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UMass President Announces New Chancellor Jo Ann Gora

By Anne-Marie Kent

At an April 9 press conference, President William M. Bulger announced his appointment of Jo Ann Gora to the chancellorship of the University of Massachusetts Boston. “Jo Ann Gora is a creative, imaginative, dynamic leader, and we are very pleased to welcome her to the University of Massachusetts family,” Bulger said. “Dr. Gora is a passionate advocate for public higher education and brings with her a proven record of accomplishment. She is the right person at the right time for this campus.”

Chair of the Board of Trustees Grace Fey joined Bulger in praising Gora and thanking the 18-member search committee, which included trustees James

Mahoney, Carl White, and search chair Diane Bissonnette Moes.

Fey said, “Throughout the course of this nine-month search, several words cropped up again and again as students, faculty members, and administrators assessed Jo Ann Gora’s candidacy. The words ‘energy,’ ‘vitality,’ ‘creativity,’ ‘integrity’ were frequently mentioned.” She added, “Her proven record of achievement has instilled tremendous confidence in the members of the Board of Trustees and I’m confident she will inspire the students, faculty, and staff of UMass Boston.”

Gora holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Vassar College (*cum laude*), and master of arts and doctor of phi-

losophy degrees in sociology from Rutgers University. She is currently the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, a post she has held since 1992. Old Dominion is a metropolitan university which enrolls 19,000 students, employs a full-time faculty of 600, and offers 66 undergraduate, 65 master’s, and 21 doctoral degrees through six academic colleges. Three years ago, and during Gora’s tenure as provost, Old Dominion moved from Doctoral II to Carnegie Doctoral I status.

At Old Dominion, Gora oversaw the development of an honors college that produced Old Dominion’s first Rhodes and



UMass President William M. Bulger names Jo Ann Gora, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Old Dominion University, next UMass Boston Chancellor. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Leader Against World Hunger to Speak at Commencement



Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient M.S. Swaminathan will address the UMass Boston community on June 2. Swaminathan is known as the father of the “green revolution,” creating new solutions to address world hunger.

By Anne-Marie Kent

On Saturday, June 2, more than 2,500 students and their families will fill the Bayside Exposition Center for the commencement celebration of UMass Boston’s Class of 2001.

The commencement address will be delivered by honorary degree recipient M.S. Swaminathan, the chief architect of the Indian “green revolution” that brought India self-sufficiency in food. Swaminathan has been instrumental in the development of rice and wheat varieties that now provide food to two-thirds of the world’s population. Two years

ago, he was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 20 most influential Asians of the century, a list which included Mahatma Gandhi and Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

When Swaminathan received the first World Food Prize, the Secretary General of the United Nations Javier Perez de Cuellar, wrote, “Dr. Swaminathan is a living legend. His contributions to agricultural science have made an indelible mark on food production in India and elsewhere in the developing world. By any standards, he will go into the annals of his-

tory as a world scientist of rare distinction.”

Chancellor David MacKenzie said, “Dr. Swaminathan has been one of humankind’s greatest champions in its ancient and continuing fight to reduce world hunger. He is a global citizen and a leader in the conservation of the environment and natural resources. We are truly honored that he will join us at commencement.”

Swaminathan has served many years as president of the International Union of Conservation for Nature and advises organizations

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See You in September!

Summer is approaching and the *University Reporter* takes a three-month hiatus. What to do with summer news or calendar items? Send them along to news@umb.edu. We can publicize both on our News and Events page at www.umb.edu. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and thanks for your support.

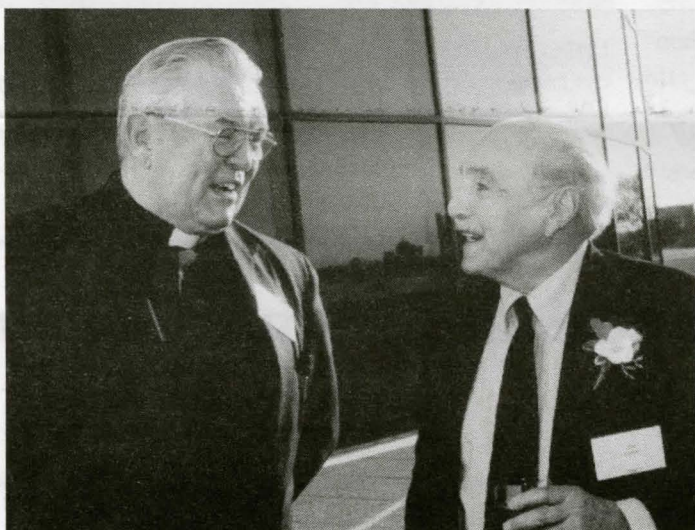
University Honors Moakley Award Recipient Dr. Thomas Durant at the John F. Kennedy Library on April 23



Left: (from left to right) UMass President William M. Bulger; Moakley Award Recipient Thomas Durant, M.D.; Bob Moakley, brother of Congressman John Joseph Moakley; and Edmund Beard, director of the McCormack Institute.

Below: Moakley laughs with Hubie Jones, special assistant to the chancellor for urban affairs.

Right: Boston Globe columnist David Nyhan and his wife Sylvia.



Above: Father Aengus Finucane speaks with Durant, a long-time friend and colleague.



Above: Frederika Durant and her husband celebrate with President Bulger.



Left: (from left to right) William Connell of Connell Inc.; Tom Flatley of The Flatley Company; Ed O'Malley, vice chancellor for external relations; Thomas Finneran, Massachusetts speaker of the house; interim Chancellor David MacKenzie; and Jim Brett, New England Council.

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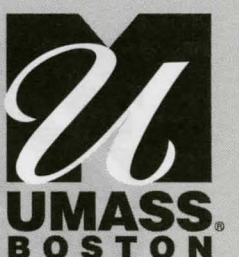
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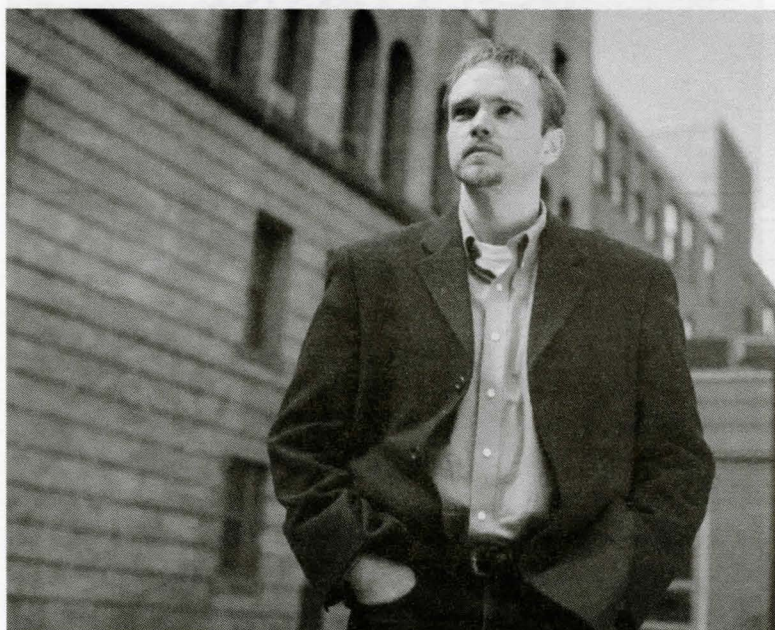
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New Film-in-the-Making Aims a Blow Against Homelessness



John McGah of the Center for Social Policy leads the documentary project examining the plight of the homeless. (Photo by Richard Howard)

By Erika McCarthy

It's a condition that isolates more than three million people nationwide each year—nearly 6,000 of them in Boston alone, an increase of 63 percent since 1990. And even though John McGah of UMass Boston's McCormack Institute has never experienced homelessness, he is determined to illuminate the issue for the American public.

With McGah as executive producer, the institute's Center for Social Policy has already begun the process of creating a documentary, entitled *Give Us Your Poor: Homelessness and the United States*, exploring homelessness and the issues and myths surrounding it. McGah hopes that *Give Us Your Poor* will be a catalyst for change among us—the people who witness

homelessness every day, yet too often remain complacent about an affliction that leaves far too many of our fellow Americans literally out in the cold.

At the heart of the two-hour film will be men, women, and children who have experienced homelessness. Their stories will challenge common perceptions about homeless people (such as "they choose to be homeless," "they are all lazy," "they are all morally deficient") and explain the real complexities of their experience. The film will introduce its audience to a homeless family, homeless children who travel to Washington D.C. and testify before members of Congress, a homeless veteran, a mentally ill homeless person, and someone more difficult to categorize: a person out of work who met some bad luck, was detached from social networks, and eventually had nowhere to live.

The mission of the film, according to McGah, is "not to offer one solution, but more to reconnect people to the issue." Even he acknowledges that portraying through film something that will move communities to actively fight homelessness won't be an easy task.

While McGah's experience with homelessness research—including his work at the McCormack Institute collecting and analyzing data for public policy, and his previous work at a public policy research firm—prepares him well to lead a 100-person production team, he's also relying on experts close to the subject to advise on the content and accuracy of the film. One such expert is Julia Tripp, a UMass Boston student currently on leave from the College of Public and Community Service. Tripp's expertise comes from not only from national advocacy work, but also from spending eleven years as a homeless person. Rachel McLroy, assistant director for social services with the Massachusetts Salvation Army, has also been contributing to the film.

Give Us Your Poor will have an online presence, featuring a video and information about best practices from around the country, and listing resources, volunteer opportunities, and

homeless service agencies. The Graduate College of Education is working to create companion lessons for middle and high schools.

The film treatment is being developed by Northern Light Productions and the 1988 Academy Award winner for best short documentary, Pamela Conn. The project will prepare a companion music CD presenting nationally known artists, produced by UMass Boston alumnus Mark Governor '78, who will also score the film.

It could take nearly two more years to complete, but when done, McGah hopes this documentary will differ from others on the same subject by focusing on the larger societal issues contributing to homelessness. If he's successful, *Give Us Your Poor* will be, according to McGah, "a living, breathing piece—something with a little soul."

**Want to learn more
or volunteer to help?**

Visit www.GiveUsYourPoor.org or contact: John McGah,
7-5550, john.mcgah@umb.edu

UMass Boston Study Examines Racial Disparities in High School Math and Science Enrollments

By Barbara Graceffa
and Carole Upshur

On April 11 UMass Boston researchers released a report on mathematics and science enrollment patterns for students in Boston, Framingham, Springfield, and Worcester that has received widespread attention in local and national media, and in local schools. They investigated the question of whether Latinos and black high school students are being provided with the educational opportunities that are crucial in preparing them to pass the high stakes test, the MCAS.

Under the direction of adjunct faculty member Rodolfo Vega, Ph.D., and Program Director Carole Upshur, second-year Public Policy Doctoral Program students Natalie Carithers, Charles Jones, Dale Lucy-Allen, Tatjana Meschede, and Charles Ndungu examined several school districts in the state. The work was done in collaboration with the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy.

They found that across all

districts, across all high school grades, and for both math and science, Latino and black students are statistically significantly less often enrolled in higher level math and science courses compared to whites.

The report cites a Massachusetts Department of Education study that links MCAS mathematics scores closely with high school math courses in which students are enrolled. The lack of enrollment in such courses, then, provides a significant barrier to successful performance on this crucial test for Latino and black students and may help to explain the extremely high failure rates of these students. The scores in 1999 in the four communities show a range of 85 to 95 percent of Latino tenth graders failing the mathematics test. As of this year students will be required to pass this test in order to receive a high school diploma.

The set of courses in which students are enrolled is an indicator of among other things: their opportunity to learn in high school,

preparation prior to high school, and overall experience with the educational and broader culture.

In concluding their report for the Gastón Institute, the Public Policy research team noted several policy considerations. These included: improved guidance processes to encourage Latinos to enroll and complete more rigorous courses; curriculum redesign so all courses meet the minimum standards for graduation; opportunities and incentives for students to go beyond the minimum material required for graduation; improved teacher training and professional development; longitudinal studies to trace student enrollment and achievement trends; and protections against culturally biased advising, placement, and assessment procedures. Finally, they strongly recommended "that the MCAS examination not be utilized as a graduation requirement until this systemic problem is addressed across the state."

UMass Boston Hosts Forum on Human Rights In Latin America

By Melissa Fassel

On April 25, the university hosted a human rights forum featuring activist Joyce Horman, Harvard-trained lawyer Jennifer Harbury, and UMass Boston professor and human rights expert Winston Langley.

Joyce Horman is the widow of Charles Horman, a North American journalist who was arrested, tortured, and killed in Chile during the 1973 military coup lead by former Chilean president and dictator Augusto Pinochet. She is also a plaintiff in a criminal case in the Chilean courts against Pinochet. The academy award winning 1982 Costa-Gavras movie *Missing* was based on the search for Charles by Joyce and his father.

Jennifer Harbury began working with refugees from Guatemala in the 1980s, which led her to meet her future husband, Efraim Bamaca Velásquez (Everardo), a guerilla leader and Mayan Indian. In 1992, Everardo was captured, tortured, and killed. Harbury's book *Searching for Everardo: A Story of Love, War, and the CIA in Guatemala* charges the U.S. government with complicity in

her husband's murder.

Professor of economics Paul Cantor sees this forum as a springboard for future human rights-related activities. His ultimate hope is that UMass Boston will follow the lead of many U.S. and European universities, including Yale, Harvard, and Columbia, in developing majors and minors in the study of human rights.

The university community clearly shares Cantor's sentiments regarding the importance of human rights issues. The forum received great support among students, faculty, and administrators, and across departments. It was sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the offices of the deans of College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Public and Community Service; the Student Senate; the Gastón Institute; the Departments of Anthropology, Economics, Hispanic Studies and Political Science; the International Relations and Women's Studies Programs; Arms Advocacy for Resources for Modern Survival; the Politics Society; the Radical Student Alliance; and the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

New Book Explores Transformative Teaching

by Jeffrey Mitchell

"It can be a lonely experience, standing up there in front of thirty or forty students, trying to figure out the way to excite them about learning," says Esther Kingston-Mann. "None of us learned that in graduate school. We learned it through our own reflections and our own experiences, but also through collaboration with each other."

Together with Tim Sieber of the Anthropology Department, Kingston-Mann (History and American Studies) is a co-editor of a newly published collection of essays, *Achieving Against the Odds: How Scholars Become Teachers of Diverse Students*. The "us" she speaks of are eleven current and former UMass Boston faculty members whose work appears in the collection, and also hundreds of colleagues who have joined their efforts to make university teaching more effective and meaningful.

The contributors to the new book, in addition to Sieber and Kingston-Mann, are Kathleen Sands (Study of Religion), Reyes Coll-Tellechea (Hispanic Studies), Castellano Turner (Psychology), Vivian Zamel (English), Peter Nien-chu Kiang (American Studies and Education), Louis Rudnick (American Studies and English),

Winston Langley (Political Science), Estelle Disch (Sociology), and Pancho Savery (formerly of the UMass Boston English Department, now at Reed College). It will be available in May from Temple University Press.

Achieving Against the Odds addresses a multitude of subjects, from issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality in the classroom to strategies for teaching students with differing levels of academic preparation. But the title of Sieber's essay—"Learning to Listen to Students and Oneself"—expresses a recurring theme.

Like so many UMass Boston students, the authors themselves come from "untraditional" backgrounds. "All of us learned from our own experience of being from a marginalized social group, or a group that wasn't usually represented in higher education," says Kingston-Mann. But for every faculty member—regardless of background—"the issue is trying to understand who your students are, not taking it for granted that your student's experience is just like yours."

Another lesson is just as important. "It's hard to figure all of this out by yourself," says Kingston-Mann. "You're better off once you

begin having conversations with other teachers." Such conversations have been nourished for years by UMass Boston's Center for the Improvement of Teaching, though such activities as semester-long seminars on teaching in which some 220 UMass Boston faculty members have now taken part. The center also sponsors publications and annual conferences on transformative teaching, the most recent of which involved faculty from 20 institutions.

Kingston-Mann hopes that a New England Center for Inclusive Teaching will soon be established, to serve as a forum for innovative teachers—as *Achieving Against the Odds* already does. "I think the discourse and debate in higher education about teaching, accountability, and standards have been pretty much dominated by the large research universities," she says. "But from my perspective, teaching has been at the forefront longer at urban commuter institutions like UMass Boston. So it seems really important to me to have the voices of faculty at these institutions—and of our students—become part of the discussion."

Welcome Day at UMass Boston



UMass Boston was proud to feature University President William Bulger as the keynote speaker at Welcome Day 2001 on Saturday, April 7. He also was on hand to individually welcome prospective students and their families on their visit to campus. Over 500 newly admitted students and guests attended the event, with over 100 faculty, student, and staff volunteers showcasing the numerous offerings at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

MBA Mentoring is a Best Practice

By Bogusia Bucklin

"Every mentoring relationship rewards us with the opportunity to share talents, experiences, and philosophies with another."-- Linda Talarico, mentor since 1998

The sentiments expressed by Linda Talarico reflect the goals established for the mentoring program when it was offered to undergraduate students in the College of Management in 1998. Students who chose to participate in the program were assigned alumni from the College of Management as mentors. Mentors and mentees were matched according to professional interests and temperaments. The hope was that the mentors would be sounding boards for their mentees, friends who would act as resource brokers showing the mentees how to access services and resources required for their professional and personal development. Mentors contacted their mentees on a regular basis and helped by creating networking opportunities for the mentees, taking them to the mentors' places of work and to conferences. All mentors were volunteers, and the commitment on the part of the participants was for one academic year.

In its first year, the mentoring program enrolled 22 students and mentors. In successive years the numbers have ranged from 52 to 107 participants. In addition to opening and closing events, the program coordinator, Ines Maturana, provided monthly support meetings for all participants.

The success of the undergraduate program prompted the expansion of the program to include MBA students for the current academic year. Nine MBA students volunteered to join the program, along with six MBA alumni. The pooling of resources by the undergraduate and graduate programs, the co-operation between program coordinators, Ines Maturana and myself, resulted in a strong, cohesive service being available to partici-

pating students. The mentoring program reflects the College of Management's commitment responding to the needs of its students and striving for excellence in service.

Satisfaction with the program is clear from the comments received from students. Marco Heller, an MBA student, wrote, "It was a great experience. I could talk with someone about economic issues, resume writing, job opportunities.... My mentor provided me with precise answers to my questions. I believe we mutually profited from this relationship."

Indeed, having had very rewarding experiences as mentees, many graduating students willingly offer their services as mentors. They see the program as an opportunity to remain involved as alumni, and to give something back to the College. Currently, 56 percent of undergraduate mentors were themselves mentees. In a recent mentee survey, 75 percent of the students indicated that they would like to become mentors after graduation. Likewise, many of the mentors chose to undertake this commitment for more than one year and continue to advise and guide their former mentees. More than 40 percent of our current mentors have been in the program for more than one year.

The College of Management plans to continue to offer this service to its students, and to expand the program in response to student needs. If you are interested in offering this service in your department, Ines and I would be more than happy to share our experiences with you.

Bucklin is the assistant director of the MBA program. Please call 7-7700 for more information.

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

SPOTLIGHTS



WUMB's Barbara Neely and Dave Palmater listen as Congressman Jim McGovern tapes an interview on Commonwealth Journal on April 18. Guests of his caliber often appear on the award-winning show. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kent)

Commonwealth Journal Receives Top Broadcasting Awards

Commonwealth Journal, a weekly public affairs program produced by WUMB 91.9 FM, recently won an unprecedented four first place awards for its quality programming. Broadcasters evaluated the show from a submission CD that included an introduction of the program and excerpts from interviews between former host Elizabeth Sherman and guests speaking on wide-ranging topics from Shakespeare to Alzheimer's disease to Native American healers. The Associated Press of Massachusetts/Rhode Island, the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association, and Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE) gave *Commonwealth Journal* three first place awards in the public service, public affairs, and communication categories. Judges from ACE gave the program high praise such as: "I listened to the entire CD twice," and "One of the best I've heard."

The fourth award was given by the American Cancer Society for WUMB's contribution to breast cancer awareness through its public service announcement campaign and its *Journal* segment, "The Environmental Effects of Breast Cancer." Judges for the American Cancer Society Sword of Hope awards were impressed by the accuracy and unique slant of the *Journal's* segment.

"We did extremely well in our first series of competitions," said Pat Monteith, general manager of WUMB. "We won four out of five entries, and all four were first place."

The program, produced by WUMB and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities

with support from Blue Cross Blue Shield, features segments with scholars, writers, cultural workers, and public officials examining current topics and issues of particular interest to Massachusetts listeners. Listeners can hear *Commonwealth Journal* every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. on 91.9 FM, as well as on 23 public radio stations across Massachusetts

Code of the Street Sociologist Visits UMass Boston

On May 7, the Center for Policy Research in Family and Community Violence will host an all-day visit of Elijah Anderson, author of *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City*. Anderson will meet with students and faculty throughout the day and speak about his continuing work in urban ethnography and inner-city black America in a public address at 4:30 p.m. in the Healey Library's University Club.

Anderson is a leading scholar in his field and has earned high praise from peers such as William Julius Wilson, Cornel West, and Marian Wright Edelman. His latest book, which examines the social and cultural dynamics of inner city violence in the black community, received the 1999 Eastern Sociological Society's Komarovsky Book Award. He also has authored *A Place on the Corner* and *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community*. Anderson is currently the Charles and William L. Day Professor of Social Sciences in the Department of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Nantucket Field Station Receives New Van for Summer Program

UMass Boston's Nantucket Field Station recently acquired a used, seven-passenger, 1995 Ford Windstar van, which will be used to help transport students attending the summer programs on the island. The van was donated by the Don Allen Ford dealership on Nantucket upon the petition of the field station's Tony Molis. "It is perfect for the field station," Molis noted. As facilities manager, Molis continually works to acquire donations which will support the field station, everything from dishes to furniture.

The field station is located on the coast of Nantucket Island. UMass Boston biologists and environmental scientists use the station for field trips, individual research, and summer ecology programs. During the ecology programs, students stay in the station's apartment and participate in lectures, field trips, and hands-on field work. The property consists of a 45-acre saltmarsh, a freshwater pond, and a half-mile of beach and dunes on Nantucket Harbor. This provides a wide range of diverse marine, estuarine, and terrestrial habitats.

Daffodil Days Raise Unprecedented Donations

For the third year in a row, the UMass Boston community contributed to the American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" with remarkable support. Scheduled for March 28-30 the event "sold out" in only two days and surpassed last year's totals by \$300. The university raised \$2,300 this year, money which will help the American Cancer Society fund programs for cancer research, prevention, and edu-



Human Resource's Linda McDonough and Linda Morris, with Marguerite McLellan, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs help sell daffodils. (Photo by Harry Brett)



MBA students meet Cathy E. Minehan (center) president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. From left to right: Rabia Koseoglu, Marco Heller, CM Dean Philip Quaglieri, Minehan, Venky Seshadri, and Vanessa Wong. (Photo by Harry Brett)

cation, as well as services for cancer patients and families.

"Daffodil Days" Coordinator Clare Poirier says that the success of this event hinged on the efforts of staff volunteers. Next year, Poirier hopes to exceed the contribution to the American Cancer Society by increasing the number of flowers available for purchase. With the generosity shown by the UMass Boston family, next year should bring more hope to people and families coping with cancer.

MBA Students Examine the Economy with Minehan

MBA students got the chance to examine economic policy on April 12 with Cathy E. Minehan, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Minehan's address was a part of the College of Management's Senior Executive Forum Series.

As one of the nation's central bankers, Minehan's contributes to policy decisions that promote the safety and soundness of the U. S. financial system and the health of the nation's economy. In her address, she expressed her view that the cause of the current slowdown

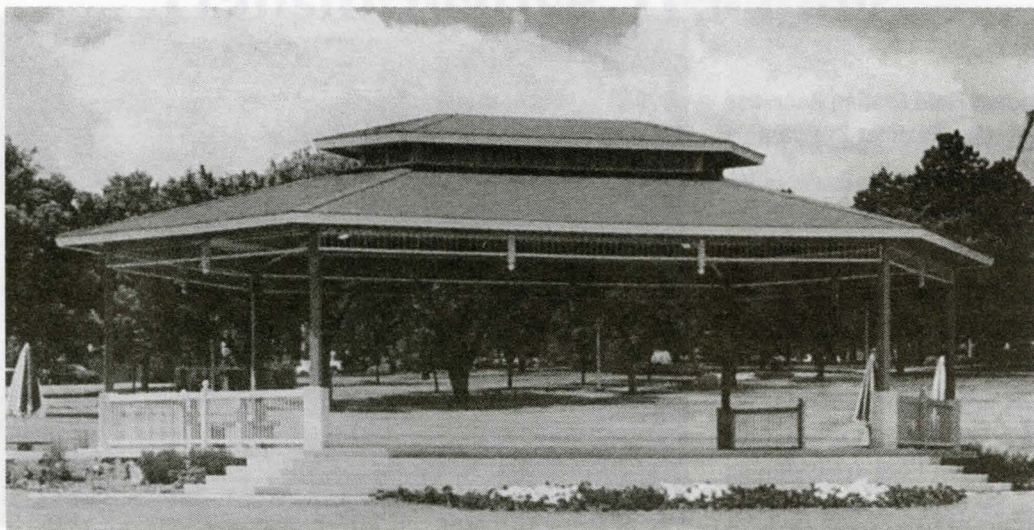
is not the Fed, but rather the prior high level of economic growth. Because of technology and the information sensitivity of markets, everything travels faster, including changes in economic activity. Minehan thinks that we are currently in a U-shaped recovery near the flat part of the U. She is optimistic that we may have seen the worst in some areas because consumption and consumer spending still have a solid base.

Count on College

Doctor's orders: apply at UMass Boston. A new program started at Boston Medical Center now offers assistance to students looking to attend college in the Boston area. The Count on College Program is a free hospital-based college discovery and counseling service for adolescent patients available through an affiliated doctor or nurse practitioner. The program includes information on UMass Boston in its catalog, and interested students are then put in touch with Heather Batherwich in undergraduate admissions, who coordinates the students' visits to campus. Liliana Mickle, director of undergraduate admissions, has had the university participate in the program since its inception. The program introduces the college decision-making process to students just beginning to think about the type of college they want to attend. It offers potential students a unique way to explore opportunities at UMass Boston and to get to know admissions counselors, financial aid representatives, and students.

April spotlights were written by Kim Burke, Leigh DuPuy, and Mary Ann Machanic.

A New Pavilion to Grace Harbor's Edge



The pavilion at Fox Point Landing will be very similar to this gazebo located at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota.

By Leigh DuPuy

Fans of the tent by the Fox Point Landing need not worry about losing their favorite lunch spot. The university is replacing the tent with a new gazebo pavilion, a permanent shelter for the community to enjoy all year round. Spanning the same dimensions as the 30' by 80' tented area, the pavilion will provide an area to gather, hold events, or just to relax by the harbor. The new structure will be constructed of environmentally friendly materials such as recycled plastic lumber, concrete, and wood, and will offer tables, seating, and a barbecue unit for events and recreation. Breaking ground

shortly, the builders will complete the new pavilion by the end of May, just in time for the enjoyment of the new summer sun.

"The pavilion will extend the site for use beyond the usual May-to-September season," explains Chris Sweeney, director of marine operations and assistant director of facilities support services, who has overseen the project. "We need a permanent outside area where people can gather on the water's edge."

The area is adjacent to the busy Fox Point facility, which is located on the campus's harbor walk at Savin Hill Cove. A very popular area, it is the site for *M/V Hurri-*

cane historical tours of Harbor Island, a research dock and vessel, and local sailing instruction.

The site is a favorite spot for many, including UMass Boston staff and students, K-12 classes, and community groups, and has hosted organizations ranging from the Harbor School, Boston College High School varsity sailing team, and the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Sweeney anticipates the area's continued popularity. With an extended season for enjoying the views, there is no limit to the activities which can be held at the new pavilion.

New Chancellor (cont.)

Truman scholars. She revised the university's general education requirements, placing an emphasis on science, technology, and computer literacy, as well as oral and written communications skills. She also expanded distance learning from two telecourses to 30 full degree programs and spearheaded a \$48 million capital campaign.

Bulger thanked interim Chancellor David MacKenzie, noting the "glowing reviews of his performance" that he has received, and said that Gora will be building on the leadership legacy passed down from former chancellor Sherry Penney.

In her first public appearance as chancellor-appointee, Gora remarked on the strength of UMass Boston and expressed great enthusiasm for her new position. She said, "I come to the University of Massachusetts Boston with a great sense of excitement—and purpose. UMass Boston is poised to become a true twenty-first century university:

focused on the community, fostering economic development, contributing to policy formation, and providing opportunities for lifelong learning."

She added, "I hope to be able to bring to the Boston campus a new vision, a new sense of optimism, new opportunities for growth." Her plans for the summer include reviewing key reports in preparation for her move to Boston. She said, "I hope to spend my first days meeting faculty and students, understanding their dreams and disappointments, learning more about the 12 institutes, and developing a set of action plans to address infrastructure and communication issues on campus."

Calling UMass Boston "the home town team," Gora said, "We are of the community and for the community." Her plans also include meeting the people who constitute the UMass Boston campus community, as well as the Boston community at large.

Commencement (cont.)

worldwide. He is also a chief proponent for the role of science in resolving societal problems such as poverty and hunger. His research foundation is a leader in applying traditional and modern science, including information technologies and biotechnology, to these pressing issues.

Other honorary degree recipients are: James T. Brett, president and chief executive officer of the New England Council and former longtime member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; A. David Mazzone, the federal district judge who presided over the clean-up of Boston Harbor and the battle over the George's Bank fishing grounds; Will McDonough, *Boston Globe* sports columnist, book editor, and television sports commentator; Jonathan Schell, journalist and author of ten books on war, atomic weapons, and the environment; and Lily Yeh, an artist classically trained in China, who has been instrumental in transforming one of Philadelphia's poorest neighborhoods into a lively and safe community.

"We truly have a distinguished, diverse array of honor-

ary degree recipients whose talents and achievements reflect the values and mission of UMass Boston," said MacKenzie.

"We have a world-renowned speaker, an excellent group of honorary degree recipients, and plans for a spectacular, efficiently-run ceremony. It promises to be a great day," said Gail Hobin, commencement committee chair. "The Committee has worked very hard to ensure that this year's event is enjoyable not only for the graduates, but also for their families."

The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. and all UMass Boston faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. They will be admitted to the hall by showing a university identification card. Those unable to attend the ceremonies in person can listen to a radio broadcast of the commencement address on WUMB 91.9 FM on Sunday, June 3 at 8:00 p.m.

University employees who would like to join in the excitement are encouraged to volunteer to work at the event. Any university employee interested in volunteering should contact the Office of Community Service and Special Events at 7-5322.

The 2001 Boston Folk Festival Has Expanded to Two Days!

Saturday and Sunday
September 22 - 23

Appearances by singer-songwriter Livingston

Taylor,
Irish legend Altan,
Marcia Ball,
Jimmy La Fave,
Chris Smithers,
and more.

See
www.wumb.org
for full details on
line-up and tickets!

Garage Rehabilitation Is Underway

The university's rehabilitation of the garage continued to progress, as contractors began demolition work in the enclosed construction areas on the upper and lower levels of the garage on April 16. The contractors will use air hammers from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until May 11 or soon thereafter. They are also using a robotic demolition vehicle to remove a structural beam; the vehicle is operated from 3:00 to 11:00 p.m. to help minimize the university's exposure to noise. Its use will reduce the demolition time by a week.

Pedestrian and traffic have been rerouted to accommodate the project. Pedestrians wishing to enter the Quinn Building from the upper level garage can use an alternative entry to the building. Alternative drop-off arrangements have been provided near the lower-level shuttle bus stop.

Four permanent handicapped van parking spaces have been relocated between McCormack Hall and Wheatley Hall. Parking on the upper-level sidewalk outside of the Quinn Administration Building or on the sidewalk outside the garage is not permitted. The Office of Parking and Transportation and the Public Safety Office have been working closely with the contractors to maintain a safe and viable traffic flow.

The university will keep the community updated on the project's progress until its completion. Those interested can find garage rehabilitation updates on the web at www.umb.edu, and those with specific concerns or questions can contact Stephen Chait at 7-5100 or at stephen.chait@umb.edu.

CAMPUSNOTES

Presentations, Conferences, and Lectures

Elsa Auerbach of the English Department participated in a panel entitled “Reconceptualizing Participatory Teacher-Researcher Relationships through Collaborative Dialogue” at the TESOL: Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages convention in St. Louis in March.

Jim Campen of the Economics Department presented the paper “Boston’s Soft-Second Mortgage Program: Reaching Low-Income and Minority Homebuyers in a Changing Financial Services Environment” at a Federal Reserve System research conference on April 6 in Washington, D.C.

Albert P. Cardarelli, director of the Center for Policy Research in Family and Community Violence, presented the paper “Social Capital and Community Policing in Large and Medium-Sized Cities and Towns” on April 7 at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Susan Eisenberg, CPCS faculty, delivered the Sidore lecture at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire on March 1. The lecture was based on her book *We’ll Call You If We Need You: Experiences of Women Working Construction*. She read from her poetry book, *Pioneering*, at the People’s Poetry Gathering in New York City on March 30.

Jacqueline Fawcett, College of Nursing professor, presented the keynote address, “Middle-range Theories: Is this the Answer for Nursing Practice?,” at the Third International Conference on Nursing and Nursing Science in Nuremberg, Germany, in April.

CPCS Professor **Jim Green** of the Labor Resource Center has been invited by the History Department at UMass Amherst to speak about his book *Taking History to Heart*. He will use the book as the basis for keynote talks in May at the Working Out West Conference in Portland, Oregon, and the Massachusetts AFL-CIO’s state education conference in Falmouth.

Biology Department faculty member **Joseph Gindhart** presented the slide “The Kinesin-Associated Protein Unc-76 Is Required for Aoxonal Transport in the Larval Nervous System” at the 42nd Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Washington, D.C., on March 23.

Mari Koerner of the Graduate College of Education chaired the symposium, “What Makes a ‘Good’ Student Teaching Placement? A Closer Look at Assessment in Four Urban Teacher Education Programs,” at the American Educational Research Association meeting in Seattle, held April 16-23.

Anne McCauley, art professor, presented “An American Impresario in Paris: Edward Steichen’s Work for 291” for a National Gallery of Art symposium in Washington, D.C., on March 24.

Professor **Siamak Movahedi**, director of the graduate Applied Sociology Program, presented the paper “What is it to Which Words and Theories Point in Psychoanalysis? The Demand for Theoretical Conformity and the Structure of the Analytic Situation” at the Division of Psychoanalysis of the American Psychological Association meeting held on April 26 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On March 14, **Sherry H. Penney**, the Sherry H. Penney professor of leadership in the College of Management, spoke to UCLA undergraduate student leaders and doctoral students in the College of Education on assuming successful leadership roles.

Sumner Rotman, director of the Center for Technical Education in the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, delivered a presentation at the Association for Career and Technical Education’s National Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. on April 3.

Lorna Rivera, assistant professor in the College of Public and Community Service, presented “The Right to Literacy: An Ethnography of Popular Education and Homeless Women in the Era of Welfare Reform” at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Seattle on April 12.

Lloyd Schwartz of the English Department is organizing and moderating a panel called “Elizabeth Bishop in Boston: Poets Remember” for the American Literary Association (ALA) in Cambridge to be held on May 25.

Professor **Nancy Stieber** of the Art Department presented “Metaphor and Metropolis: Imag(in)ing Amsterdam Around 1900” at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University on March 14.

Paul M. Wright, Boston office editor for the University of Massachusetts Press, will be chairing the session, “Redesigning ‘Books’ for an Electronic Age” at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing in Williamsburg, Virginia, in July.

Labor Resource Center faculty, staff, students, and alumni presented research at the United Association of Labor Educators (UALE) conference, held in Boston April 25 to 29. Participants included **Alison Bowens, Pete Capano, Kathleen Casavant, Mary Jo Connolly, Tim Costello, Jeff Crosby, Tess Ewing, James Green, Pat Reeve, and Connie Nelson**.

Publications

Elsa Auerbach of the English Department published her chapter “‘Yes, but:’ Problematizing Participatory ESL Pedagogy” in *Participatory Practices in Adult Education*.

Sharon Bostick, director of libraries, recently published her article “The History and Development of Academic Library Consortia in the United States: An Overview” in *Journal of Academic Librarianship*.

Jacqueline Fawcett, College of Nursing professor, published the chapter “Integrating Conceptual Models, Theories, Research, and Practice” in *Core Concepts in Advanced Practice Nursing*.

Sherry H. Penney, College of Management, has published her article “Change and Collaboration: the Greater Boston Urban Collaborative” in the spring issue of the *Metropolitan Universities Journal*.

Amy Weisman, Psychology Department, coauthored the article “Parent’s Reactions to the Identity Disclosure of a Homosexual Child” with J. Armento in *Family Process*.

Performances

Professor **John Conlon**, Communication and Theatre Arts, has been cast as Polonius in a forthcoming production of Tom Stoppard’s *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* to be presented by Unpremeditated Productions at the Boston Center for the Arts, from June 20 through July 2.

Isle of Hope for chorus and organ by Professor **David Patterson** of the Music Department was commissioned for the Ellis Island Medals of Honor Awards Gala and was performed at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City on May 12.

Grants

Jeffrey Burr and **Jan Mutchler** have been awarded a grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to investigate the roles of health and functional ability in shaping living-arrangement choices of older Americans.

The Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education has received three awards totaling \$190,000 to support its distance learning initiatives from the UMass System’s Distance Learning IT Bond Fund and eCollege.

Gopal Rao of the Physics Department was awarded a three-year research contract of \$420,000 by the US Army Natick Research Labs for work on nonlinear optics. Rao is developing materials that can be used to coat eyeglasses to protect the eye from laser light.

Appointments and Honors

Herbert P. Bix, former member of the History Department, won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction for his book *Hirohito and the Making of Modern Japan*. Bix taught at UMass Boston in the ’70s and is scheduled to teach the history of modern Japan here in the summer and fall.

Anita Miller, assistant vice chancellor, and co-presidents of the UMass Boston chapter of the Golden Key International Honor Society **Helenmary Hotz** and **Phaly Walker**, presented at the Society’s Northeastern Regional Conference at UMass Amherst from March 30 to April 1 and received the three top honors: “Outstanding Chapter of the Year;” “Regional Student Leader Award” (Hotz), “Northeastern Regional Advisor of the Year” (Miller).

Oscar Gutierrez, associate professor and former chair of the Management Science and Information Systems Department of the College of Management has been appointed a senior fellow at the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs.

Peter Schilling of the Admissions Office has been appointed to serve a three-year term as the New England Admissions Representative of NAFSA, the Association of International Educators.

Elaine Bauer of the Admissions Office has been selected to serve on Fisher College’s Program Advisory Committee for Liberal Arts.

Visiting Lectures

Lorraine Tulman, associate professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, shared the results of a review of more than 5,500 studies of women’s functional status as part of a distinguished scholar guest speaker series for the College of Nursing Ph.D. Program.

The Music Department invited pianist **Jeffrey Jacob** to lecture and perform George Crumb’s *Makrokosmos* at Snowden Auditorium on April 6.

Dissertations

Stephanie Carr, Ph.D. candidate in Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences, defended her dissertation, “A Demographic Anaylsis of *Mytilus edulis* Populations in Boston Harbor,” on April 9.

Beth Rosner, Ph.D. candidate in the clinical psychology program, defended her dissertation, “Empathy and Personal Distress in Young People with Williams Syndrome,” on April 25.

In the News

Professor **Jennifer Radden** of the Philosophy Department discussed her new anthology, *The Nature of Melancholy*, on *WBUR’s The Connection* on March 14. Her work was complimented for its “lyrical language” in the February 19 - 26 issue of *The New Yorker*.

Jean Rhodes, an associate professor of psychology at UMass Boston, wrote an editorial, “Finding the Right Mentors,” which appeared in the *New York Times* on April 2. Her editorial, which focused on government-sanctioned mentoring programs, drew on her work included in her forthcoming book *Older and Wise: The Risks and Rewards of Youth Mentoring*.

Jack Looney, professor of earth sciences, was quoted in the March 30 *Patriot Ledger* story about the recent flooding epidemic in Massachusetts.

Carole Upshur, director of the Program in Public policy, and the recent joint study released by the program and the Gastón Institute on math and science enrollments of Massachusetts Latino and African American students, were featured in the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Associated Press*, *NPR’s Morning Edition*, *WLVI-TV*, *WCVB-TV*, and *NECN*, April 11- 12.

Obituary

Joann P. Stewart, professor emerita of economics, passed away on April 9. She was a member of the faculty from 1982 to her retirement in 1993. In 1997, the Economics Department established the Joann P. Stewart award for the outstanding female economics major in recognition of Stewart’s achievements.

Miscellaneous

Professor **Philip Hart**, director of the Trotter Institute, initiated a master planning effort in Hollywood, CA, in concert with the Urban Land Institute, the American City Coalition, and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

On March 24, the **Department of Hispanic Studies** conducted a technology workshop for high school teachers of Spanish in the Instructional Technology Center. Twenty-seven Spanish teachers from sixteen Boston-area schools learned new technological applications to incorporate into their Spanish language classes.

April Corrections

John Warner is professor of Chemistry, not an associate professor as reported on page 7.

Chanyeong Kwak is a Ph.D. student of nursing, not gerontology, as reported in the Campus Notes section.

Calendar of Events

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

See www.umb.edu/news_and_events for future Calendar of Events listings for June, July, and August.

Tuesday 1

Book signing: *Searching for America's Heart: RFK and the Renewal of Hope* by Peter Edelman
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Faculty Club, 11th Floor, Healey Library. Sponsored by the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, Chancellor's Office, Women's Educational and Industrial Union, and Massachusetts Democratic Party. Contact: 7-5550.

UMass Boston Mainstage Production: *Steve Martin's Picasso at the Lapin Agile*
8:00 p.m., May 1 - 5. 2:00 p.m., May 6. McCormack Theatre. Presented by the Division of Communication and Theatre Arts. Tickets: \$10 for general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. Contact: 7-5642.

Free Tuesday Cruise On the *M/V Hurricane*
12:00 - 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Dock. Learn about the sites and sounds of the Boston Harbor Islands. Contact: 7-5404.

Wednesday 2

Holistic Health Fair
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st and 2nd floors. Information tables and demonstrations of massage, acupuncture, and polarity. Sponsored by the Health Promotion Program of University Health Service. Contact: 7-5685.

Psychology Senior Honors Poster Session
3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Science Center, 2nd floor atrium. Students will discuss their yearlong projects and findings. Contact: 7-6377.

Bringing Paid Family and Medical Leave to Massachusetts
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge. A forum addressing proposed new policy to provide paid family and medical leave for Massachusetts families. Featuring UMass Boston's Randy Albelda, Tiffany Manuel, Marion Spencer, and Jaime Rodriguez, and Massachusetts AFL-CIO's Kathy Casavant and Massachusetts Senator Susan Fargo. Contact: 7-7426.

Thursday 3

High School Science and Engineering Competition
8:30 - 10:00 a.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge. Students will demonstrate a method to code, send, and receive an arbitrarily-shaped 2D profile of the Moon surface using digital signals. More info is available at www.umb.edu/forum/1/teams. Contact: 7-6435.

Instructional Technology Center Power Breakfast
8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Healey Library, Presentation Room 2, Lower Level. Network with faculty and staff to discuss the Internet and web-related issues. Contact: 7-3990.

Gerontology Speaker Series: "At the Bottom of the Food Chain: An Ethnography of Older Waitresses"
1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147-2, featuring Donna Sullivan, Ph.D. candidate.

Friday 4

Biology Department Seminar: Symbiotic Protists of Termites: Models of Early Eukaryotic Cells
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Michael Dolan, UMass Amherst. Contact: 7-6600.

Music Department Senior Recital
7:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Featuring Sol Moscol Lizarbe. Contact: 7-6980.

Saturday 5

University Jazz Band Concert
7:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Peter Janson, director. Suggested donation: \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. Contact: 7-6980.

Monday 7

McCormack Institute Guest Lecture: Elijah Anderson
4:30 p.m., Healey Library, University Club. Lecturer discusses social and cultural dynamics of inner city violence. Contact: Al Cardarelli, 7-5531

Tuesday 8

Free Tuesday Cruise On the *M/V Hurricane*
12:00 - 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Dock. Learn about the sites and sounds of the Boston Harbor Islands. Contact: 7-5404.

Gastón Institute Speakers Series: Poverty in Policy - The Contradictions of Welfare Reform and Adult Basic Education in Massachusetts
1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, 11th Floor, Faculty Lounge. Featuring Lorna Rivera, Ph.D. Contact: 7-5790.

Institute for Asian American Studies Research Symposium: A Failure to Communicate: Exploring the Psychosocial Basis for HIV/AIDS-related Interpersonal Communication between Vietnamese American Sexual Partners
12:30 - 2:00 p.m., Wheatley, 4th floor, Student Lounge. Featuring Mai Tuyet Pho, UMass Worcester. Lunch will be provided for those who R.S.V.P. by May 4. Contact: 7-5650 or asianaminst@umb.edu.

Wednesday 9

College of Management Distinguished Executive Award Celebration: The Financial Services Industry: A Perspective
12:00 p.m., Maison Robert, Old City Hall, 45 School Street. Honoring Lawrence J. Lasser, Putnam Investments, Inc. Tickets: \$60. Contact Effie Godinho at 7-7702.

Green Bag Seminar Series: Consciousness and the Natural World
2:30 - 3:20 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-012. Featuring Dorothy Nelson, English Dept. Program subject to change. Contact: 7-7476.

Women's Studies Advisory Board Reception
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6th floor, English Conference Room. The reception is for faculty interested in teaching women's studies courses. Contact: 7-6780.

Teen Girls Legal Rights Project Reception and Handbook Distribution
3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-148B, CPCS Plaza. A reception for a new handbook for teen girls in Massachusetts. Contact: 7-7422.

WUMB Member Concert featuring Mark Erelli
7:30 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium. For reservations, contact 7-6900.

University Chorus and Chamber Singers Concert
7:00 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 138 Tremont Street, Boston. Featuring Jeffrey Rink as conductor and works by Copland, Palestrina, and Schubert. Suggested donation: General - \$5 and students and seniors - \$3. Contact: 7-6980.

Thursday 10

Gerontology Speaker Series: "Analysis of Senior Center Regulation of Problem Gambling"
1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley, 4-147-2, featuring Jennifer Higgins, Ph.D. candidate.

Friday 11

3rd Annual McNair Symposium
2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level, Media Auditorium. Contact: 7-5780

Biology Department Seminar: The Genetics of Flower Diversity: Beyond the Model Systems
2:30 p.m., Science Center, first floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring David Baum, Harvard University. Contact: 7-6600.

University Chamber Orchestra
8:00 p.m., Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 735 Commonwealth Avenue. Jon Ceander Mitchell, conductor. Suggested donations: \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. Contact: 7-6980.

Sam Bush WUMB Member Concert
8:00 p.m., Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. Enjoy an evening with a bluegrass instrumentalist and mandolin player extraordinaire. Tickets: \$25 plus handling fees. Call Harvard Box Office: 617-496-2222.

Monday 14

Green Bag Seminar Series: Issues in Wilderness Preservation and Restoration
2:30 - 3:20 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-012. Featuring Jennifer Schomp, Biology Dept. Contact: 7-7476.

Tuesday 15

Retirement Party for Catherine Manton and Elaine Morse, Women's Studies Program
4:00 - 6:30 p.m., Healey Library, 8th floor, Provost's Conference Room. Contact: 7-6780.

Free Tuesday Cruise On the *M/V Hurricane*
12:00 - 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Dock. Learn about the sites and sounds of the Boston Harbor Islands. Contact: 7-5404.

Wednesday 16

Instructional Technology Center Course L-267C: Using the Virtual Forum
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Presentation Room 1, Lower Level, Healey Library. Workshop introduction to live web-publishing utilities of the virtual forum using Netscape Composer and Forum File Manager. Contact: 7-3990.

Thursday 17

Music Department Voice Division Recital
7:00 p.m., Snowden Auditorium, Wheatley Hall. Contact: 7-6980.

Friday 18

Biology Department Seminar: Doing Double Duty? Kinesin-II Redistribution Between Cilia and Nuclei with Each Cell Cycle in Sea Urchin Embryos
2:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Featuring Robert Morris, Wheaton College. Contact: 7-6600.

Tuesday 22

Free Tuesday Cruise On the *M/V Hurricane*
12:00 - 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Dock. Learn about the sites and sounds of the Boston Harbor Islands. Contact: 7-5404.

Tuesday 29

Free Tuesday Cruise On the *M/V Hurricane*
12:00 - 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Dock. Learn about the sites and sounds of the Boston Harbor Islands. Contact: 7-5404.

The 11th Annual McNair Graduation Ceremony
6:00 - 10:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Library, Smith Hall. Contact: 7-5780

Upcoming Events

Massachusetts Education Computing 2001 "Shaping the New Millennium" Conference
June 13 - 15. Annual conference of IT professionals, campus faculty, and staff geared toward the use of technology in Massachusetts public higher education. Register on-line at www.cite.mass.edu/mecc.

UMass Boston Golf Classic
8:00 a.m., June 18, Franklin Park Golf Course, Boston. Tournament format. \$110 per player and \$400 per foursome. All proceeds support varsity sport programs and community youth activities. For registration, contact: 7-7802.

Miscellaneous

Harbor Tour: Historic Boston Light on Little Brewster Island
May 28 to July 4: Fridays: 10:00 a.m. Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sundays: 10:00 a.m. July 4 - September: Same schedule but with an additional 2:00 p.m. trip on Sundays. Friday trips leave from JFK Library and include a visit to the Library and Museum. Tickets are sold at the JFK Museum. Weekend trips leave from Fan Pier and tickets are sold at the store in the Boston Harbor Islands Discovery Center at the US Courthouse. Contact: 617-223-8666.

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal
Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials, examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.

Beacon Fitness Center
1st Floor, McCormack Hall. Membership is free for all students and available for a small fee to faculty, staff, and alumni. Aerobics classes and orientation to the newly updated Nautilus equipment available. 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: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-6786.