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“Exciting Times” in the Study of Coastal Ecosystems

by Jeffrey Mitchell

“I like the oceans,” says marine chemist Robert Chen of UMass Boston’s Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Department. It’s clear that he also likes the young science of oceanography, through which he pursues a lively concern for “the health of ecosystems and the health of people.”

Coastal ecosystems are especially vulnerable to human influence, and contaminants in them are especially likely to threaten human health in turn. But until recently, scientific knowledge has been limited by the difficulty of testing and measurement in these constantly changing environments. That’s no longer the case, thanks to new technology. A prime example is the ECOShuttle,

which rests in a lab down the hall from Chen’s office—when it isn’t “flying” under water at depths of three to fifty meters, towed by a research vessel and controlled from above by means of an adjustable fin.

The ECOShuttle has already explored coastal areas well beyond Boston Harbor, among them Chesapeake Bay, San Francisco Bay, and the Mississippi River plume in the Gulf of Mexico. Instruments in it can measure such variables as temperature, salinity, depth, fluorescent dissolved organic matter, hydrocarbon concentrations, and dissolved oxygen. Through a tube in the tow cable, water can be pumped up to a ship-board lab for additional testing on the spot or for later analysis. The

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Robert Chen (right) and graduate student Ray Siegenger on the research boat they use to study seawater caffeine levels. (Photo republished with permission of Globe Newspaper Company, Inc)

Who’s Who Features Twelve UMass Boston Students



2001 UMass Boston Who’s Who Students. Front row: Steven Solly, Philip Mugo, Mary Spooner. Back Row: Gregory Cloutier, Collis Brown. Not pictured: Lisa Brabo, Judith Diaz, Lauren Ellis, Cynthia Drew Etler, Jessica Liborio, Laurie Ross, Margaret Wiley. (Photo by Harry Brett)

by Anne-Marie Kent

One is the single mother of two adopted children. Another has fifteen years of experience in public management and policy. Yet another raised \$70,000 for social justice causes. They are award-winners, recipients of the Chancellor’s Scholarship, Ventresca Scholarship, and other honors. All have maintained high grade point averages while performing considerable community service activities.

Who are they? They are a group of twelve UMass Boston students who were nominated for recognition in the 2001 edition of *Who’s Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, an annual directory published

since 1934. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have based the inclusion of these students on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

UMass Boston students to be recognized in the upcoming volume are: Lisa Brabo, Collis Brown, Gregory Cloutier, Judith Diaz, Lauren Ellis, Cynthia Drew Etler, Jessica Liborio, Philip Mugo, Laurie Ross, Steven Solly, Mary Spooner, and Margaret Wiley. They join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning.

“*Who’s Who among Students in*

American Universities and Colleges has been recognizing outstanding students for many years,” said Director of Student Life Joyce Morgan. “All of our candidates were nominated by faculty or staff members who had noticed the students’ work and dedication. The recognition concentrates not only on academic success, but on leadership and community participation, attributes which we know our students possess in great quantity.”

The students named in *Who’s Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges* had a lot to say about the value of this recognition. “You do a lot of work and no one ever seems to take no-

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Candidates for Chancellor to Visit UMass Boston

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to meet James Wyche, Brown University, on February 27, and Jo Ann Gora, Old Dominion University, on March 15, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Chancellor’s Conference Room.

Vice President of Dominican Republic Signs Educational Agreement with UMass Boston

by Leigh DuPuy

On February 15, the vice president of the Dominican Republic, Milagros Ortiz Bosch, visited UMass Boston to discuss her experiences as a female political leader and to participate in signing an agreement between the university and the Universidad Autonomia de Santo Domingo. The educational agreement establishes a collaboration between the universities, which will include initiatives to create special, exchange programs; technical cooperation in the fields of information technology and distance learning; and sharing research in the social, scientific, and pedagogical areas.

Ortiz Bosch spoke of the partnership with great anticipation during the ceremony held in the Chancellor's conference room that afternoon. Lucia David, of the Graduate College of Education, was on hand to translate Ortiz Bosch's Spanish into English for

the group of over 60 people from the university and Latino community who witnessed the signing.

"By crystallizing a collaboration with UMass Boston," Ortiz Bosch said, "We are looking at a new chapter. Speaking from a small country in the Caribbean, I ask you to give us your hand and we will walk together." Later she noted that, "democracy is education and it breaks the last barriers. Education and technology are important for globalization."

The seeds of the partnership first began during a visit by Provost Charles Cnudde and Dean Israel Ramírez-Soto to the Dominican Republic during the inauguration of President Ramírez Hipólito Mejía and Ortiz Bosch in May 2000.

For Ortiz Bosch, education always has been a priority. Following the inauguration, she was appointed as the minister of educa-



Vice President Ortiz Bosch and Chancellor MacKenzie finalize educational agreement. (Photo by Harry Brett)

tion for her country in August 2000. From a background which includes years as an accomplished lawyer, writer, and leader on the Senate floor in the Dominican Republic, she has written and sponsored leg-

islation to support education, health, and women's issues and initiatives.

Ortiz Bosch shared these experiences as a political leader in a speech for UMass Boston's McCormack Institute's Center for

Women in Politics earlier that morning. After the ceremony in the Chancellor's conference room, she concluded her visit with a speaking engagement at the office of President Bulger.

Trustees Review Intercampus Collaborations and UMass Online

by Anne-Marie Kent

At the February 7 University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees meeting held at UMass Boston, two presentations signaled major system-wide developments bringing together resources from all five campuses in the university system. The trustees learned that as intercampus collaborations are linking resources, reducing cost, and expanding services to students, better use of more sophisticated technology is simultaneously expanding the number of students the system can serve.

First, University of Massachusetts Vice President Selma Botman led a presentation on system-wide academic initiatives, focusing on the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology, the Commonwealth Information Technology Initiative, the Digital Library and other collaborative efforts of UMass librarians, and system-wide student recruitment activities. According to Botman, these projects were chosen from a num-

ber of successful intercampus collaborations.

UMass Boston's Jack H. Archer, associate dean of graduate studies, reflected on his experience as associate dean of the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology, with copresenter Brian J. Rothschild, dean of the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology and director of the School of Marine Science and Technology at the UMass Dartmouth.

Other panelists were: Ben Franckowiak, director of libraries and information resources, UMass Lowell; James Kurose, professor and chair of the Department of Computer Science at the UMass Amherst, co-director of the Computer Network Research Laboratory and cofounder of the Commonwealth IT Initiative (CITI); and Steven Briggs, director of admissions at UMass Dartmouth.

UMass President William M. Bulger applauded all intercampus

efforts, saying that they reinforce the legislative intent of 1991 which created the University of Massachusetts system. Bulger said that the combined strengths of the individual campuses can fully serve "the economic, academic, and social needs of the Commonwealth." He added, "The University of Massachusetts is more efficient and effective than ever before."

Board President Grace Fey, at whose request the panel presentation was made, called ideal those arrangements that are "collaborative, centered on students, respectful of faculty, and representative of administrative cooperation." She noted that, while some activities are not prime for collaboration, others "lend themselves ideally to a system-wide approach."

As the system is encouraging intercampus cooperation, it is also extending that cooperation online. Unveiled at the Board meeting Tuesday was UMass Online the university's new global gateway to its online courses. The first stu-

dent to click on UMass Online.net was UMass Boston's student trustee, Sandra Karahalas. The unveiling drew radio, television, and print coverage.

UMass Online will serve more students than any other web-based distance learning organization in New England. Over 6,000 students, who have enrolled in distance learning courses, primarily on the University's Amherst, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses, are now UMass Online students. More are expected to apply as the option is marketed. Many see the development as ideal for a public university, many of whose students have demanding work schedules and would welcome the added flexibility of online learning.

"UMass Online is the ideal blend of tradition, excellence, access, and innovation in higher education," University of Massachusetts President Bulger said. "We are very strongly positioned at the start to deliver high-quality educational opportunities to students

who are serious about learning. With UMass Online, everybody with access to the Internet - in their home, workplace, school, or public library - can have a virtual front row seat in a university classroom." Jack Wilson, a national distance learning innovator who came to the University of Massachusetts from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, was named UMass Online CEO.

Amid the news of developments in intercampus collaboration and online expansion, the trustees agreed to keep at least one constant: the cost of attending the University of Massachusetts. Once again, the Board agreed to freeze tuition and instate fees at all five campuses.

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Working Together: Combined Staff Breakfast Celebrates Unity



Martha Kelly, Administration and Finance, and Victoria Lapidoh, Academic Affairs, seated on the left, were among the many classified and professional staff who enjoyed the staff breakfast. (Photo by Harry Brett)

by Anne Marie Kent

Held on a sunny Valentine's Day in the Ryan Lounge, with its spectacular view of Dorchester Bay, this spring's staff breakfast marked the first combined classified and professional staff breakfast at UMass Boston. Jokingly dubbed "the Spring 2001 Love-In" by Interim Chancellor MacKenzie, the event proved to be a great success.

Joanie Donahue of the CAS Dean's Office said, "It's the biggest turnout I've seen, it's very upbeat. It's good to see everyone together."

Unity was the theme of the day. Interim Chancellor MacKenzie announced his primary goal of bringing the campus together, not just at special events like this but in the work of the university, healing divisions and rallying everyone around the primary work of the institution: shaping students' lives. Recalling the recent success of the presidential debate, MacKenzie said, "The debate was one event, but in reality, every day we have shared work that is crucial to our campus mission."

MacKenzie also cited his goal of improving relations between UMass Boston and its neighbors by engaging them in dialogue regarding campus projects such as the new campus center. In addition, he announced the creation of the Community/External Relations Council, chaired by Vice Chancellor Ed O'Malley, which is bringing together members of the university community who interact with external constituencies.

Noting both community and campus interest in the new cam-

pus center, MacKenzie said that the detailed plans and drawings were completed last fall along with all the necessary permits. The project went out to bid in November; bids were received in the first week of January. The cost estimate of \$52 million for the project was off by 25 percent. MacKenzie reported that Michael Luck, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, has already begun developing naming opportunities for donors who may want to be associated with this prominent new building. MacKenzie said that the center may someday "become a gateway to the Harbor Islands National Park, a noteworthy addition to the Boston landscape."

MacKenzie also announced progress in the area of administrative computing: new student admission systems will be coming on line this summer; the new payroll system will be in effect in spring 2002; and the new financial system will be in place by the summer of 2002. Advances in administrative computing, according to MacKenzie, "will revolutionize how we do business on campus" and "allow us to generate reports and summaries that were impossible in the old system." He added, "These developments are related to another goal of mine, and that is to use technology to make the

campus more efficient, to provide better service, and save time and money."

Of his interim appointment as chancellor, MacKenzie said, "I can tell you, it's not an easy job, but I think it's a great honor and very rewarding. This is an institution that accomplishes wonderful things in terms of research, teaching, and in the community." MacKenzie added that the search committee for a permanent chancellor had selected four out-of-state finalists for the position of Chancellor. President Bulger and the Board of Trustees are expected to select one of them for the permanent chancellorship.

MacKenzie ended by asking staff for their advice on how to make the campus run more efficiently, mainly because the passage of Question 4 means level budget allocations for UMass Boston. In the foreseeable future, the campus must operate with limited funds.

Closing his remarks, MacKenzie invited questions from the audience. None came, but the gesture was met with applause. Ray Forget of Biology remarked, "The chancellor seems very accessible. That's great."

Next Forum for 21st Century Focuses on City Planning

by Kim Burke

UMass Boston has begun planning for the next Forum for the 21st Century, to be held on March 28 at State Street Bank's Franklin Street Enterprise building. The topic is "Shaping the Social and Physical Character of Boston: The Role of City Planning." With all the changes being made to the face of Boston through the Big Dig and South Boston waterfront development, the forum will offer much-needed discussion of the issues of city planning.

Scheduled to speak at the forum will be Rebecca Barnes, chief city planner for Boston; Larry Beasley, the director of planning in Vancouver, British Columbia; David DeSimone, vice president of real estate development for Pittsburgh Cultural

Trust; and architect Joan Goody, principal at Goody, Clancy and Associates. Curtis Davis, principal of ReBuildit Collaborative, Design & City Redevelopment Management, will be moderating. The *Boston Globe* and *WBGH* are the media partners for the event.

This will be the seventeenth such UMass Boston-sponsored forum since 1996. The Forum for the 21st Century is designed to bring civic leaders and the general public outstanding speakers with exciting ideas about how to manage and take advantage of demographic and environmental changes. Previous forums have examined topics such as: Boston's young leaders, charter and pilot schools, race, and the media.

Third Annual Ice Cream Social Treats Employees



Employees enjoyed bowls of Ben & Jerry's ice cream at Human Resources' Third Annual Ice Cream Social, which was held on February 14 in the Clark Athletic Center. Chancellor David MacKenzie, Human Resource's Clare Poirier, and Continuing Education's Joe Lally were among the many who helped dish ice cream to their fellow employees. Pictured here: Diane Vasseur, External Relations, Marie Molloy, Facilities, Arlene Costello, Registrar, and Carolyn Joyce, Facilities. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Dorchester's Father George Receives 2001 Quinn Award



Father George Carrigg of St. Christopher's Church

by Leigh DuPuy

Each year the Robert H. Quinn award is given to an individual who has displayed exemplary community leadership. At the fifteenth annual breakfast honoring the winner, to be held on March 21, UMass Boston will recognize Father George Carrigg, MSW, and his 31 years working to develop communities and leadership in the Harbor and Columbia Point neighborhoods.

"My goal is to try and build communities with people from all parts of the world," Carrigg said, in describing his years as an administrator and spiritual leader at St. Christopher's Church. Arriving at the parish prior to the busing crisis in the early 1970's, Father George has been credited as providing stability and guidance for the neighborhood during that tumultuous time. He developed many of his community initiatives by creating programs for children, including the early childhood program at the Notre Dame Montessori School, in 1973.

He worked to establish parish youth groups and provide scholarships for Montessori school graduates, and he helps run a yearly summer camp for over seventy children from the ages of three to twelve years old.

"I think you need to start off kids right," said Father George, "by providing educational experience for preschool children. My goal is to draw parents into participation in school with the children. The success of the kids depends on interested

parents." To help both children and parents, Father George created parental support groups, tutoring and mentoring programs, and leadership training programs.

Father George is also known for his community thanksgiving dinners, attended by over 300 community residents each year, and for the annual International Dinner that honors the cultural backgrounds of residents from over 26 different countries. Sensitive to cultural differences, Father George learned Spanish to celebrate Mass, counsel, and conduct outreach for residents from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Mexico, and other Latino countries.

Father George celebrated the 44th anniversary of his ordination with his parish on February 18. "Longevity helps build communities," he commented. "I am very happy to receive the Quinn award for my work."

The Quinn Award was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, whose record includes years as speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Massachusetts attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

Celebrating Women's History Month Join The Action: Initiatives for Mass Action for Women Audit Begin

by Carol Hardy-Fanta

The Mass Action for Women Audit is a collaborative project of UMass Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP) and Mass Action for Women, a Massachusetts women's organization formed in 1996 as a response to the Fourth World Conference held in Beijing. A diverse group of women from UMass Boston, Mass Action for Women, and communities around the state have been working together to generate dialogue that transcends the barriers of race and ethnicity, class, geography, age, and sexual orientation. Their goal is to conduct participatory action research on the status of women and girls in Massachusetts.

On Jan. 27, after two years of dialogue and research about both the strengths and contributions of women and girls, as well as about gaps and concerns, women came together in Westborough for a full-day retreat.

Many women from the university community were among those attending, including Tess Browne, who is the project's statewide organizing coordinator; Anne Fox, a so-

ciology professor and a Mashpee Wampanoag who has contributed to the project since its inception; Carol Cardozo, research associate with CWPPP; Shelly Harter and Claudine Guerrier, graduates of the CWPPP's Program for Women in Politics and Government; and Carol Hardy-Fanta, former research director of the CWPPP.

The goal for the day was to take what we have learned and select a "burning issue" that reflects the gaps and concerns of women and girls in the state. The group would then decide on a plan of action to bring about change on that issue locally, regionally, and/or statewide.

Women in Greater Boston planned to start by creating handouts on resources and training for women on affordable housing and by piloting technical assistance workshops (a "Big Sister" approach) for women. Women from Cape Cod decided that they wanted to develop relationship with the Massachusetts Women's Commission and have a public hearing on Cape Cod. They discussed exploring the possibility of having a Wampanoag

woman be appointed to the Massachusetts Women's Commission and setting up a meeting of the Cape Cod Women's Action Committee with the Wampanoag Tribal Council for Women and Children.

Women from Western Massachusetts decided to support the development of a sense of collective voice among, between young women, older women, and low-income women, and to strengthen connections by establishing two or three intergenerational groups which will engage in facilitated discussion over a 10-12 week period.

Women in Southeastern Massachusetts wanted to focus on financial security. They plan to develop and implement topical workshops on practical economics for women that can be "suitcased."

For more information about any of the above *Join the Action* initiatives, please contact Tess Browne at 7-5569 or by e-mail at tess.browne@umb.edu.

Carol Hardy-Fanta of the Center for Women in Politics directs the Mass Action for Women Audit.

Financial Aid Adopts PowerFAIDS as a Best Practice

by Teresa Jardon

January 2000 brought a highly anticipated and much needed change to the Financial Aid Services Office (FAS). For years FAS had muddled through with a legacy software system, but regular and complex changes in US Federal Department of Education regulations illuminated the need for a more powerful system. The FAS staff suggested PowerFAIDS as an alternative to the legacy system so the administration of aid could be expedited more efficiently.

PowerFAIDS is a powerful software program designed, marketed, and supported by the College Board. It is a windows-based system, which allows staff to become comfortable with it quickly. Basic navigational training is minimized, and staff can easily become acclimated.

PowerFAIDS allows exportation of files in a variety of formats, which in turn allows for quick and easy data exchange with a number of offices on campus. Another benefit is the ability to customize letters quickly and easily. We can also send e-mail, thus saving time and money. In addition, PowerFAIDS can track the times, dates, and types of communication with students.

Generating reports in the old legacy system was difficult, and time-consuming, and required specific knowledge of the system. Moreover, report writing was understood by a limited number of staff. PowerFAIDS is so simple to use that report writing is no longer an arduous task. PowerFAIDS gives the FAS staff the ability to retrieve data from over 200 in-

dividual fields.

Year-end reports to the US Department of Education will no longer be a 30-to-60 day labor-intensive process. At the end of each fiscal year, FAS is required to complete a Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) detailing how and to whom financial aid was disbursed. PowerFAIDS includes an excellent reporting tool that can provide year-end reports in the same detail as required by the FISAP yet more quickly than the old software could.

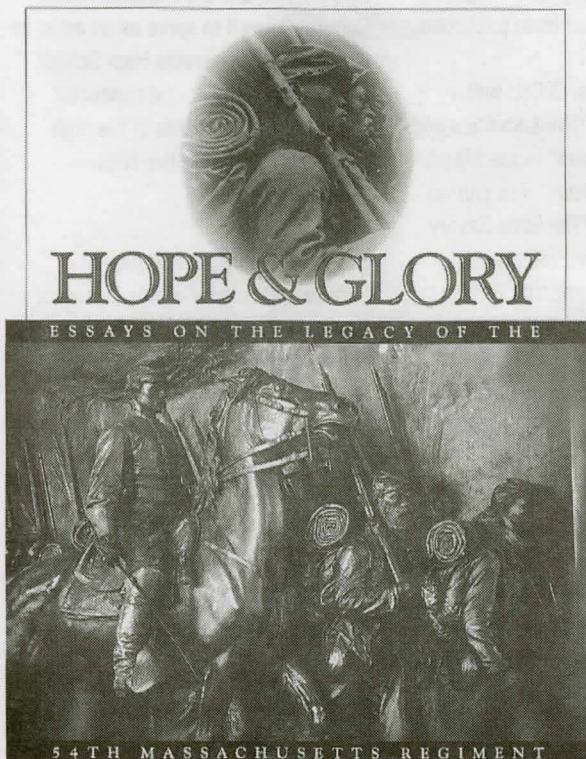
PowerFAIDS is used nationwide at over 500 colleges and universities. Thus UMass Boston can attract and retain highly qualified, experienced, and knowledgeable staff who require a minimum amount of training. This also gives us access to other users for advice and problem-solving. PowerFAIDS has enhanced the staff's ability to counsel students because it provides detailed tracking of forms, allows faster updates of information, and displays the loan history of each student.

In addition, PowerFAIDS allows FAS to give more time to training professional and support staff members. FAS permits more focus on customer service and professional services because of its increased integrity. Although PowerFAIDS has been in operation at UMass Boston only nine months, the staff is increasingly satisfied with the system.

This column is a part of a continuing monthly series featuring Best Practices at UMass Boston. Interested in highlighting your best practices? Submit your ideas to Leigh DuPuy at news@umb.edu

Black Aviators: Flying Free

Tune into *The History Channel* on Saturday, March 3, at 10:00 p.m., for its documentary on black aviators. Research by UMass Boston's Philip Hart on his great-uncle James Herman Banning, one of the first black aviators in the U.S., is featured in the program.



The book jacket for the recently published *Hope & Glory: Essays on the Legacy of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment*

Hope & Glory Receives Glowing Review

The memory of the 54th Massachusetts regiment, the first all-black infantry, led by Robert Gould Shaw, has been celebrated in many ways. Many Bostonians and historians know the bronze bas-relief monument in Boston Common created by Augustus Saint-Gaudens depicting the regiment. The unit has been an inspiration for the Robert Lowell poem *For the Union Dead* and for the popular movie *Glory*. In a February 6 book review for the *Boston Globe*, Michael Kenney writes, "The Monument – and the ideals – have now been commemorated in a richly rewarding series of 15 essays."

Kenney is referring to the collection *Hope & Glory: Essays on the Legacy of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment*, which is edited by Martin H. Blatt, Thomas J. Brown, and Donald Yacovone. Published by the University of Massachusetts Press in December 2000, the book examines the lasting influence of the most famous black military unit of the Civil War. The book's essayists cover these influences from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. It includes contributions from Stephen Belyea, David W. Blight, Thomas Cripps, Kathryn Greenthal, James Oliver Horton, Edwin S. Redkey, Marilyn Richardson, Kirk Savage, James

Smethurst, Cathy Stanton, Helen Vendler, Denise Von Glahn, and Joan Waugh. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell provided the forward for the book, describing the influences of the 54th regiment on his own career.

Paul Wright, of the Boston office of the University of Massachusetts Press, was the sponsoring editor of the book and has pointed out the many ties the work has to UMass Boston. Most notably, the 54th regiment was the subject of a 1997 symposium sponsored by UMass Boston and inspired partly by the work of the late Edwin Gittleman, who was an expert on the topic.

The favorable review by the *Globe* could be best summarized by its banner headline, which read, "'Hope' honors regiments legacy."

Betsy Santiago Wins Boston Neighborhood Fellowship

Betsy Santiago, a research assistant with the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, has been chosen as a Boston Neighborhood Fellow. The Boston Neighborhood Fellows Program provides recognition and direct financial support to individuals of creativity, vision, and leadership who work in community service in Greater Boston. The program, founded in 1991, honors six individuals annually who receive direct grants of \$30,000 over a three-year period. An anonymous donor funds the program. Nominations to the Boston

Neighborhood Fellows Program are made by a group of "spotters," individuals representing diverse parts of the Boston community. The spotters identify individuals who, by virtue of their leadership and service in Boston neighborhoods, qualify for this award. Santiago, a former homeless mother, was chosen for her commitment to researching the life circumstances of other destitute families.

Women in Music at WUMB Radio

WUMB 91.9 FM recently took over the production and taping of *Women in Music*, a nationally syndicated public radio show that features an eclectic mix of female musicians. The program, which recently celebrated its four-year anniversary in October, has aired on WUMB for the last two years. The hour-long program features multicultural groups of female artists working independently or in female-fronted bands. The show also airs specials for holidays such as Black History Month and Women's History Month. This is the first national program that WUMB has produced. *Women in Music* can be heard on more than 90 national affiliates throughout the US. WUMB itself airs the program on Fridays at 5:00 a.m. and again at 8:00 p.m.

UMass Boston Hosts Daffodil Days March 27 - 29

From Tuesday, March 27, through Friday, March 29, UMass Boston will be selling daffodils as a part of the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days fundraiser. The flowers will be sold on the upper level of the Quinn Administration building and in front of the cafeterias in McCormack and Wheatley from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those interested can buy daffodil bouquets for \$6, and vases for an additional \$5. All proceeds from the sale go to the American Cancer Society. Having raised more money with each year it participates, UMass Boston hopes its third year will surpass the \$1,000 the university raised in 2000. Volunteers are needed to help sell the daffodils, and all interested can contact Clare Poirier at 7-5189.



Elizabeth Robson, Mental Health/Counseling Program

UMass Boston Remembers Elizabeth Robson

Elizabeth Robson, a longtime staff clinical social worker in the Mental Health/Counseling Program of University Health Services, passed away in her home on January 27. Robson had been a full-time counselor for the university since 1987. She quickly established herself as an empathic and involved clinician who was always available and an advocate for all who came to see her. She strongly promoted awareness of community resources both within and outside the university and consistently volunteered for emergencies and crisis intervention. With the development of a collaborative training program with the Graduate Clinical Psychology Program, Robson supervised university graduate students and social work interns from Boston University. She also took courses in the Sociology Department toward a certificate in alcohol and substance abuse, and was particularly proud of being on the committee that brought the AIDS quilt to campus in April 1998.

Robson entered the University of Chicago at the age of 15 and, at 19, the Columbia University School of Social Work, where she earned a master's degree in social work. Following work in Chicago pursuing interests in women's issues and social advocacy, Robson came to the Boston area in 1972. She taught at Goddard College and later at Norwich University as an adjunct faculty member. She designed and led workshops on child and sexual abuse, feminist therapy, assertiveness, and social welfare services, and coauthored the 1980 book *Getting Help: A Women's Guide to Therapy*.

Elizabeth Robson had a profound effect on many of her cli-

ents and colleagues through her willingness to be engaged, to actively practice what she believed, and to "go the extra mile."

Labor Resource Center Receives Over \$75,000 in Grants

The Labor Resource Center (LRC), located at the College of Public and Community Service, recently was awarded over \$75,000 in three grants for its research and educational programs. The LRC received \$60,143 from the Case and Ford Foundations for research through a subgrant with the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR). Randy Albelda of the Economics Department will be directing the project, "Estimating the Costs of Paid Family and Medical Leave." The study complements an earlier research and policy report issued by the LRC and coauthored by Randy Albelda and Tiffany Manuel, "Filling the Work and Family Gap." The LRC and IWPR jointly will disseminate these research findings to a national audience of policymakers and advocacy organizations.

In addition, Jim Green, an LRC academic coordinator, received \$16,000 from Links in Solidarity with Labor, funds which will enable the LRC to pilot a teacher-training program designed to facilitate inclusion of labor studies in Massachusetts high schools.

Finally, Mary Jo Connelly, LRC research coordinator, and Pat Reeve, LRC director, are recipients of a public service endowment grant for \$3,5000. The funding will enable Connelly to replicate the Jobs Toolkit Economic Analysis Project, a hands-on training in strategic economic analysis for community and labor organizations.

March Spotlights were written by Leigh DuPuy, Erika McCarthy, Pat Reeve, and Alan Sieber.

CAMPUS NOTES

Conference, Panels, and Presentations

CM Assistant Professor of Accounting **James Bierstaker**, in association with Arnold Wright, presented “The Interaction Between Auditor’s Risk Perceptions and Partner Pressure on Audit Program Planning” at the 2001 Auditing Section 25th Anniversary Celebratory Midyear Conference, held in Houston in January.

Pamela Jones, associate professor of art history, delivered the keynote address, “The Recent Study of Art and Catholicism in Late-Cinquecento and Seicento Rome,” at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America at the Art Institute of Chicago on March 31.

In January, College of Public and Community Service Professor **Herman Hemingway** gave an invited lecture at the University of San Louis in San Louis, Senegal. His topic was “Martin Luther King Jr.: An Approach to Conflict Resolution through Non-Violence.” He also lectured on civil rights in the U.S. at Suffolk University Extension in Dakar, Senagal.

CM Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Management and Marketing **Michael Novak** will present “Will Vinton Studios: The Collision of Creativity and Commerce” at the International Business Education Conference in March in Cancun, Mexico. Another paper, “Application Papers for Learning and Assessment in Organizational Behavior Courses,” will be presented at the Applied Business Research Conference in March, also in Cancun.

Charles Meyers and the Applied Linguistics Program are hosting “The Third North American Symposium on Corpus Linguistics and Language Teaching” at the Park Plaza Hotel, March 23 - 25. The international conference is sponsored by the American Association for Applied Corpus Linguistics.

Elizabeth Sherman, McCormack Institute, and her husband Mickey Edwards, former congressman from Oklahoma and Kennedy School professor, will be the keynote speakers at the UMass Alumni Weekend in Naples, Florida, on March 3. They will discuss the national election, its implications for both parties, and the needed reforms to the electoral system.

On January 12, **Vicky Steinitz**, CPCS, copresented “Solidarity Work: Researchers in the Struggle for Social Justice,” the keynote address at the 14th Annual QUIG Conference on Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies, at the University of Georgia.

Dennis J. Stevens, CPCS, will be delivering three papers, “Case Studies in Community Policing,” “Three Generations of Incarcerated Sexual Offenders,” and “Civil Liabilities and Arrest Decisions” at the annual

conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, in Washington DC in April. In addition, Dorchester’s police commander, Captain Robert Dunford, has asked Stevens to sit on his Neighborhood Action Council, which reviews police and community matters.

John Warner, Chemistry Department, has been invited to give plenary lectures at the Japan Catalysis and Fine Chemicals conference and workshop in Tokyo in March. His research was featured in the article “Green Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts Boston” written by the Japan Chemical Innovation Institute, and in *Chemistry in Britain*, which featured an item on Warner’s work using DNA to make materials important to the computer and electronics industry.

College of Public and Community Service Professor **Asgedet Stefanos** spent the winter break in Eritrea consulting on a project to establish a training center called “Women and Justice: Educational Skill Development Institute” that would help women from six ethnic groups to pursue a career in the justice system within Eritrea.

Ajume H. Wingo, philosophy professor and senior fellow at the McCormack Institute, participated in the Conference on the Advancement of Improvement in Teaching at UMass Boston on January 27, 2001. His presentation was titled “Chinua Achebe and Teaching Ethics.” Wingo visited the University of Wisconsin, Madison in February to deliver two presentations: “Why We Dance: Esthetics in African Dancing,” to the Dance Department, and “Living Legitimacy: A New Approach to Good Government in Africa,” to the African Studies Program.

Publications

Deborah Brome, Psychology, has published two articles in the *Journal of Black Psychology*, “An Examination of Spirituality as a Protective Factor Among African American Women in Recovery from Substance Abuse” and “The Contribution of Africentric Values and Racial Identity to the Prediction of Drug Knowledge, Attitudes, and Use Among African American Adolescents.”

Dick Cluster, Academic Support and Honors Programs, has published several new translations of Cuban short fiction. His translations of stories by Havana writer Antonio José Ponte appear in *In the Cold of the Malecon and Other Stories* and by the Cuban-American writer Sonia Rivera-Valdes in *Forbidden Stories of Marta Veneranda*.

The recently published second edition of the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* contains over a dozen articles by **Joseph Dyer**, Music Department, on liturgical chant topics

and music theory in the Middle Ages. His essay “Roman Catholic Church Music” is one of the most extensive articles in the 29-volume *Dictionary*. Several of his articles have already appeared in the comparable German-language encyclopedia, *Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart*.

Joel Gerwein, a Ph.D. student in the Environmental Biology Track of the Environmental Sciences program, published “Forests As Providers of Ecosystem Services” in *Conservation Perspectives*, Winter 2001 (an e-publication of the Massachusetts Society for Conservation Biology). His article focuses on privately-owned forests in Massachusetts, and he evaluates the mechanisms for correcting inefficiencies in land development and their effectiveness.

Stephanie Hartwell, assistant professor of sociology, published an essay, “An Examination of Racial Differences Among Mentally Ill Offenders in Massachusetts,” in *Psychiatric Services* in February.

Hanging Loose, the literary magazine and press, celebrated its 35th anniversary on January 29 at the National Arts Club in Manhattan. **Dick Lourie**, Publications, **Mark Pawlak**, director of academic support, and retired English professor **Ron Schreiber** were honored guests. The three, along with another colleague, are coeditors and publishers of the magazine, which has more than 100 titles in print.

Applied Linguistics’ **Donaldo Macedo**, with **Lilia Bartolomé**, College of Education, recently published *A Educacao No Seculo* with Artes Medicas Sul LTDA.

David Patterson, Music Department, has published “Beaver Moon” for Native American flute and percussion (bell, drum, notched stick, and bull-roarer) with J-P Publications, Colorado Springs.

Gopal Rao, Physics Department, and his group published “Processing of Medical Images Using Real-Time Optical Fourier Processing” in the *Journal of Medical Physics* in January. The paper outlines an analog optical interactive technique for cancer diagnostics and the possibility of developing a low-cost, portable, battery-operated instrument. UMass Boston’s Office of Commercial Ventures and Intellectual Property is negotiating with companies to market the instrument.

Jean Rhodes, Psychology, has had her book *Older and Wiser: Risks and Rewards in Youth Mentoring* accepted for a spring publication by Harvard University Press.

Russell Schutt, professor of sociology, will publish *Research Methods for Criminology and Criminal Justice* with coauthor Ronet Bachman with Pine Forges Press Publication. Also, the third edition of Schutt’s

research methods book, *Investigating the Social World*, has been published.

Dennis J. Stevens, CPCS, will publish his article “Civil Liabilities and Selective Enforcement” in the March issue of *Law and Order*. The journal also has accepted “The Elton Savory Murder Investigation,” an article written by Stevens and Sgt. Roy Chambers, a member of the Boston Police Department and a CPCS student. Also, *Community Policing Consortium* has published Stevens’ and cowriter Capt. Michael F. Masterson’s article “Measuring Community Policing at Madison Police Department.”

CM Assistant Professor of Management Science and Information Systems **Peter Tarasewich** has an article forthcoming in the *Quarterly Journal of Electronic Commerce*. “Aesthetics and Web Site Design” was coauthored with Harold Daniel and Hampton Griffin of the University of Maine.

Xuchen Wang, Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences Department, recently published “Radiocarbon and stable carbon isotope compositions of organic compound classes in sediments from the NE Pacific and Southern Oceans” in *Marine Chemistry*.

Researchers at the **Center for Social Policy** have recently released a study “Homeless Management Information Systems: An In-Depth Look”, which is a tool for communities looking to upgrade or implement such systems. The report reviews several leading software products, analyzes costs associated with operating them, and reviews the data elements collected by available software products.

Research and Grants

Bob Bowen of the ECOS department was honored with an “Outstanding Achievement Award in Teaching” for academic years 1999-2000, which was announced Dec 28, 2000 by Christine Armett-Kibel, dean, CAS Science Faculty.

CM Assistant Professor of Management Science and Information Systems **Pratyush Bharati** has received a Public Service Endowment Grant for his research on “Assimilation of Internet Based Technologies in Small and Medium Sized Manufacturers.”

Carol L. Cardozo and **Lisa K. Sussman**, research associates at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, have completed a study of the mental health needs of women who are in transition from welfare to work. The research analyzes the literature and reviews several programs across the country designed to meet the complex needs of this population. It will be available in March.

David Giessow, adjunct professor of voice in the Music Department, received a grant from the Somerville

Arts Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council to serve as an artist in residence at Somerville High School. He will coach the choral conductor and work with students in the high school chorus during the 2001 semesters.

College of Public and Community Service and Latino Studies Professor **Ramona Hernández**, and her co-principal investigator, Silvio Torres-Saillant, director of the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute at the City College of New York, have been awarded \$76,000 by the Rockefeller Foundation for a major transnational conference entitled “Up from the Margins: Diversity as a Challenge of the Democratic Nation.”

Seth Minkoff of the Department of Hispanic Studies/Latin American Studies Program has been awarded the Endowed Faculty Career Development Award for his proposal on “Syntax and Epistemology in Guatemalan Spanish,” which explores his ongoing research into relationships between language and epistemology. The Endowed Faculty Career Development Fund was established by UMass Boston’s retired faculty members; the award was distributed by the Awards Committee.

The Center for Immigrant and Refugee Community Leadership and Empowerment (CIRCLE) and the College of Public and Community Service have received \$18,000 in funding from the Massachusetts Campus Compact for a community-based research project (ACE, Accessing College Education) that will explore the barriers immigrants face in accessing higher education. Further funding of \$33,000 will be available to extend this one-year project over a three-year period. **Sarah Bartlett** and **Elaine Ward** are co-principal investigators.

The **Center for Social Policy** has received a 2001 Public Service Endowment grant from the University for Reality Check! Family Support Network in Massachusetts. The \$3,500 grant will be used to disseminate findings from three recent CSP studies on the challenges emergency service providers face in their struggles to respond to the needs of families.

Appointments and Honors

The McCormack Institute’s Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy will be undergoing a change in leadership. Former director **Elizabeth Sherman** has stepped down to devote more time to writing and teaching. **Ann Froines**, Women’s Studies Program, and **Catherine Lynde**, chair of the Department of Economics, will serve as interim co-directors of the Center for the spring semester and serve as a transition to the new Center leadership.

Campus Notes (cont)

In a ceremony attended by 1,200 people in New York City, Professor **Ramona Hernández**, CPCS and Latino Studies, was the recipient of the prestigious Medal of Our Lady of Altagracia, acknowledging her extensive professional service to the Dominican community. In the 13 years that this award has been given, Herández is the youngest recipient and one of the few not a member of the Catholic clergy.

CM Associate Professor of Marketing **Raymond Liu** has received a Fulbright Award to give lectures and conduct research at Tsinghua University in China. He has also been named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, an accolade for which he was nominated by a former student.

Births

CM Assistant Professor of Accounting **Susan Machuga** is the proud mother of her second child and first son, Nicholas.

In the News

Bob Chen, associate professor in the Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences Department, and his research on seawater caffeine levels were featured in a *Boston Globe* article on January 20.

Dana Marek, UMass Boston sophomore and Beacon hockey player, has been the focus of a number of media stories for *ABC's Good Morning America*, *NBC's Today*, *Sports Illustrated*, *The Boston Globe*, *WBZ*, *WCVB*, *WHDH*, and *WLVI*.

David Matz director of the Dispute Resolution Programs, was interviewed on *WBUR* on February 5 to discuss the five-year process of bringing together leaders of the pro and anti abortion campaigns for extensive dialog.

Elizabeth Sherman, McCormack Institute, was quoted in the *New York Times* on February 15, commenting on Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift's need to balance family and career in light of her expected appointment to Governor when Paul Cellucci is confirmed as ambassador to Canada.

Tony Van Der Meer, Africana Studies, was quoted in the *Boston Sunday Globe* article "Black Artists Bridge Divide," on January 28.

Chen Research (cont.)

ECOShuttle is versatile enough to measure organic carbon, for example, in three dimensions six times a second. It's not versatile enough for shallow estuaries, but a new mini-shuttle will soon answer this need.

Such technology is supporting a number of major studies. One deals with endocrine disruptors, which alter growth and development or reproductive success. For example, says Chen, "if juvenile male rainbow trout are caged in the River Thames, they become feminized because of chemicals in the water." Endocrine disruptors, says Chen, "may be the next wave of contaminants the EPA has to look at. There may be 40,000 contaminants that disrupt endocrine systems at some level."

Together with Ana Soto of Tufts Medical School, Chen will be using an MIT Sea Grant to analyze endocrine disruptors in Massachusetts Bay. Soto has developed a bioassay that uses human breast cancer cells to detect substances that may affect humans and other

organisms. The bioassay is extraordinarily sensitive to estrogenic activity but does not identify individual substances; Chen and his associates will analyze sewage and seawater samples that have shown high rates of activity, and identify its sources.

Another substance often found in coastal waters is caffeine. "If you find caffeine," says Chen, "you might find other things—pesticides, pharmaceuticals, human pathogens, other sewage-derived contaminants." Caffeine is also much easier to measure than these dangerous substances, and Chen is therefore exploring its relationships with them.

Yet another project is a study of colored organic carbon in estuaries, funded by the Office of Naval Research. "The Navy's interested," says Chen, "because they want to know all about the optical properties of water," which affect surveillance of underwater activity from space. But the study has other applications too. "We're burning fossil fuels and increasing

greenhouse warming," says Chen. Much of the burnt matter has been traced, but scientists puzzle over a "missing sink" of atmospheric carbon dioxide. "No one knows where it's going. And to know where it's going is critical to predicting what's going to happen as CO₂ increases." Chen will pursue the possibility that some of the "missing sink" is dissolved organic carbon in the coastal ocean.

And soon, Chen hopes, the National Science Foundation will fund a new proposal for supporting thirty graduate students in work on recovering coastal ecosystems, of which Boston Harbor itself is a remarkable example. These "healing" ecosystems present unique problems for science, since no one has seen their like before. About half of the students would be based at UMass Boston, while others would study at other UMass campuses or at Florida A&M University, a partner institution. Their presence would generate an abundance of new research activity, and they

themselves would become the "next generation of scientists" to oversee the recovering ecosystems.

Chen speaks with pleasure of the ECOS department, which he joined in 1993. He admires his colleagues' work in environmental science and policy—they're "very good at it"—and he enjoys the environment in his department. "What has kept me here," he says, "is that we're a very close-knit group. We actually collaborate! We have lunch together, we talk together, we share ideas—and we're growing now. These are exciting times."

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March 15	Customer Service Training Jenzabar.com
March 19	Web Workgroups! Customer Service Training Virtual Forum
March 20	Advanced Word 2000 Advanced HTML Web Workgroups!
March 21	Customer Service Training Introduction to Outlook 2000 Web Workgroups!
March 22	Sizing up! Web Workgroups!
March 23	Customer Service Training
March 26	Web Workgroups!
March 27	Intermediate Dreamweaver Web Workgroups!
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Contact the Learning Center for more information.
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Who's Who Students (cont.)

tice," said public policy doctoral student Mary Spooner, who completed the research project "Women Under Subjection of the Law: A Study of the Legal Responses to Women's Abuse in the English-Speaking Caribbean." This is the first study of intimate partner abuse in the English-speaking Caribbean, according to Professor Carole Upshur. Spooner said, "This is recognition for all the hard work."

Human performance and fitness student Greg Cloutier agreed, "It's an acknowledgment of your hard work and dedication." Cloutier already has coauthored a published article, "Pilot Study on the Effects of Resistance Training on Individuals with HIV." Cloutier added that the recognition will help other students find role models.

"It will help others see what students can do," agreed Philip Mugo, who contributes to the Center for Improvement of Teaching, representing the student body. A member of the African Student Association, Mugo has had experiences in Kenya working with the Family Support Institute, the Institute for Education in Democracy, and the Shelter for Women

of Kenya.

Judith Diaz, another international student, came to UMass Boston as a political refugee. She fled persecution in her native Cuba for "bringing bread to political prisoners." She said, "I was expelled from medical school in Cuba for political reasons. I was terribly humiliated, but I am here now, studying biology, pursuing my dream of becoming a doctor." She looks forward to applying to medical school soon.

Like Diaz, each of the named students has a unique story. For Collis Brown, a nighttime toll-taker for the Massachusetts Turnpike, a chance meeting with University President William Bulger led to his return to college. Recognizing the president, Brown struck up a conversation. "He encouraged me to go back to college, to apply at UMass Boston." Brown now continues to work nights to support his two children. Active in his church and community, he was also named "Outstanding Future Professional" by the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Calendar of Events

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Send submissions for the April calendar by March 15 to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor. Fx: (617) 287-5305. E-mail: news@umb.edu

Thursday 1

Learning Center Course L-900: Power Breakfast
8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Learning Center, Healey Library, Lower Level. Mingle with the UMass Boston web community, enjoy refreshments, and share ideas about web development in a casual environment. Call 7-3990 for more information.

Genealogy Lecture Series: A Journey through Time, Looking at Records that Can Help You Find Your Family Ancestral Home
6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Massachusetts State Archives Meeting Room, Columbia Point. Featuring Janis P. Duffy, reference archivist, Massachusetts State Archives. Admission and parking are free for all genealogy lectures. For more information, call the Commonwealth Museum at (617) 727-9268

Friday 2

Biology Department Seminar: "Millennial-Scale Climate Instability and Ocean Circulation during the Pleistocene Epoch"
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring Maureen Raymo, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Boston University. All are invited to attend. Call 7-6650 for more information.

March 5 - 10

Admissions On-The-Spot Week
Appointments Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Appointments with admissions counselors, who will review a student's credentials and render a decision that day. Program is geared for the transfer population. For more information, call 7-6000.

Monday 5

Environmental Studies Green Bag Seminar Series: Hazardous Waste Recycling at UMass Boston
2:30 - 3:20 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1st Floor, Room 012. Featuring Zehra Schneider Graham, UMass Boston Health and Safety Office. For more information, call 7-7476.

ECOS Dissertation Defense
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 006. Featuring Min Guo. "A Comparative Study of National Integrated Coastal Area Management Systems."

Tuesday 6

Reading in the Bilingual/ESL Classroom Lecture Series
4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd Floor, Room 200. Featuring Barbara Flores, "Biliteracy and Competing Paradigms in Reading." For more information, call 7-5760.

Wednesday 7

ECOS Seminar: "Oil Spill Injury Assessment in the Real World"
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring David Page, Charles Weston Pickard Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Bowdoin College, Maine. For more information, call 7-7440.

East Asian Studies Lecture Series: "Modernization vs. Westernization in East Asia"

2:45 - 4:15 p.m., Healey Library, 8th floor, Provost's Conference Room. Professor Wing-kai To, Bridgewater State College, will discuss "Tradition, Modernity, and Globalization in South China and Hong Kong."

WUMB Member Concert Featuring Christopher Williams

7:30 p.m., Media Auditorium, Healey Library. Seating limited. Call 7-6900 for reservations.

Thursday 8

WUMB Special: International Women's Day

91.9 F.M. An all-day celebration of International Women's Day. Each hour on the half hour during *Folk Radio* and *Urban Folk*, WUMB will feature the work of a woman artist.

Gerontology Institute Speaker Series: "Policy Considerations of Predicting Degenerative Diseases: Alzheimer's Disease as a Case Study"

1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley, 4th Floor, Room 147. Featuring Robert Green, Alzheimer's Disease Center, Boston University.

Learning Center Course L-631: Campus Initiatives - Investing in a Changing Market

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Learning Center, Healey Library, Lower Level. Designed for employees who are currently participating in an employer-sponsored retirement plan. Topics include sub-asset classes, portfolio management, and fund comparisons. Call 7-3990 for more information.

Genealogy Lecture Series: Boston Irish Heritage Trail

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Massachusetts State Archives Meeting Room, Columbia Point. Featuring Michael Quinlan, president, Boston Irish Tourism Association. For more information, call the Commonwealth Museum at 617.727.9268

Friday 9

Biology Department Seminar
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring Brian Rutledge, Zoo New England. All are invited to attend. Call 7-6650 for more information.

Monday 12

Learning Center Course L-900: Web Workgroup 5-week Seminar

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Learning Center, Healey Library, Lower Level. Seminar designed to help you create a departmental or a course web site, evaluate your content, and determine the look and structure of your site. Call 7-3990 for more information. Also held in 2-week seminars on March 20, 21, 22, 27, and 29.

Environmental Studies Green Bag Seminar Series: Citizen Stewardship of the Boston Harbor Cleanup

2:30 - 3:20, Wheatley Hall, 1st Floor, Room 012. Featuring Bruce Berman, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. For more information, call 7-7476.

ECOS Seminar: "In-Situ Chemical Analyzer for Mapping Coastal Nutrient Distributions in Real Time"

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring Al Hanson, president, Subchem Systems, Inc. For more information, call 7-7440.

Tuesday 13

Reading in the Bilingual/ESL Classroom Lecture Series

4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd Floor, Room 200. "What is Reading?" Featuring Kenneth Goodman. For more information, call 7-5760.

Wednesday 14

ECOS Seminar: "Developing Innovative Technology for Tomorrow's Coasts"

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring Dwight Trueblood, co-director, NOAA, Estuarine Reserves Division. For more information, call 7-7440.

Thursday 15

Gerontology Institute Speaker Series: "Social Security Reform in the United Kingdom"

1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Wheatley, 4th Floor, Room 147. Featuring Professor John Williamson, Department of Sociology and Center for Retirement Research, Boston College.

Genealogy Lecture Series: Preserving Family Photographs and Papers

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Massachusetts State Archives Meeting Room, Columbia Point. Featuring Jennifer Lyons, National Park Service, and Rick Stattler, Rhode Island Historical Society. Bring in your family photos or papers. For more information, call the Commonwealth Museum at 617.727.9268

Friday 16

Biology Department Seminar: "Understanding the Role of Auxin in Arabidopsis Root System Development"

2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring John Celenza, Boston University. All are invited to attend. Call 7-6650 for more information.

Tuesday 20

Access to Excellence Conference

Held at UMass Dartmouth. System-wide event for counselors throughout Massachusetts, and parts of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York. Call UMass Dartmouth at 7-6106 for details and more information. (508) 999-8613

College of Management Alumni Networking Get-Together

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Bay Tower Room, 60 State Street, Boston. For more information contact Maryellen Brett at 7-7761.

Thursday 22

Genealogy Lecture Series: Deer Island, A Look at the Irish Immigrants on Deer Island

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Massachusetts State Archives Meeting Room, Columbia Point. Featuring John McColgan, Archivist, City of Boston. For more information, call the Commonwealth Museum at 617.727.9268

Monday 26

Environmental Studies Green Bag Seminar Series: Green Navy, Blue Water

2:30 - 3:20 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1st Floor, Room 012. Featuring Jack Looney, UMass Boston Geography Dept. For more information, call 7-7476.

ECOS Seminar: "Marine Protected Areas: A Tool for Dealing with Multiple Interests in the Ocean Realm"

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring ECOS graduate student Tracey Morin with introduction by David Terkla. For more information, call 7-7440.

Tuesday 27

Reading in the Bilingual/ESL Classroom Lecture Series

4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Wheatley, 2nd Floor, Room 200. Featuring Lilia Bartolomé, "The Misteaching of Academic Discourse to Second Language Speakers." For more information, call 7-5760.

Wednesday 28

ECOS Seminar: "Oil Spill Injury Assessment in the Real World."

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring Annelie Skoog, assistant professor of marine sciences, University of Connecticut/Groton. For more information, call 7-7440.

East Asian Studies Lecture Series: "Opportunities and Challenges the Stock Market in China is Facing in the New Millennium."

2:45-4:15 p.m., Healey Library, 8th Floor, Provost's Conference Room. Featuring Professor Yunxian Chen, chairman and CEO of GF Securities in the People's Republic of China.

Thursday 29

Gerontology Institute Speaker Series: "Aging with Chronic Disease and Disability: Multiple Sclerosis"

1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley, 4th Floor, Room 147. Featuring Allison Gottlieb, Gerontology Institute, UMass Boston.

Genealogy Lecture Series: How to Approach Irish Genealogy on the Internet

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Massachusetts State Archives Meeting Room, Columbia Point. Featuring Dennis Ahern, family historian, Web Master, TIARA. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call the Commonwealth Museum at 617.727.9268

Friday 30

Biology Department Seminar: "Valuation of Forest from Consumption and Sale of Goods: Comparative Evidence from Honduras and Bolivia"

2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Room 6. Featuring Ricardo Godoy, Brandeis University. All are invited to attend. Call 7-6650 for more information.

Miscellaneous:

WUMB's Women in Music Celebrates Women's history

91.9 FM. Fridays at 8:00 p.m. Join us for a Women's History Month celebration on *Women in Music* with host Laney Goodman.

Family Alcoholism Series

Seminars offered by Pride Program to provide insight into family alcohol problems. Attend "ACOA Support Group," Mondays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.; "Recovery Support Group," Wednesdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., "How to Help a Friend with an Alcohol/Drug Problem," Thursdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Beacon Fitness Center

The Beacon Fitness Center's membership is free for all students and available for a small fee to faculty, staff, and alumni. Hours of operation: Monday and Wednesday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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