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UMass Boston and Kennedy Library to Co-Sponsor Presidential Debate on October 3, 2000

By Annemarie Lewis Kerwin

For the second time in three years, UMass Boston has been chosen to host an historic event. On Thursday, January 6, the Commission on Presidential Debates announced that the University, along with the John F. Kennedy Library, has been selected to host the first presidential debate of the 2000 general election. The University and the Kennedy Library together were one of 12 finalists, nationwide, being considered to host one of the three debates, which includes two presidential debates and one vice presidential debate. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, the actual site for the debate will be in the Clark Athletic Center. It will be the only debate site in the Northeast, and will be the first time in Boston's history that a presidential debate has been

held in the city.

While several factors played a role in the University being selected to host the presidential debate, one factor in particular clearly gave the University the competitive edge. Three years ago this month, UMass Boston was the site of President Clinton's visit to Boston to unveil his \$495 million juvenile crime bill. It was the first time in the University's history that a president of the United States visited the campus. Not only was the campus transformed to accommodate the 1,500 people who attended the President's announcement in the Clark Athletic Center, but it was able to provide the facilities, equipment, transportation, media access, parking and other requirements needed to successfully execute such an event.

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President William Bulger, Chancellor Sherry Penney, and Paul Guzzi, president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce share the stage at the Kennedy Library during the press conference announcing the selection of the University and the Kennedy Library as a site for one of the 2000 presidential debates. (Photo by Harry Brett)

CPCS Professor James Green Takes History to Heart

By Jeffrey Mitchell

What James Green calls "movement history" is both the substance and the subject of his new book, *Taking History to Heart: The Power of the Past in Building Social Movements*, forthcoming in May from the University of Massachusetts Press. By "movement history" Green means not simply accounts and analyses of past events, but the work of "scholars and activists," himself among them, who are "passionately engaged in the study of social protest for moral and political reasons, as well as intellectual ones."

Taking History to Heart, says Green, "is about ordinary people doing extraordinary things." It re-

calls such pivotal moments in the story of American labor as the Haymarket Riot (Chicago, 1886) and the Bread and Roses Strike (Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1912) and traces the ways in which these events have been remembered through the ensuing years. One chapter, titled "Releasing Silent Voices and Uncovering Forgotten Places in the American South," focuses partly on the civil rights movement; another, moving closer to home, considers "the Politics of Class and Race in Boston." The book explores such recent events as the 1989 Pittston Coal strike, and carries readers up to the present in a chapter on the labor union revival of the 1990s. Green

himself often appears in the foreground, not only as a commentator but also as a participant—for example, in chapters on "Making Documentary Films about People in Struggle" at Henry Hampton's Blackside Productions and on his own work as a faculty member at UMass Boston's College of Public and Community Service.

This autobiographical approach is "unorthodox for an academic," says Green, "but not unorthodox at all in literature. I'm very much putting my cards on the table in each chapter, saying 'this is why I wrote this, this is why I care about this.'" *Taking History to Heart* is "a book about

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CPCS professor and labor historian James Green will tell the tales of the labor movement in his new book, due out in May. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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University World Wide Web Policy

A draft of the University's WWW policy can be found at <http://www.umb.sitemapsearch/webdevelopment/webpolicy.html>. If you have comments, send them to webmaster@umb.edu

University Hosts Service for Stanley Koplik

By Anne Marie Kent

As a lone seagull soared outside the Ryan Lounge windows, Cynthia Miles Gray sang "Panis Angelicus" before a silent crowd of over 400 at the January 7 memorial service for Massachusetts Higher Education Chancellor Stanley Z. Koplik. His death at age 55 brought together the Massachusetts higher education community to remember a leader known for his warm demeanor and steadfast commitment to upholding both access and quality in higher education.

All eight speakers offering eulogies—including Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci, former Commissioner of the Massachusetts Board of Education Robert Antonucci, and former Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education James Carlin—noted the concern for all students that fueled Dr. Koplik's professional zeal. Former student

member of the Board of Higher Education, Roger Limoges praised Dr. Koplik's "legacy of putting students first, of making us feel that we were the reason he went to work every day."

Among the mourners were University of Massachusetts President William Bulger, Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Karam, Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas Finneran, Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift, and Boston University Chancellor John Silber.

Prior to his appointment as Chancellor in 1993, Dr. Koplik served as Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Regents and Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education. He received his bachelor's degree in American History from the State University of New York at New Paltz, his master's in Public Administration from New York University, and his doctorate in Higher Education from the University of Kansas.

Celebrating Black History Month

By Philip S. Hart, Director, Trotter Institute

In the African American community, it's a running joke that the month set aside to recognize and honor the achievements of this significant population is February—the shortest month of the year. However, this bit of humor in no way denigrates the importance of Black History Month, first conceived by historian Carter G. Woodson. Over the years, February has taken hold as the month to celebrate black achievement throughout the nation—thus we have seen all manner of individuals and events recognized during this period. The names range from Charles Drew to Booker T. Washington to W.E.B. DuBois to Mary McCloud Bethune to Chappie James to Benjamin O. Davis to Bessie Smith to Colin Powell to Bessie Coleman to Martin Luther King, Jr. to Malcolm X to Thomas Bradley to Reggie Lewis to Jackie Robinson, and on and on. Some names are nationally recognized, while others are more regional in nature. Given our place at the University, I purposely did not spell out the specific contribution of each individual named above. Your job is to fill in the blanks. A bit of library research or on-line investi-

gation should do the trick.

The William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture is concerned with the accomplishments of African-Americans throughout the year, and has been of such a mind for nearly twenty years. Incidentally, if you do not know who William Monroe Trotter is, I again suggest some library research. Over the years the Trotter Institute has conducted research, published papers and a quarterly journal and generally presented the African-American community in all its facets to a local, regional, national and international audience. This work ranges from a published report on the status of blacks in Boston to an evaluation of one of the largest housing rehab projects in the nation to a report on media images of African-Americans to a critique of Michael Porter's work on the competitive advantage of the inner-city to several reports on the status of black business in Massachusetts to work with local design professionals on a master plan for Roxbury. This list goes on and on. If you are interested in this important work, then plan on visiting the Trotter Institute and picking up one or more of our publications on these topics.

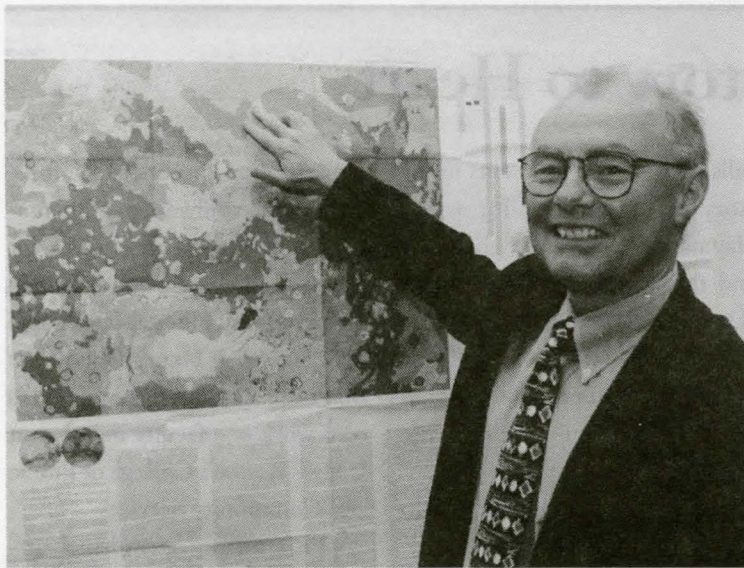
On a personal black history



Can you identify this man?

note, the Spring issue of *American Legacy Magazine* which hits the newsstands in February has a cover story on Bessie Coleman. This cover story features my work on the contributions of Bessie Coleman to American aviation history. In the past this same magazine has featured cover stories on Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and Duke Ellington, among others. So as you can see black history can be seen from a personal perspective as well. February has become an important month for not only the African American community, but all communities interested in the significant contributions of this group to the nation and the world. Let us all enjoy the learning that can take place during February.

NEH Funds Professor's Work on Mars & Literary Imagination



Professor Robert Crossley of the English Department standing in front of a NASA map of the planet Mars. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Annette Fernie

The place held by the planet Mars in our literary imagination has prompted the National Endowment for the Humanities to

award Professor Robert Crossley of the English Department a \$24,000 grant to research and write a book to be called *Imagin-*

ing Mars: A Cultural History.

Ever since humans began looking into the night sky and noticed the presence of the celestial bodies, they have been creating myths, theologies, and stories about Mars. But it is only in the last few hundred years that a body of scientific knowledge about Mars has accumulated. As scientists understood (and misunderstood) what they were observing, their reports fired the imaginations of writers who used the idea of Mars as a vessel to serve their varied literary purposes.

"I've been intrigued by the question of why so many science fiction writers wrote about Mars," says Crossley, "and how informed the fiction was—when is the literary imagination in sync with scientific understanding, when is it not, and why? If the authors didn't

care about portraying Mars scientifically, what were they up to?" asks Crossley.

Crossley says that our own political, economic, and social concerns are reflected in much of the literature about Mars. As an example, he points to Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles*, which he observes, was "designed not to predict the future, but to reflect the anxieties, aspirations, and values of Americans in 1950."

Imagining Mars will survey the literature about Mars with special emphasis on the period from 1877 to the present, and will include chapters on the how Mars has been imagined by writers as a site for utopia, an extension of the American frontier, and as a laboratory for ecological experiment.

He will also survey the accu-

mulation of scientific evidence about Mars, and its influence on the literature. One individual central to the book is Bostonian Percival Lowell, an amateur astronomer who triggered a wave of interest in Mars with his writings on a Martian civilization "heroically resisting extinction" by engineering the "canals" observed on the planet's surface. The question of the canals' existence was finally laid to rest by the photographic evidence provided by NASA's explorations of Mars in the 1960s.

Crossley traces his interest in science and the imagination back to his days as a graduate student at the University of Virginia, when he wrote an essay on the roles of the humanities and the sciences in education. He came to

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Board of Higher Ed Report Cites Good News for UMass Boston

By Patrick Dwyer

In December 1999 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) released the Enrollment and Admissions Summary Report - Fall 1999 which summarizes enrollment figures throughout the state system. UMass Boston has again shown a substantial increase in total undergraduate students, from 10,132 in fall 1998 to 10,579 in fall 1999. Including graduate students, UMass Boston's enrollment now stands at 13,778.

The BHE report also illustrates an increase in out-of-state students at UMass Boston - comprising almost 10% of the student population - and a minimal number of remedial students, well below the 5% allowable cap of the percentage of freshman enrolled in two or more developmental courses.

According to the BHE, UMass Boston has done well in light of increasing admissions standards across the state system. Of 2,379 new students for fall 1999, 674

were first time freshman, an substantial increase of 17% from fall 1998. Transfer students, by far the highest population of new students every semester at UMass Boston, increased slightly from last year (1%). 82% of new admits met the higher admissions standards, while 6% were considered "non-traditional" and therefore exempt from some requirements. Only 7% were considered "special admits" - exceptions to BHE policy.

Liliana Mickle, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, attributes these increases in part to increased visibility of UMass Boston. "Our image have changed for the better, both locally and nationally. The leadership of Kathleen Teehan [Associate Chancellor for Enrollment Services and University Communications] has helped focus the efforts of many departments at UMass Boston into a coordinated recruitment effort. She has brought to fruition many new initiatives and encouraged a renewed spirit of cooperation and collaboration at UMass Boston."

College of Nursing Graduates Receive Pins at December 21 Ceremony



The College of Nursing awarded pins, a traditional symbol of nursing, to eighty five graduates at a December 21st ceremony held in Lipke Auditorium. The graduates, some of whom are shown above, were addressed by Dean of the College Brenda Cherry, and enjoyed a reception for family and friends in the Wheatley Cafeteria. The College of Nursing traditionally holds a graduation ceremony for December graduates.

NEH Funds Professor's Work

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UMass Boston in 1972. An interest in British science fiction writer Olaf Stapledon turned into a fifteen years project resulting in three books: *An Olaf Stapledon Reader*, *Olaf Stapledon: Speaking for the Future*, and *Talking Across the World: The Love Letters of Olaf Stapledon and Agnes Miller, (1913-1919)*. His work on Stapledon was

also supported by an Endowment grant in 1989-90.

The Endowment awarded only twelve grants this year to individuals in Massachusetts, and of those twelve, Crossley's was one of two to be awarded in the field of literature and one of two awarded to individuals at a public institution.

Commonwealth Journal: A Public Affairs Show for Massachusetts



Commonwealth Journal's host, Elizabeth Sherman, and its executive producer, Patricia Monteith in the WUMB FM Studio

by Melissa Fassel

WUMB 91.9 FM is getting ready to re-launch the Commonwealth Journal, an exciting radio program which did not deserve its fate-the loss of federal funding that silenced the program after a successful initial stint from 1987 to 1992. Beginning in March, the station will add the reborn Commonwealth Journal to its program lineup.

The weekly program that will focus on a variety of local and national cultural, social, and political topics, all from a Massachusetts perspective, featuring information pertinent to living in Massachusetts as well as commentary and insights from leading scholars and activists. The Journal aims to promote critical inquiry among Massachusetts citizens and to raise the level of their interest in and understanding of state affairs. It will explore issues related to social and cultural diversity, the humanities, politics, science, business, the environment, and education. UMass Boston's own WUMB-FM Public Radio network, with support from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, is producing Commonwealth Journal, each episode of which will comprise two or three 8 - 15 minute segments. The program will be distributed weekly to radio stations across Massachusetts, who will either air it in its entirety, or select segments to broadcast in conjunction with their own public affairs programming. Already, more than ten stations have signed up to receive the program.

The revived project's very enthusiastic executive producer is WUMB-FM general manager

Patricia Monteith. "We're trying to create topics and feature guests that are very exciting," she says. "Even if a topic doesn't appeal directly to a listener, we'll come from angles that will cross different disciplines."

The program host is also a UMass Bostonian: Dr. Elizabeth Sherman, senior fellow at the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs and director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. Sherman also provides political commentary on National Public Radio, WBUR, CNN, WBZ-TV, WHDH-TV, and WGBH-TV. She is often quoted on a variety of contemporary and social issues in major print media. With her diverse professional and educational interests, Sherman is an appropriate choice for host of the equally multiform program.

What the folks at WUMB are especially eager to find out about is the audience's reaction to something the former Commonwealth Journal did not include: an interactive website. Previously, listeners responded to topics by contacting WUMB, where they were referred directly to the guest. Now, each individual station airing the journal can provide such information to its own listeners, and each station's audience will be able to participate directly in discussions on the program's website. Monteith anticipates that it will be up in about a month in the form of a virtual forum containing interactive chat, links, and information about program topics and guests

Commonwealth Journal's planning committee includes UMass Boston Assistant Chancellor for

Urban Affairs, Hubie Jones; Assistant Chancellor for Communications, Annemarie Lewis-Kerwin; Director of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, David Tebaldi; and Executive Producer and General Manager Monteith. Elizabeth Sherman also maintains an active voice in topic planning.

Commonwealth Journal's first topic is to be mental health. In conjunction with Women's History Month, Ellen Rothman, from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, will discuss Dorthea Dix, a pioneer in improving conditions for the mentally ill. Another segment of the same program will address homelessness and the mentally ill, focusing specifically on the deinstitutionalization movement of the 1970s, which resulted in thousands of mentally ill patients being released from hospitals, many of whom became homeless.

Other initial topics will include a discussion with Sonia Nieto, author of *The Light in their Eyes: Creating Multicultural Learning Communities*. Nieto will address the issue of communication between the Black and Hispanic communities. Roger Dell, Director of Education at the Fitchburg Art museum, will speak about the new, public art-based magnet school in that city, which integrates the arts into all areas of its curriculum.

What is truly unique and appealing about the Commonwealth Journal is its dedication to framing a Massachusetts perspective on local, statewide, and national affairs. Listen for it on your radio next month.

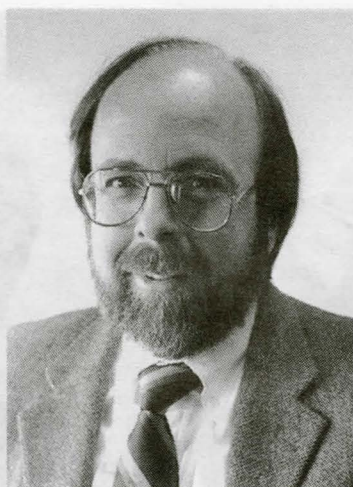
Ed Reform Prompts New Graduate Certificate

By Anne Marie Kent

As reports of MCAS scores dominate news headlines, a new 12-credit Division of Continuing Education graduate certificate program addresses the challenge the test poses to educators, particularly those who teach special needs students. Offered by the Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE), "Adapting Curriculum Frameworks for All Learners" provides educators with an understanding of the Department of Education curriculum frameworks and offers strategies for including students with disabilities in standards-based instruction and assessment.

Kelly Clark, Assistant Director of CSDE emphasized the uniqueness of the program: "First, we are the only center not affiliated with an academic department offering a graduate certificate. Second, and perhaps most importantly, graduate certificates themselves are the new wave in education." She explained, "Now a bachelor's degree is like a high school diploma. More and more, people are looking for additional education to meet their professional needs. This program is a direct response to what's happening with MCAS. Over half of the current participants already have advanced degrees."

Those participants are twenty five teachers, psychologists, and other staff from the Perkins School for the Blind. Sanford Hyson, who oversees staff training and development at Perkins, says that the program fills a significant need: "It's important for



Gary Siperstein directs the Center for Social Development and Education. (Photo by Harry Brett)

us to adapt the curriculum frameworks for our students."

Participants complete a series of two-credit courses designed to provide educators with practical applications of education reform, particularly with diverse student groups. The program reflects the mission of CSDE, which was founded in 1976 to promote quality education and social development for students of all ages, particularly those at risk for academic and social failure.

CSDE Director Gary Siperstein explained, "The Adapting Curriculum Frameworks Graduate Certificate is a unique opportunity for CSDE to respond to the changes in the Commonwealth with regard to Education Reform, fulfilling the mission of our Center of research to practice and practice to research while providing service to the public schools in Massachusetts."

Highlights of the Mass Action for Women Audit

By Carol Hardy-Fanta

The Mass Action for Women Audit, a grassroots organizing and participatory action research project for women and girls in Massachusetts, is a joint project of the McCormack Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and Mass Action for Women - a statewide women's organization founded in 1996 in response to the United Nations 4th World Conference in Beijing.

Since the project's inception in 1998, the Audit has received major funding from local and national foundations including a \$240,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and \$30,000 from The Boston Foundation. A recent grant of \$10,000 from the Cisco Foundation will allow the project to develop its website and develop community connections using new technologies. Additional support has come from the Office on Women's Health, Region I, U.S. Public Health Service, the McCormack Institute, a UMass Boston Public Service Grant, and donations from women around the state.

The Audit offers many ways for women and girls to "join the action." Regional Women's Action Committees have formed or are being formed in four regions of the state: Greater Boston; the Southeast (from Rte.128 to New Bedford and Fall River); Cape Cod and the Islands; and Mass Action West (Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties).

Our statewide Women's Re-

source Team is off and running. In these groups, women are talking to each other about their concerns, hopes, and accomplishments. Ideas for action are emerging as well. Lisa Moore, a participant from Springfield, said recently: "The meetings are multicultural and inter-generational...When I think about the women [twenty-something folks] I am representing who can't seem to find the energy to come - I know that if they'd come to one meeting, they'd be hooked!!! It's nice to be able to be really honest about what you think."

The Mass Action for Women Audit originated in - and maintains links to - the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995. Our progress in bringing women together at the local level to move from dialogue to action has been reported to the President's Inter-agency Council on Women in Washington, which is pulling together information on all efforts that are going on across the country since the Beijing conference. The Audit will be featured at the "Women 2000: Beijing Plus 5" conference on February 5th and what women and girls have to say will form the basis for the Commonwealth's report to the United Nations on its response to the mandate's from the Beijing Platform for Action.

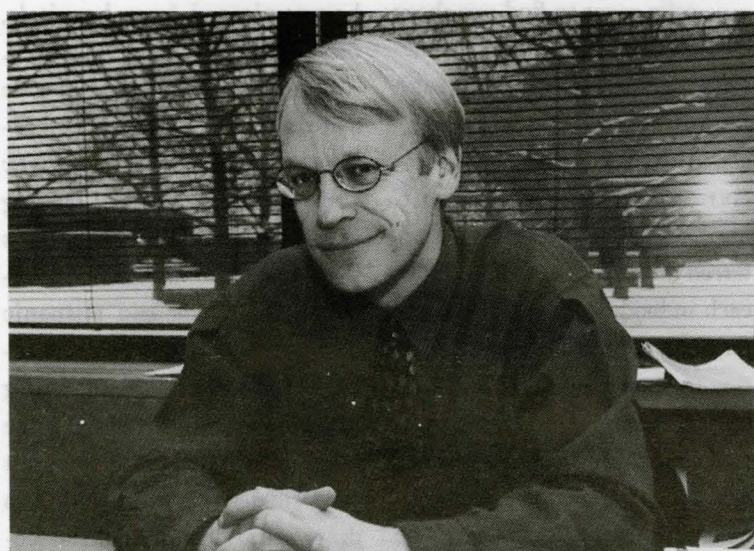
We are poised to begin the new century and millennium with a commitment to working for and with women and girls. We are ea-



Carol Hardy-Fanta of the Center for Women and Politics at the McCormack Institute directs the Mass Action for Women Audit

ger to listen to the ideas of students, faculty and staff at UMass Boston and women from communities around the state. The word "audit" comes from the Latin word for "to listen" - so, join the action by contacting Audit Organizing Coordinator, Marie Thérèse (Tess) Browne at 617-287-5569, or Project Director, Carol Hardy-Fanta at 617-287-5546.

University Seeking Higher International Profile



Peter Schilling, associate director of Undergraduate Admissions (photo by Harry Brett).

By Patrick Dwyer

Many institutions in the U.S., from community colleges to major universities, are becoming increasingly global in their recruitment efforts; UMass Boston is making great strides in this area as well. Recruitment of students to

UMass Boston has usually been a concentrated local effort, aimed at drawing students from locales within eastern Massachusetts. But one recent recruitment visit stands out as unlike any other ever attempted by the University: the annual conference of European

Council of International Schools (ECIS) in Nice, France in November 1999. Peter Schilling, associate director of Undergraduate Admissions, attended the week-long conference and reports that, "without question, participation with ECIS is beneficial to student recruitment. The overall objective was to put UMass Boston on the international map, to show that there's a world-class university in Boston where the tuition is less than \$20,000 a year."

The ECIS Conference provides a forum for college representatives to promote their institutions to international guidance counselors. "I consider ECIS one of the most valuable places to recruit international students," said Schilling, who has attended the conference in past years as Director of International Recruitment for Emerson College. "Establishing a network of international

guidance counselors is extremely important, and attending ECIS is a way to reach many counselors from all over the world in just a few days. They appreciate the opportunity to learn about colleges world wide where they can send their students. We wanted to connect with the guidance counselors at ECIS because few if any had ever heard of UMass Boston."

Schilling believes that recruiting international students makes sense for UMass Boston for several reasons. "From a business perspective, these populations of students help maintain enrollment during the periods of ebb and flow of student populations at home - 15 years from now there may be a shortage of college-age students - and having 'feeders' outside of Massachusetts will ensure that the University meets its target enrollment of qualified students." Schilling also recognizes that di-

versity at UMass Boston is a driving factor. "As much as the term 'diversity' has become a bit cliché, it does help to have a student from Braintree High School sitting next to and studying alongside a student from Taiwan." The biggest obstacle in recruiting international students, according to Schilling, is "definitely the lack of University-sanctioned and administered residence halls which eliminates a certain segment of potential international students."

Schilling has overseen many other recruitment efforts of international students in his first year at UMass Boston, including visiting 18 embassies in Washington, DC, communication with students via email to circumvent difficulties with traditional mail service, better telephone customer service, building a base of international contacts, and setting up internet chats about UMass Boston for students abroad.

S P O T L I G H T S



Dr. Thomas Dukes, dean of the Faculty of Business Administration at Merrimack College and Philip Quaglieri, dean of the College of Management, formalize a new articulation agreement.

College of Management Signs MBA Articulation Agreement with Merrimack College

The College of Management has signed an articulation agreement with Merrimack College through which qualified undergraduate students from the North Andover institution may complete an MBA degree at UMass Boston at an accelerated pace. Under the agreement, Merrimack business majors and recent alumni will have an expedited admissions process, provided they meet the competitive admissions standards of the College of Management's MBA program. Students who have successfully completed an undergraduate business degree at Merrimack will be eligible to receive course waivers in the MBA program. College of Management Dean Philip Quaglieri, views the new arrangement with Merrimack as "an exciting new relationship that's smart management for each of us." Dr. Thomas Dukes, dean of the Faculty of Business Administration at Merrimack concurs, noting that "it's important for Merrimack to have this affiliation and the agreement has been well received at Merrimack." The agreement was formalized at a December, 1999 ceremony. Dr. Dukes and Mary Lou Retelle, the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid represented Merrimack College. Kathleen Teehan, Associate Chancellor of Enrollment Services represented UMass Boston. The College of Management was represented by Dean Quaglieri, Associate Dean Noushin Ashrafi, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Program Director Daniel Robb and Bogusia Bucklin, assistant director for the Graduate Program.

Director of Institute for Community Inclusion Recognized by Commonwealth

The Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Employment of People with Disabilities recently recognized William Kiernan with the 1999 Michael W. Muther Award. Kiernan is the Director of the Institute for Community Inclusion located in the Graduate College of Education and at Children's Hospital. Kiernan received the award because of his lifelong personal and professional commitment to include people with severe vision difficulties in the workforce. His distinguished career also includes four years spent on the Governor's Commission (1987-1991) working with Michael W. Muther. Peter Jennings of ABC News will be in Boston to interview people with disabilities who are employed through community-based programs and will include Institute for Community Inclusion director Kiernan in the interview.

February Forum for 21st Century Features Boston's Young Leaders

The Forum for the 21st Century will hold its fourteenth civic forum event, "Finding Their Voice: Boston's Young Leaders Speak Out" sponsored by UMass Boston in cooperation with City Year. Speakers at the Forum will include Annissa Essaibi, Career Specialist, Private Industry Council; Karilyn Crockett, Executive Director, My Town, Inc.; William Dorcena, Chairman of the Board, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative; Vuong Nguyen, Steering Committee Member, Coalition for Asian Pacific American Youth; and Kerry Thompson, Director, South Boston Catholic Youth Ministries.

The co-founder and CEO of City Year, Alan Khazei will serve as moderator, and commentator will be Rev. Ray Hammond, Bethel A.M.E. Church and director of the Ten Point Coalition. The Forum will take place Wednesday, February 9, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the State Street Bank Enterprise Room, 225 Franklin St. Boston. Free shuttle transportation will be provided, leaving from the Lower Level bus stop (near the 150 lot) at 2:45 p.m., and returning to campus five minutes after the program ends.

1999 Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award goes to Gaston Director Torres

Professor Andres Torres, director of the Gaston Institute, had his 1998 book *The Puerto Rican Movement: Voices From The Diaspora* recognized with a 1999 Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award. The Award is given by the Gustavus Myers Center For The Study Of Bigotry In North America at Boston University. For the past fifteen years, the Center has honored authors, publishers and books who expand the knowledge of the way people have tried or proposed to dismantle the structures of injustice in the North American experience. Torres' book, edited with Jose E. Velasquez, presents the reflections of scholars, artists, activists and organizers from the 1960s and 1970s working for Puerto Rican independence. The book shows the difficulty and rewards of organizing support for the Puerto Rican independence movement among mainland U. S. Puerto Ricans at a time when survival needs were often given greater priority than independence. Contributing chapters to the book were UMass Boston Professors Luis Aponte-Pares and James Jennings as well as Professor Angel Amy Moreno of Roxbury Community College.

Graduate College of Education Names Interim Dean

Virginia Harvey, associate dean of the Graduate College of Education and a faculty member in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, has been named Acting Dean of the College. Her expertise is in the areas of the role and function of school psychologists, the improvement of

functioning of children with emotional and behavioral issues and the development of autonomy for children with emotional and behavioral difficulties. Dean Harvey has spent seven years with UMass Boston as well as eighteen years in the public school system. She says that the focus of her term as dean will be to continue providing the best educational training possible for future teachers so as to offer the maximum benefit to the students in the classroom. In addition to her duties as Acting Dean, Harvey is also part of the team that is currently half-way through the three-year process of national accreditation. She assumed the role of interim dean upon the retirement of Dean Richard Clark in January.

MBAC Receives Certification from Association of Small Business Development Centers

The Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) at the University of Massachusetts Boston has been certified for three years by the Association of Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) after a rigorous review process. The certification shows that the MBAC meets the criteria set out by the Association for leadership and organizational issues, strategic planning, client and stakeholder focus, program performance standards, staff and counselor utilization, and process management. The MBAC is one of the Centers of the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network, which is a partnership of the U. S. Small Business Administration, the Commonwealth's Office of Economic Affairs, and the University of Massachusetts. Begun in 1985, the MBAC has provided over 2300 clients with management training assistance and counsel to individuals seeking to develop a new business or expand an existing one. Since 1993, the Center has been located at UMass Boston's College of Management and directed by Henry Turner, who was named 1997 Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year for the Commonwealth by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Massachusetts Advisory Council.

Grant Named Senior Research Fellow at McCormack Institute; Marshall to head Human Resources

Mary Grant, who served for five years as the assistant vice chancellor for human resources, returns to the McCormack Institute after having completed her Ph.D. at the Heller School at Brandeis University. In her new role, she will provide oversight to the Master of Science in Public Affairs Program and work on research and development projects with the Center for Social Policy. Beth Marshall, director of personnel administration, has been appointed assistant vice chancellor of human resources.

2000-2001 Financial Aid Application Process Underway

January 1, 2000 marked the beginning of the application cycle for academic year 2000-2001 federal, state and University need based student financial aid. To meet the UMass Boston priority filing date of March 1, applicants are encouraged to file by February 15. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at the Financial Aid Services Office or on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To assist students in completing the FAFSA, the Financial Aid Services Office is sponsoring workshops in the Provost's Conference Room, Healey Library, 8th Floor, January 31 at 3:00 p.m., February 1 at 11:00 a.m., and February 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Presidential Debate

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Bringing the presidential debate to Boston was no easy feat, but it was brought to fruition by a collaborative effort between government officials, along with business and civic leaders. According to Chancellor Penney, Paul Kirk, chairman of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and co-chair of the Commission on Presidential Debates, contacted her in late June to explore the possibility of the University and the library co-sponsoring a presidential debate. Shortly thereafter, the Commission on Presidential Debates visited the campus to see if it met the selection criteria. In November, Senator Edward Kennedy and Mayor Menino hosted a breakfast for 35 corporate and civic leaders to raise the required \$600,000 to host the debate. At that breakfast \$335,000 was pledged and by mid-December over \$540,000 had been raised. Organizations that have lent their financial support for the debate include Fidelity, FleetBoston, Liberty Mutual, Boston Red Sox, Boston Capital, The Boston Herald, Citizens Bank, Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, NSTAR, Alan

Solomont, State Street, the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, Foley, Hoag and Eliot, Ropes and Gray, and Asian American Bank.

"As an historian, I am delighted that UMass Boston was chosen as the site for the first presidential debate. Hosting the debate affords our citizenry a wonderful opportunity to participate in the democratic process. It also provides a significant occasion for our students to witness this lesson in civic education," said Chancellor Penney.

A press conference was held on January 6 at the Kennedy Library to discuss the debate. Paul Kirk discussed the selection process, while President Bülger and Chancellor Sherry Penney discussed the importance of the University hosting this historical event. Speaking on behalf of the Boston business community was Paul Guzzi, president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

According to the Commission on Presidential Debates, once the total number of seats is determined for the debate, a public announcement will be made about ticket availability and allocation.

Green Book

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storytelling, and the reader needs to know who the storyteller is."

Who will the reader be? "I think the book will hold up very well to scholarly standards and tests," says Green, "but I'm really going for an audience that I think of as my students and people like them—working people who are adults involved in the real world, in their communities and in their workplaces. This is a book about them, about their history, about their struggles, but it's also about what I perceive as the social learning they've done. And so I hope, even, that they'll find the book inspiring."

For Green, the nature of storytelling and the role of the storyteller are central concerns. Much of the history in *Taking History to Heart* is in books, "but what I have been seeking to do is to reach a public that will never buy these books," he says. When he tells a story, "I'm trying to bring my training and my perception as a historian to the telling of that story without losing the inherently dramatic qualities of the story."

"There is a kind of discipline," he adds, "that did not exist in my academic training." This discipline can produce stories "so powerful that whatever meaning you drew

from them you would come away saying 'that's quite a story. That moves me, or that upsets me, or that shocks me. And it tells me something about that time, or those people.'"

But another discipline is also necessary. Great storytelling can inform and inspire its audience, but it can also "cross into the realm of myth, creating romantic images about the past that have more to do with what people wish had been than what was." And so the discipline of history can require the historian to say "no, it's not so simple." As a historian, says Green, "I cannot simply be a celebrant. I'm part of the process of remembering, but I also have to be honest. My job is to seek the truth."

Taking History to Heart will appear just as the CPCS Labor Studies Program, which Green founded, celebrates its twentieth anniversary—a coincidence that delights him. "This has been an extraordinarily fruitful environment for me to work in, he says. "Almost all the experiments I've attempted have been supported, acknowledged, even rewarded. They're not considered simply volunteer work or political work." He joined the CPCS faculty in 1977.

Women in Community Development: Changing the Tradition from Poverty to Leadership



Participants in the WICD program on retreat: (left to right) In the front row are Michelle Ekanem, Leslie English, Emma Kigoni, Frances Darden, and Ethel Nixon. In the back row are Deborah Gray, Lynn Peterson, WICD program supervisor, Stephanie Williams, Marie Kennedy, CPCS professor, and Sister Margaret Leonard, director of Project Hope.

By Anne Marie Kent

Ethel Nixon sees herself as a leader and a teacher, but this is a relatively newfound identity. Just a few years ago, she was on welfare, and had abandoned nearly all hope of pursuing her college degree.

In 1998, however, she discovered a program designed to provide low-income women with the needed academic, financial, and peer support for college success. The program, Women in Community Development (WICD), is a collaboration among Project Hope, the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, and the College of Public and Community Service at UMass Boston. Now Ethel Nixon is a CPCS student and a WICD peer leader.

WICD participants—called "Mellon Scholars" in recognition of the program's lead funder, Mellon Bank, earn bachelor's degrees in such areas as human services, community planning, advocacy, and criminal justice, thus enriching those fields with women who have utilized services or who live in disinvested communities, and increasing the women's economic stability and independence. One quarter of participants are former welfare recipients. Many are single parents living in the Roxbury and Dorchester area. WICD funders include Mellon Bank, the Mabel Chase Fund, the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Polaroid Corporation, Boston Women's Fund, the Lenny Fund, and the Nellie Mae Foundation.

According to data from the 1998 Current Population Survey,

workers with bachelor's degrees had average gross earnings of \$40,478 compared to \$22,895 for those with high school diplomas.

As Professor Marie Kennedy, program director for Community Planning and Human Services explains, "Getting an education is a way to get out of poverty and to stay out of poverty. It has been proven time after time. The focus of the WICD program," She continues, "is not only individual development, but community development as well."

Designed also to promote leadership development, the program encompasses peer leadership and support: participants help one another. In her second year of graduate school at UMass Boston, program graduate Deborah Gray serves as WICD co-facilitator and mentor. Currently employed by Family Nurturing Center, Gray successfully secured a major grant to conduct parent workshops there.

In Ethel Nixon's life, this individual and community development is well begun. Working her way towards a bachelor's degree in human services, Nixon says that family and friends have noticed a change in her and that the change has, in turn, motivated them to think seriously of college.

The effect on her children has been most striking. "By going to college," she explains, "I have shown my children something. You do what you see your mother do. It's called tradition. I had been on welfare, but I changed the tradition. I'm a leader, a teacher now. It's a role that wasn't open to me before. My twelve-year old," she

adds, "has been on the honor roll every year since I began; my older daughter is in college; and my pastor even wants me to speak at church. It's really been leadership development."

Nixon and Gray are not the only proof that the program works. Since 1997, twenty-five Mellon Scholars, their ages ranging from 19 to 50, have begun college and two have graduated with honors and are pursuing graduate degrees. Seventeen are continuing their education. Six have left to pursue employment or other training programs. Ten are currently employed in their chosen fields.

WICD participants share struggles in attaining their education despite economic challenges, and the difficulties of juggling work, family and school. Peer support is developed through informal interactions facilitated by two participants at bi-weekly meetings at Project Hope. Gray explains, "Support has been financial as well as networking and helping each other stay in school."

Raising five children with her fiancé, Mellon Scholar Emma Kigoni, confirms the value of peer support: "As a single parent, you're rolling pennies, dealing with financial crises or sick kids, handling work and going to school.... If you're on your own, it's easy to say 'I'm tired, I want to quit.' Here, there is support, someone to call you and offer you the encouragement you need to keep going."

CAMPUS NOTES

Publications

An article by CPCS Professor **Dennis Stevens** of the Criminal Justice Program, "College Educated Officers" was published in the journal *Law and Order* (vol. 47, no. 12). Stevens also has a contract with Prentice Hall for the publication of *Policing and Policing Partnerships*, which will include 12 original research articles from scholars and practitioners. Stevens himself will contribute an article on how civil liabilities against police officers affect arrest rates. Twenty eight agencies across the U.S. have agreed to participate in the research for his study.

Public Policy Program alumna **Maria Elena Letona**'s book, *State Government Provision of HIV/AIDS Programs: Towards a Partnership Model of the Contractual Relationship Between State Government and Community Agencies*, has been published by Garland Press.

Randy Wilson, a student in the Public Policy Ph.D. Program has written a paper, "Health Care Coverage: Are we Shortchanging Those who Care for our Children?" for the McCormack Institute's Center for Social Policy. He also wrote a case study for a recent conference at the Ashridge Management Cente, UK, sponsored by the New Deal Task Force and the Rockefeller Foundation. The conference was a US/UK seminar called "Improving Low Income Job Seekers Employment Prospects: The Role of Labor Market Intermediaries;" his presentation focusing on one such intermediary program, was titled "Common Ground Community and the Times Square Job Training Program."

Professor **Margaret Driscoll** of the Instructional Design Program has written the following articles: "Web-Based Training: What to look for in 2000" published in *Women's Business*, January, 2000, and with T. Keating, "Ten Reasons why Webbased training is different: The old rules don't apply" (Part I) in *Technology for Learning Newsletter* a Lakewood publication.

Colin Rule, a graduate student in the Dispute Resolution Program, had an article, "Online Mediation: The Next Frontier for Dispute Resolution" published in SPIDR News, a newsletter of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution.

Professor **Lawrence Franko** of the College of Management wrote the December 1999 "Speaking Out" feature for the *Advocate*, a higher education publication of the National Education Association. Franko focused on the mission of higher education, particularly the role of business education, in support of the idea that a college education can teach students useful skills to help them become gainfully employed outside of academe or politics upon graduation. For the full text, go to www.nea.org/he.

Two analytical articles on the 2000 presidential election have been published by the McCormack Institute's Center for State and Local Policy as part of its ongoing election coverage: "No Early Knock-out in the Gore-Bradley Battle" was published as an op-ed in the November 27 Boston Globe, and "Don't Place your Bets on the Iowa Results" appeared in the Concord (NH) Monitor on January 8. Both were prepared by **Lou DiNatale**, director of the UMass Boston Poll, and **Garrison Nelson** of the University of Vermont and senior fellow, McCormack Institute.

Conferences and Presentations

Professor **Nina Silverstein**, director of the Undergraduate Program in Gerontology, and Gerontology Ph.D. candidate **Jennifer Moorhead** spoke at the January 25 meeting of the Commonwealth's Women Veteran's Network on the topic "Raising Awareness About Aging Women Veterans in Massachusetts."

Target Marketing's annual conference in Jackson, NH featured presentations by **Sherry Thomas**, director of Enrollment Marketing and Information Services on "Managing Recruitment: Behind the Scenes of an Integrated Marketing Plan," and "Team Building" by **Liliana Mickle**, director of Undergraduate Admissions. Also attending the conference was **Jon Hutton**, assistant director of Enrollment Marketing and Information Services.

Professor of Marketing **Peter McClure** presented a slide lecture, "China from East to West: A Fulbrighter's Journey" at the Harvard Law School on January 23. His presentation was sponsored by the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

Professors **Rajini Srikanth** (English Department) **Larry Blum** (Philosophy Department) and **Lois Rudnick** (American Studies Program) co-lead a workshop on the WGBH and Culture Shock Presentation, "Born to Trouble: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" which aired television on January 26. The professional development workshop was held on February 1 in the Rabb Lecture Hall, Boston Public Library, on February 1.

Over the January break, Professor **David Matz**, director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, presented a one-week course at Hebrew University in Jerusalem on conflict in organizations. The course was part of Hebrew University's new Master's Program in Conflict Resolution.

Honors and Awards

Professor **Nina Silverstein** of the Gerontology Program, CPCS, has been elected a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America in recognition of her "outstanding achievement and exemplary contributions" to the field.

Professor **Zong Guo Xia** of the Department of Earth and Geographic Sciences was recently invited to serve on the editorial board of the journal *Geospatial Information Science*.

Grants and Projects

The Center for Social Policy, McCormack Institute, has been awarded a \$143,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to assess the impact of welfare reform on trends in emergency services. This project, one of two projects funded and the only statewide study of its kind, involves collection and analysis of statewide data and case studies of emergency service providers and recipients in six Massachusetts communities. The study will be conducted with **The Institute for Asian American Studies, The Gaston Institute** and **The Trotter Institute**.

The Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership, based at the College of Management, has received two grants to continue a study of the impact of manufacturing on Boston's economy: a \$20,000 grant from the City of Boston's Office of Business Development and a \$10,000 grant from NStar.

On December 13, 1999, the night of the City of Boston one-night census of homeless persons, the **McCormack Institute's Center for Social Policy staff** worked with staff at the Pine Street Inn and Long Island Shelters to gather information on a random sample of individuals who seeking emergency shelter. The information collected from this snapshot was then analyzed in comparison to other statewide homeless information collected by the Center for Social Policy through the **ANCHoR Project**.

Appointments

Paul K. Oileary has been appointed acting director of the Division of Continuing Education's Center for Occupational Education. Oileary was previously superintendent and director of the Southeast Regional Technical School in South Easton, Massachusetts. He is filling in for Center director **Sumner Rotman**, who is on leave.

Professor **David Patterson** of the Music Department has been appointed to the Steering Committee on World Music by the Music Teachers National Association. This committee will be setting the agendas for two upcoming national meetings of the Association, in Minneapolis this year, and in Washington, D. C. in 2001.

College of Management Dean **Philip Quaglieri** has been appointed to the board of directors of the **Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership**. Three other individuals have also been appointed to the board: **Katherine O'Neil**, professor, Wentworth Institute, **Alan Soyster**, dean of the College of Engineering at Northeastern University, and **Michael Tamasi**, president, Accuround Company of Avon.

In the News

On January 18, **James Jennings**, political science professor and senior fellow, Trotter Institute, was interviewed for a National Public Radio report on the lawsuit against the Boston Public School System's use of affirmative action in teacher hiring. Jennings commented that for all students, a racially and ethnically diverse teacher workforce is important and that such diversity is a prerequisite for the adequate preparation of all our students to live in a diverse society.

Professor **Zong Guo Xia** of the Earth and Geographic Sciences Department was quoted in a State House News Service article on how the State Department of Transitional Assistance has used geographic information systems to decide where to place new local offices.

Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy of the McCormack Institute, provided commentary on Lt. Governor Jane Swift and family leave for *National Public Radio* the week of January 10. On January 19, Sherman appeared on *CBS Nightly News with Dan Rather* on the New Hampshire primary, the Iowa caucus, and the gender gap.

On Stage

Theatre Arts Professor **John Conlon** directed Anton Chekov's *A Marriage Proposal* for the Black Box Theatre on January 20, 21 and 22 at North Quincy High School.

Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Public Information. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus dial (617) 287 and then the last four digits listed below each calendar event.

Send submissions by the third Monday of the Month to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Bldg., 3rd floor. Fax: 617-287-5305.

Tuesday 1

How to Help a Friend with an Alcohol or Other Drug Problem

11:00 a.m., McCormack, 2nd floor, room 413. Other sessions held in February. For more information, call 7-5680 or email pride@umb.edu

Yoga, presented by the Health Promotion Program

1:15 - 2:00, call 7-5685 for location Every Tuesday this month. Free, drop-in basis. Beginners are welcome, instruction provided. Mats provided, no change of clothes needed.

Screening of Culture Shock's Born to Trouble: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

6:00 p.m., Boston Public Library, Rabb Theater, 700 Boylston Street. Free to public. Co-sponsored by WGBH and UMass Boston. Call 7-6758 for more information.

Wednesday 2

Alcohol and Other Drug Peer Leader Training Information Sessions

11:00 a.m., McCormack, 2nd floor, room 413. Free and open to all UMass Boston students. Other sessions available throughout the month. For more information, attend an information session or call 287-5680. Information is also at <http://omega.cc.umb.edu/~pride>.

Meditation, presented by the Health Promotion Program

4:00 - 4:30, M-1-613, free, drop-in basis. Offered every Wednesday this month. Promote concentration and relaxation. Beginners welcome, instruction provided. Call 7-5685 for more information.

Friday 4

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" Theatre Production

Comedy by Steve Martin to be presented as dinner theater at the Glen Ellen Country Club, Feb 4, 5, 11, and 13. Directed by UMass professor Dr. John Conlon. Tickets are \$39/each or \$75/couple. Call 881-6222 or 533-4656 for more information.

Saturday 5

Women 2000 - Beijing Plus Five Conference

8:00 am - 4:00 p.m., Simmons College. Presented by Mass Action for Women and co-sponsored by Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, UMass Boston. For more information, call 7-5545 or 521-2000.

Sunday 6

WUMB 91.9 FM Black History Month Special

7:00 p.m. "Crispus Attucks: The Knock-Kneed Man" and "The Choir Girl: The Story of Marian Anderson" (from Public Radio International). 8:00 p.m. "Ain't Gonna be Treated this Way — Black Experience in the Great Depression."

Monday 7

Tai Chi, presented by the Health Promotion Program

12:45 - 1:15, call 7-5685 for location. \$1, drop-in basis. Stretching, Mental Calm, Physical Balance, Self Massage; 24 Movement Form.

Gerontology Center and Institute Spring Speaker Series

1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, room 147. "Pathways to Institutionalization," featuring speaker Leonard Gruenberg, Long-Term Care Data Institute. Call 7-7308 for more information.

Tuesday 8

Gastón Institute Speakers Series

1:00 - 2:30 p.m., 11th floor, Healey Library. "Mobilizing Against the Undercount," featuring Angelo Falcón, Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund. Call 7-5790 for reservations or more information.

Wednesday 9

Forum for the 21st Century

3:30 to 5:30 p.m., State Street Bank, Enterprise Room, 5th floor, 225 Franklin St., Boston. "Finding Their Voice: Boston's Young Leaders Speak Out." Free shuttle transportation from campus to the event and back. For more information, call 7-6800.

Thursday 10

Huck Finn Teacher Workshop

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. An exploration of just what makes Huck Finn controversial, compelling, and relevant to the times we live in. Free. Co-sponsored by WGBH and UMass Boston. Call 7-6758 for workshop registration and information.

Friday 11

"Planting the Seeds for our Future," Urban Scholars Student Conference

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., John Hancock Conference Center. Organized by students from the Urban Scholars program for students of the Boston Public School System. Featuring Keynote Speaker, Pamela Trefler of the Trefler Foundation. For more information, call 7-5830.

Sunday 13

WUMB 91.9 FM Black History Month Special

7:00 p.m. "The Sorry Songs: The Story of the Spirituals" and "The Ballad of Satchel Paige" (from Public Radio International). 8:00 p.m. "Oh, What a Time! Black Life on the Homefront during World War II."

Monday 14

Valentine's Day AIDS Event,

10:30 - 2:30, McCormack 2nd floor hallway HIV/AIDS information, Valentine's gifts, graffiti board, etc. Sponsored by the UMB AIDS Awareness Team. Volunteers sought. Call the Health Promotion Program 7-5685 for more information.

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Gerontology Center and Institute Spring Speaker Series

1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, room 147. "Adapting the Quality of Circumstance Construct for Use in Case Management in Home Care," featuring speaker Frank Caro, Gerontology Center and Institute, UMass Boston. Call 7-7308 for more information.

2nd Annual ARD Experiencing the Community Ice Cream Social

2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center Lobby. Ice cream provided by Ben & Jerry's. Sponsored by the ARD Experiencing the Community Committee.

Tuesday 15

WUMB 91.9 FM Ask the Managers live program

12:00 p.m. during Folk Radio. Ask your questions about WUMB directly to General Manager, Pat Monteith and Director of Programming, Brian Quinn. Call the listener line at 7-6919 or (800) 573-2100.

Public Policy Abstracts Due

Abstracts are due for the Eighth Annual Graduate Student Conference on African Studies to be held at Boston University on March 24 - 25. Call 7-6938 for more information.

Wednesday 16

Environmental, Coastal & Ocean Sciences Department Seminar

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Dr. Thomas Skinner, Director of the MA Office of Coastal Zone Management and Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs for the Coastal and Marine Resources. Topic TBA. Call 7-7440 for more information.

WUMB 91.9 FM Member Concert

7:30 p.m., UMass Boston, hall to be announced. Featuring Robbie O'Connell. Seating is limited. For reservations or more information, call 7-6900.

Sunday 20

WUMB 91.9 FM Black History Month Special

8:00 p.m. "A Small Southern Town: The Nation's Capital in Slave Times" (from Public Radio International).

Monday 21

President's Day. University Closed.

Wednesday 23

"Stress Reduction/Life Enhancement Program"

11:30-12:20, M-1-613, 4 sessions (continues on 3/1, 3/7 & 3/14). Incorporates mindfulness meditation and teachings on how our thinking helps or hinders us. Sponsored by the Health Promotion Program of University Health Service. \$12. Register by leaving name, phone and address at 7-5685.

Environmental, Coastal & Ocean Sciences Department Seminar

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. "Chemical Characterization of Dissolved and Particulate Organic Matter in Seawater: Do Particles Pump DOC from the Surface to the Deep Ocean?" Featuring Dr. Aleka Gogou, Post-doctoral investigator, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Call 7-7440 for more information.

Thursday 24

Weight Management Support Group

1:15 - 2:15, M-1-613, 4 sessions (continues on 3/2, 3/8 & 3/15), free. Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call the Health Promotion Program at 7-5685 for more information.

Sunday 27

WUMB 91.9 FM Black History Month Special

7:00 p.m. "When Terrorism Won in America" (from Public Radio International).

Monday 28

Tai Chi, presented by the Health Promotion Program

12:45 - 1:15, call 7-5685 for location. \$1, drop-in basis. Stretching, Mental Calm, Physical Balance, Self Massage; 24 Movement Form.

Gerontology Center and Institute Spring Speaker Series

1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, room 147. "Redefining the Federal Role in Social Welfare: A Conversation," featuring speaker Robert Morris, Gerontology Center and Institute, UMass Boston. Call 7-7308 for more information.

Tuesday 29

Gastón Institute Speakers Series

1 - 2:30 p.m., 8th floor, Provost's Conference Room. "Redistricting as a Consequence of the 2000 Census," Alen Rom, Esq. Call 7-5790 for reservations or more information.

Miscellaneous

Catholic Campus Ministry Meetings

Catholic student meetings are held every Monday from 2:30 - 4 p.m. Bible studies are held every Tuesday from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Masses are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Call 7-5839 for more information. All events are held in the McCormack Bldg., 3rd floor, room 717

Athletic Events

For schedules of Beacons women's and men's basketball and hockey games, visit <http://omega.cc.umb.edu/~beacons/winterscoreboard.html> or call 7-7800.

WUMB 91.9 FM LP and CD Sale

Although the sale won't be taking place until March 18th and 19th, donations are currently being accepted. The station welcomes any type of music on CD, LP, or cassette tape, or any films on video cassette. Call 7-6900 to donate or for more information.

Alcohol Screening

Free and confidential, this brief screening can increase your insight into your use of alcohol and possibly help you to avoid alcohol problems. Individual and confidential free consultation appointments are also available. For more information call Linda Jorgensen at 7-5680.

Don't Cancel That Class Program

The P.R.I.D.E. Program of the University Health Service provides this service for any faculty member who may have to miss a class for any reason. Instead, provide a guest speaker who can present a program on alcohol and academic awareness, alcohol risks and safety, or women and alcohol. Call 7-5680 for more information.

Offered by the Health Promotion Program (7-5685):

Meditation

Daily, 12:30 - 12:50, M-1-613, free, drop-in basis. Promote concentration and relaxation. Beginners welcome, instruction provided.

"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 to schedule an appointment.

Smoke Cessation

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

Aids Awareness Team

Volunteers needed to plan and implement outreach activities on campus. Call 7-5685 - leave your contact information and available times; we will call you to announce meeting times.

March trip to Foxwoods

Contact Cynthia Farquhar (7-5180) for information on the March 17 trip, sponsored by the ARD Experiencing Committee. Deadline for signup is March 3.