris Lydon on WBUR's The Connection on the National Summit on Africa, held in July.

Elizabeth Sherman, director of the McCormick Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was a guest commentator on the television show, "Boston Common" on August 15.

The voyage of the tall ship Ernestina to Nova Scotia this summer, led by Geography Prof. John Looney and a crew composed of UMass Boston students and others, was the topic of several articles in local newspapers, including the Yarmouth Vanguard, The Sunday Herald of Nova Scotia, and La Courier de la Nouvelle Ecosse.

Psychology Prof. Ester Shapiro was quoted in an August 27 Boston Globe front page article exploring why only 58% of young men wear seatbelts, according to a Massachusetts survey.

In July, Prof. Kyle McIlvene of the Human Development and Applied Psychology Program was interviewed on WHCR- TV5 news on his new study on exercise and calories.

Debra Wein, manager of the Beacon Fitness Center, was interviewed on FOX-25 News in August on the topic of cardiovascular health and how to find the right balance between too many and too few in your diet. In July, she was quoted in Fitness Magazine on eating before exercising.

Athletic Director Charlie Titus and his commitment to the youth of Boston was the focus of a Metro/Region section column by Boston Globe columnist Adrian Walker on July 31.
Calendar of Events

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Send submissions by the third Monday of the month to Calendar of Events, Office of Public Information, 3rd floor, Quinn Administration Building. Fax 617-287-5305 or email to univ_report@umbky.umb.edu.

Thursday 9
Demystifying the Print Process 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Learning Center, Presentation room 1. Unlike print on a laser printer, moving materials from computer screen to a press involves a learn eye and a meticulous strategy. Critical areas as resolution, color, file types and general precautions will be discussed. For faculty and staff. To register, call 7-3990 or email learningctr@umb.edu.

Saturday 11
WUMB 91.9 Saturday Acoustic Special "Judy Collins...Forever in a Day." Tune in at 10 a.m. Presented by FM Odyssey. Hosted by Fred Miglore.

Monday 13
Tai Chi 12:45 to 1:15 p.m., McCormick 1st floor, room 229. Drop in basis. Stretching, mental calm, physical balance, self massage. 24 movement form. For more information, call the Health Promotion Office at 7-5685.

Tuesday 14
Chemistry Department Seminar Series Lecture on chemical hygienics, presented by Zehra Schneider and Brian Durner of the Environmental Health and Safety Office. UMass Boston. 4:30 p.m., Science Bldg., 1st floor, room 85.

Wednesday 15
WUMB 91.9 Saturday Acoustic Special "Tribute to Laura Nyro." Tune in at 10 a.m. Music and interview segments from the late artist's life and work, presented by FM Odyssey. Hosted by Fred Miglore.

Getting Started in Business Seminar 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Boston Public Library, Parker Hill Branch, 1497 Tremont Street, Roxbury. Help for new businesses, including feasibility testing, business plan writing, financial statements and projections. Sponsored by the Minority Business Assistance Center. For more information and to register, call 7-7795.

Thursday 21
Forum for the 21st Century "Thinking Ahead of the Curve: Preventing Urban and Regional Problems before they happen." Continental breakfast 8:15 a.m. Program 9 to 11 a.m., BankBoston Auditorium, 100 Federal Street, Boston. Panel discussion sponsored by the Chancellor's Office featuring local and national experts on issues of importance to Boston and the region. Call 7-6800 for more information.

Chemistry Department Seminar Series Lecture on chemical hygienics, presented by Zehra Schneider and Brian Durner of the Environmental Health and Safety Office, UMass Boston. 4:30 p.m., Science Bldg., 1st floor, room 85.

Writing Effectively Workshop Six week class, Tuesdays through 10/26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Expose writing techniques to help you be a more effective writer. Sponsored by the Worker Education Program of SEIU Local 295 and the Learning Center. Offered to members of Local 295. For more information, call Tricia Ridge at 541-8471, x725.

Tuesday 23
Graduate Studies Information Fair 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wheately Calorama, 3rd floor, Wheately Hall. Valuable for applicants seeking admission for the Spring and for those applying for doctoral programs for the Fall of 2000. Spring application deadlines run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. Future information fairs scheduled for November and January. For more information, call 7-6000 or visit www.umb.edu.

Speaking Up, Speaking Out Workshop Four week class, Thursdays through Oct. 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Learning Center. Increase your confidence when speaking at meetings or functions. Practice public speaking techniques. Offered to members of and sponsored by SEIU Local 295 and the Learning Center. For more information, call Tricia Ridge at 541-8474 x26.

Saturday 25
The Second Boston Folk Festival Eight stages of the best in acoustic music. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., UMass Boston campus. Featuring Eileen Ivers and the Riverdance Dancers, Baba Olatunji, Cheryl Wheeler, Eddie from Ohio, Gamel Rogers and many more. Children's activities, arts and crafts, food. Folk festival button $10, $12 day of event. Volunteers needed. Contact WUMB radio station at 7-8691 for more information.

Monday 27
Chancellor's Breakfast for Faculty and Professional Staff 8:30 a.m., University Club, 12th floor, Healey Library.

Tuesday 28
Doctoral Student Luncheon 12:30 p.m., University Club, 11th floor, Healey Library.

Chancellor's Ice Cream Social 3 p.m., Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd floor, Quinn Bldg.

Women's Volleyball Versus Fitchburg State College, 6 p.m., Clark Athletic Center.

Open House and Tour of the Beacon Fitness Center Open House, noon to 4 p.m., tours at 11 a.m., and 5 to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Athletics Department.

Chemistry Department Seminar Series Literature seminar: Chemistry of Superconductor Solvents presented by Sabine Yildirim, UMass Boston. 4:30 p.m., Science Bldg., 1st floor, room 89.

"Getting Started in Business Seminar" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Empowerment Center, 20 Hammond Street, Boston. Help for new businesses, including feasibility testing, business plan writing, financial statements and projections. Sponsored by the Minority Business Assistance Center. For more information and to register, call 7-7795.

Wednesday 29
Provost's Luncheon for Deans, Chairpersons, Centerheads, Noon to 2 p.m., Ryan Lounge.

Diversity Research Initiative Conference. 2 to 5:30 p.m., Faculty Club, 12th floor, Healey Library. Sponsored by the Office of Dean of Students, and Center for the Improvement of Teaching.

Open House and Tour of the Beacon Fitness Center Open House, noon to 4 p.m., tours at 11 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Athletics Department.

Women's Tennis Versus Newbury College, 3 p.m., Clark Athletic Center.

Thursday 30
Chancellor's Classified Staff Breakfast 8:30 to 10 a.m., University Club, 11th floor, Healey Library.

WUMB 91.9 Station Open House 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Lower Level, Healey Library.

Learning Center Open House Hours to be announced. Lower Level, Healey Library.

How to Start an Exercise Program 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., Seminar offered by the Beacon Fitness Center. Sponsored by the Athletics Department.

Weight Management Support Group Four sessions, 10/16 to 11/23, McCormick, 1st floor, room 613. Developing a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Sponsored by the Health Promotions Program. $11. To register, leave name, phone and address at 7-5685.

Friday 1
Merit Scholars Reception Time and location to be announced.

Greenhouse Guided Tour Tours at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. 4th floor, Science Bldg.

Saturday 2
Alumni Family Day Homecoming Activities include Arts on the Point and Harbor tours, non-credit classes, luncheon, reception with music by the Blue suede Boppers, self-tours of the Biology Department Greenhouse and John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. Children and student activities, arts and crafts. For more information and a registration form, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 7-5300.

Miscellaneous

Posters of the Spanish Civil War Photo exhibit September 1 to 30 in the Healey Library, 4th floor. Sponsored by the Department of Hispanic Studies, The European Studies Program, and the Spanish Consulate of Boston. Several panel discussions in conjunction with the display. For more information, contact the Department of Hispanic Studies at 7-7590.


“Study Smarter, Not Harder” Help with performing better, with less stress, in studying for and taking exams, writing papers, etc. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Weight Management Support Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call 7-5685 for an appointment.

Smoke cessation Help with considering quitting, quitting, and staying quit. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

AIDS Awareness Team Seeking student volunteers to develop HIV/AIDS education programs for the University Community. Call the Health Promotions Program at 7-5685 for more information or to volunteer.