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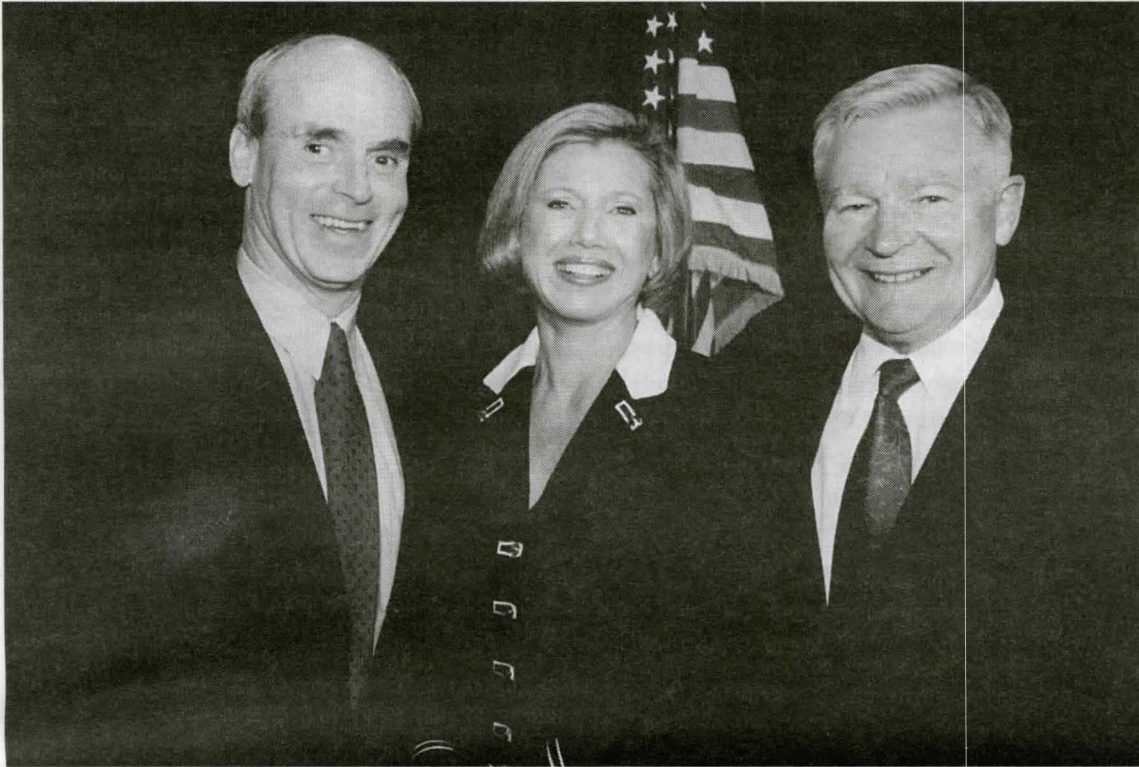
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## UMass Boston's "New Chapter" Opens with Convocation



Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas Finneran, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, and UMass President William M. Bulger at UMass Boston's convocation held on September 24. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Anne-Marie Kent

At the September 24 UMass Boston convocation, University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger announced that the event marks "a new chapter in the distinguished history of this campus." The crowd of nearly 550 included faculty, staff, students, UMass trustees William Giblin, Peter Lewenberg, James Mahoney, and student trustee Sandy Karahalidis. Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas Finneran joined Bulger in voicing his enthusiasm for this new era.

For six weeks now, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora has been meeting with UMass Boston academics and administrators, institute directors and community leaders, and students and legislators, and getting their sense of the university's greatest challenges and strengths. She has also been asking the question, "What constitutes a national model for pub-

lic urban universities?"

That question can be traced back, says Gora, to the first UMass Boston convocation held in December of 1966. Then Chancellor John Ryan, stated that a model urban university must be integrated with society, measuring its economic, social, and moral health and reflecting its problems, hopes, successes, and failures.

"If we are to become the model of public urban higher education that is our birthright," said Gora, "then we should have facilities and a campus that also reflect excellence." Noting that recent renovations, including repairs to roofs, addition of sprinklers, and library brick-replacement—all totaling \$21 million—are largely invisible, she announced plans to invest a million dollars in more renovations, including: new paint and carpeting, upgraded meeting areas, and im-

provements to the Wit's End Café and the Wheatley student lounge. Inviting the audience to visualize these improvements and the addition of the new Campus Center with its bright, open architecture, Gora presented a vision of a clean, expanded and improved university in the near future. She pointed to the painting of Wheatley Hall interiors, the construction of the Fox Point Pavilion, and the improvements to Lipke Auditorium as signs of things to come.

In addition to efforts to change the look and feel of the campus, Gora announced plans to increase use of technology. Currently 300 instructors use the ten general-use labs, two "smart classrooms" and 50 laptop computers. Thanks to the President's Office, Gora will fund ten new "smart classrooms," and provide faculty with laptops and Instruc-

tional Technology Center training and support.

Outlining the strengths of the university, Gora praised the commitment that "extends throughout all ranks of those who work or study here." She mentioned dozens of faculty and staff by name, noting that while students raved about professors, professors praised students and university staff.

Another strength she identified was the university's integration with the community. Gora pointed to schools partnerships such as Joan Becker's work bringing \$3.4 million federal and state dollars into Boston, the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education's 800 courses in over 60 disciplines offered at 12 off-campus sites, Hubie Jones's Columbia Point Community Partnership, and the 132,000 community youth Charlie Titus's athletics programs serve annually.

She added that UMass Boston's range of institutes and centers enable the university to

speak to community residents, to partner with the school systems, to collaborate with neighborhood organizations, and to provide highly regarded research to undergird public policy analysis and formulation. She said, "This is a role that no other university in Boston plays as well as we do."

Gora's convocation address earned high marks. One university staff member praised its candor and strength. Another voiced appreciation for her "can-do" attitude. Freshman Wan Chen said, "It was helpful to hear about the changes planned for the university. It's going to be great in the future."

"We must do for ourselves as a university what we do for our students," Gora concluded. "We meet them where they are, we work to bring out the best in them, we build on their strengths....In the same way, we can build on *our* strengths—our many kinds of strengths—and go on to become the best urban university this country has ever seen."



Chancellor Gora unveils her goals for the university to a crowd of over 500 UMass Boston staff, students, and faculty. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Festival Celebrates Music

Out of respect for the tragic losses of September 11, the university rescheduled convocation for September 24 and created support and forums for the university community to come together. Publication of the October *University Reporter* was delayed to cover these university activities. We thank you for your understanding.



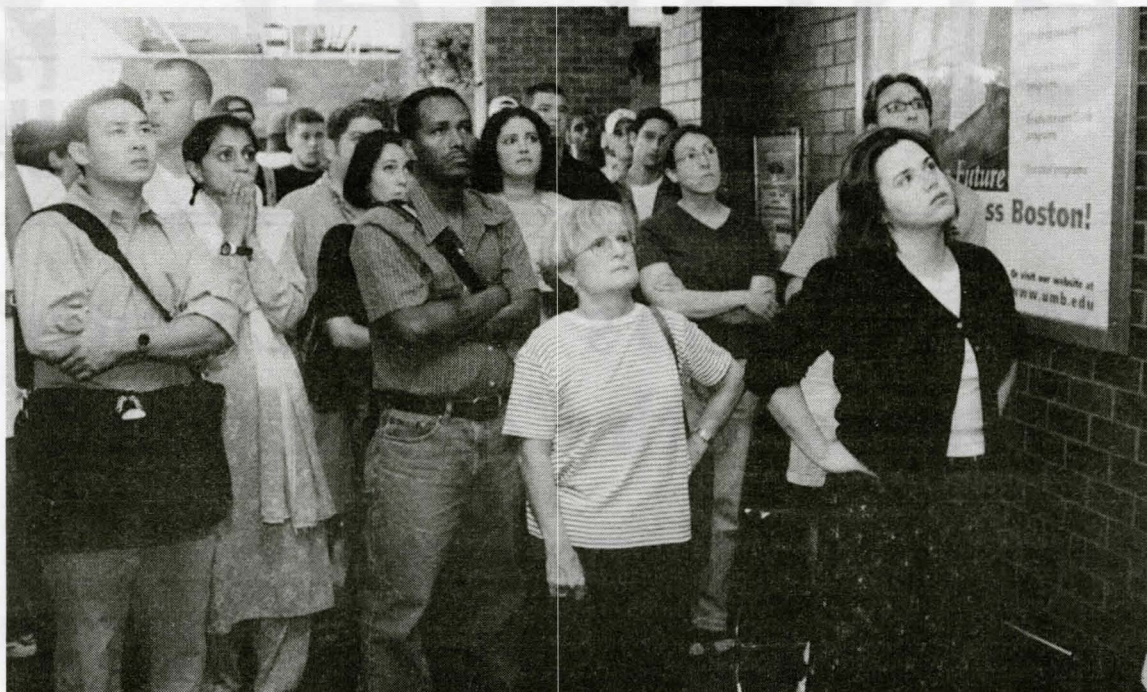
# September 11: UMass Boston Reacts to National Tragedy

By Leigh DuPuy

It had started as a routine morning with students, faculty, and staff arriving on campus Tuesday, September 11, to start the workday or attend an early class. Within seconds of a network broadcast announcing two planes had crashed into New York's World Trade Center, the day's tenor changed drastically and members of the university community gathered around the bookstore television, turned on office radios, and tried to access the Internet to monitor the news as tragedy unfolded.

Disbelief mounted as news spread of other hijacked planes and crashes in Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and a series of evacuations in businesses, government offices, and schools throughout the country. Following the announcement by Massachusetts Governor Jane Swift that all nonessential state employees should return home, UMass Boston administrators cancelled all classes and university activities after 11:15 a.m. Cars crowded the university drive, local roads, and highways as people left school or work to go home. By the end of a day marked by a blitz of news bulletins and graphic footage, the world had witnessed what is now being called the worst act of terrorism on American soil.

The university community returned to classes and work on Wednesday, passing American and international flags at half-mast along university drive. Many events were postponed in response to the shock, grief, and loss felt by all, including UMass Boston's convocation, which was rescheduled for September 24, and a business club forum with Mayor Thomas Menino.



University students and community members watch the televised coverage of September 11 outside the UMass Boston Bookstore in the Quinn Administration Building.

Instead, the Offices of the Chancellor, Academic Affairs, and Student Affairs created campus activities to offer support and forums to express reactions.

On Wednesday, September 12 an interfaith memorial service was held at the Ryan Lounge in McCormack Hall. To a group of students, faculty, and staff, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora voiced a common sentiment, "This is not only a national tragedy, but a UMass Boston tragedy. This is a terrible time our nation is facing. September 11 has changed us all."

Reverend Adrienne Berry-Burton invited memorial participants to stand and offer their prayers and thoughts. Many addressed the group to discuss their fear, confusion, anger, and sorrow during the service. The program also included readings from selected psalms as given by Joel Grossman of the

Health Services Department and a moment of silence and prayer.

On Thursday afternoon, more than 250 people returned to the Ryan Lounge to discuss reactions, historical perspectives, and future consequences of terrorist activities. At a teach-in entitled "The Terrorist Attack: A Forum and Dialog for the UMass Boston Community" a group of faculty and students addressed the crowd, examining the histories of terrorism, how people handle trauma and grief, and the rise of anti-Islamic sentiment toward Arab American citizens.

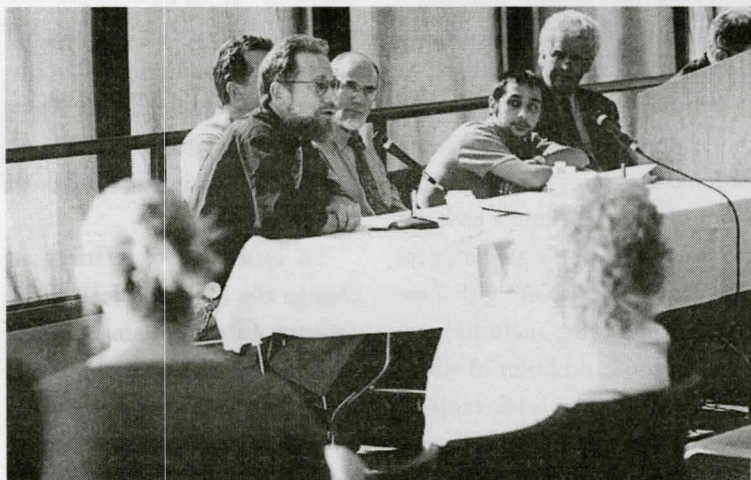
Kevin Bowen, director of the Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, led the panel. Participants included Paul Bookbinder, a history professor who spoke on the history of political violence and terrorism; Ester Shapiro, psychologist and specialist in grieving and depression; and Paul

Atwood, a Joiner Center fellow with expertise in the Middle East. Particularly poignant was the testimony of UMass Boston student Mohammed El-Khatib. He spoke of the already fervent prejudice against Arab American and his own fear of retaliation against American citizens of Middle Eastern descent.

The university offered other opportunities for people to share their thoughts in the "National Disaster Loss Grief Session" held on September 25 at the Health Promotion Center. University Health Services and Campus Ministry also invited people to register for a bereavement group, which will meet in eight sessions. People are encouraged to visit the counseling center or participate in university health and campus ministry programs as needed in the aftermath of September 11.



Sister Sung-Ae Kim, Reverend Adrienne Berry-Burton, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, and Dean of Students Stephanie Janey join students, staff, and faculty in a memorial prayer service held on Wednesday, September 12.



Faculty and students discuss terrorism and university reactions to the events of September 11 during the teach-in panel at the Ryan Lounge.

Photos by Harry Brett

## Students Organize Donation Drive

In response to the disaster relief needs in New York, Washington, D.C., and Somerset County, PA, a committee of students banded together to organize a series of collections from September 24 to 27 at the UMass Boston. Donation stations for non-perishable foods and money were set up at the McCormack and Wheatley Information Booths from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Office of Student Affairs also served as a drop-off spot for donations of money and non-perishables.

Monetary donations were contributed to the WB56 Disaster Relief Fund, which matched \$0.50 for each dollar, and the food items were donated to the Salvation Army with the assistance of a local merchant and UMass alumni with connections to the College of Management.

Those wanting to help further can call the following agencies to learn how to donate blood, food, and services:

American Red Cross  
800-468-3543

United Way of  
New York  
212-251-4035

The Salvation Army  
617-542-5420

Greater Boston  
Food Bank:  
617-426-5200

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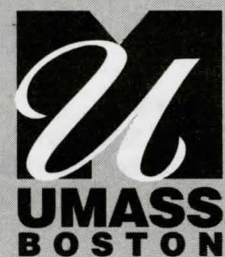
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# College of Management Convocation Features Jack Beatty

By Mary Ann Machanic

The College of Management (CM) began the academic year in great style with a convocation program that welcomed Chancellor Jo Ann Gora and featured Jack Beatty, a senior editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*. Beatty addressed the group of CM faculty, staff, advisory board members, and special friends at a September 6 luncheon and discussed his latest book, *Colossus: How the Corporation Changed America*.

Beatty is the author of *The Ras-cal King*, a biography of former Boston Mayor James Michael Curley, and *The World According to Peter Drucker*, an intellectual profile of the management theorist. The author and editor attended Boston State College and UMass Boston, served as a co-chair of *UMass Boston First*, and received a doctorate in humane letters *honoris causa* in 1994 from UMass Boston.

His book *Colossus: How the Corporation Changed America* weaves historical source material with Beatty's own analysis. He traces the rise of the American cor-



C-Span taped Jack Beatty's CM convocation address for its "Book TV" series. (Photo by Harry Brett)

poration from its beginnings in Colonial America to today in this anthology of news articles, critical essays, and excerpts from biographies, letters, and literature.

Tracking U.S. corporate history from the Massachusetts Bay Colony to AOL Time-Warner Inc., Beatty contends that, for good or ill, it is big business—and not government, politics, or law—that has played a

dominant role in shaping American civilization and powering social, economic, and cultural change.

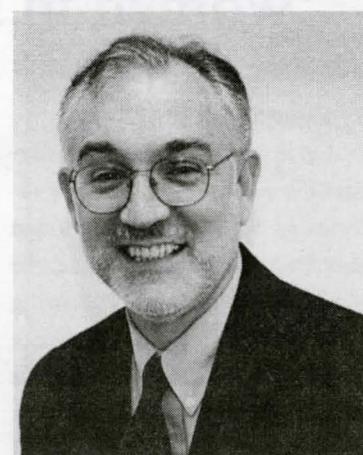
Beatty's theories on change, competition, and control, and the intertwined histories of the U.S. and its corporations can be heard on C-Span's "Book TV" series. The telecast will feature the convocation address at a future air date to be announced.

## Gora Appoints Interim Provost

Chancellor Jo Ann Gora named Professor Arthur MacEwan interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs on September 14.

MacEwan has been a faculty member of the UMass Boston Economics Department since 1975. He served as chair of the department in 1977-79 and 1983-86, and has been active on several committees in the College of Arts and Sciences, including the college personnel committee. He has served as vice president of the faculty staff union since 1990, grievance officer since 1991, and acting president in both the spring of 1992 and the fall of 1997. In his faculty-staff union work, he has become familiar with faculty across the university and with personnel procedures at every level. He also has gained experience with numerous issues as they affect each of the colleges individually.

MacEwan received his doctorate from Harvard University, where he was the recipient of the Wells prize in economics. He was a faculty member there for seven years prior to joining the



(Photo by Harry Brett)

UMass Boston faculty. He is the author of four books, joint editor of three others, and author of numerous professional papers. He is the receipt of fellowships from the German Marshall Fund and the Social Science Research Council. Much of MacEwan's scholarly work has been devoted to international economics. He was a research associate at the Harvard Center for International Affairs for five years, spent two years in Pakistan at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, and has been a consultant to the International Labor Organization of the United Nations.

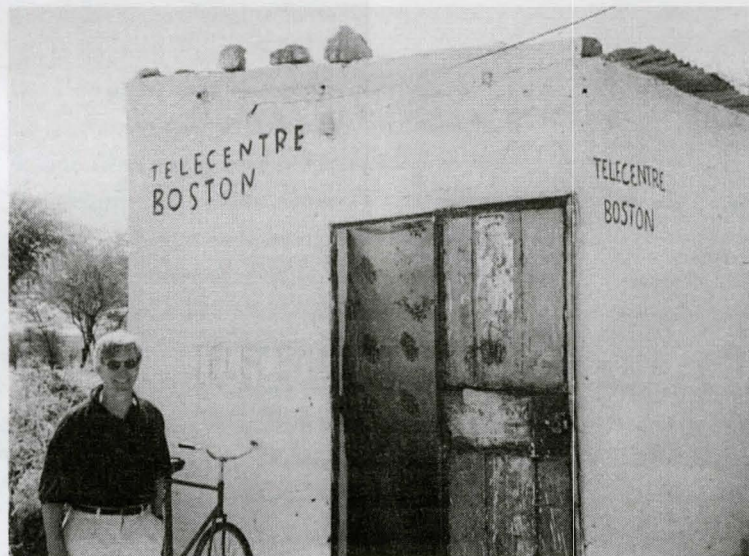
## McCormack Institute Senegal Partnership Receives New Support

By Joe Peters

UMass Boston's McCormack Institute, which for nearly two decades has dealt with government and public policy issues here in the United States, is applying its expertise to those abroad. For the past two years, it has been in partnership with the Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis in Senegal, a largely rural country in West Africa.

This partnership was forged under a two-year USAID (Agency for International Development) grant. However, a new \$148,000 grant under the federal Education for Democracy and Development Initiative (EDDI) will pick up where the former federal grant left off.

Specifically this new grant will go toward creating a multi-function resource center designed to link Gaston Berger with the surrounding community. This center will provide various services and technologies from a women's center to a small-business assistance area to civic education to technology that will allow the community to use the Internet and other communication tools. The center will



Richard Delaney, a fellow at the McCormack Institute, poses next to a public telephone facility built in Senegal with support from the McCormack Institute. It is the only public telephone in its area.

help connect the community with the university.

UMass Boston Africana Studies chair and McCormack Institute Senior Fellow Jemadari Kamara will serve as the director of the efforts in Senegal for the coming year while on a one-year Fulbright Scholarship.

The expectation is that the center will contribute to the region's economic growth and promote education in health, agriculture, business practices, and community participation, thus

nourishing a healthy, stable democracy. The McCormack Institute also intends to bring local experts in public policy and government to West Senegal advise leaders and citizens on public policy issues.

Ed Beard is the director of the McCormack Institute and explains that much of the work on the center at Gaston Berger is being done with an eye toward being able to duplicate these centers and programs throughout many other areas.

While it is true that the McCormack Institute has its roots in the government and public affairs of Boston and the region, this kind of world focus is nothing new. Starting in 1992, the institute began thinking of ways it could offer its expertise to democracies around the world, specifically in areas of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Africa.

Against the backdrop of the recent events in New York and Washington, D.C., Beard notes, it serves the best interest of democracy, both here and abroad, to help people build stable communities.

"We could try to isolate ourselves completely," he says of a U.S. response to terrorism. "Or we can try to promote democracy and economic development throughout the world so that conditions of poverty and powerlessness do not foster new generations of terrorists. We may never be able to eliminate all terrorism, but we can try to alleviate the conditions in which it breeds. In however small a way, that's what we're trying to do in Saint Louis."

## Gerontology Institute Studies Elders in Housing

The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and the Gerontology Institute received a grant from the Boston Foundation to strengthen service supports to the 1,600 elders and their families living in family housing units operated by the BHA.

Researchers will identify characteristics and special needs of seniors living in family housing, including both physical and social needs, and determine to what extent family housing is providing a conducive environment for meeting those needs. The information gathered will focus especially on factors shaping the desire to "age in place"—to remain in current housing—and the basis for that desire. The researchers also will estimate the extent to which elders currently living in family housing are interested in moving to senior housing, where services are more readily available.

The goal of the project will be met through a sample survey of elders living in family housing, discussions with focus groups of elders currently living in family housing, and analyses of administrative and ecological data available through the BHA.

-Robert Geary

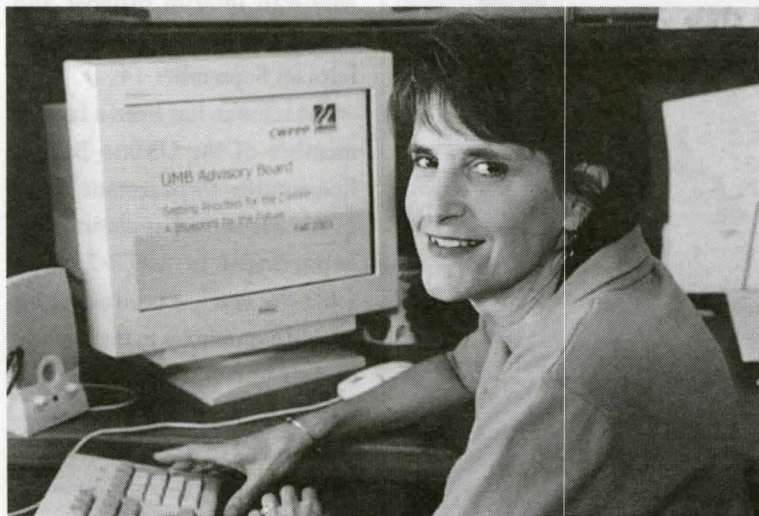


# A New Leader for the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy

By Elena Sarikelle

On August 26, Carol Hardy-Fanta was appointed the new director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy in the McCormack Institute. Following a national search, Hardy-Fanta was the committee's unanimous recommendation. As she begins her tenure, her vision is to build on the strengths of the program's 30-year past. The center's mission is to encourage the participation of women in public life and to provide leadership in public policy research and outreach on issues of concern to women in the Commonwealth. Hardy-Fanta looks forward to the center's renewed commitment to its mission and forward movement on a variety of new initiatives. "I want to reinvigorate the center's connection as a resource for women on campus and throughout the community," said Hardy-Fanta.

Her initiatives include reinstating the internal advisory board, strengthening connections with women in Massachusetts government, and bringing in community scholars to do research projects. One such project would look for



Carol Hardy-Fanta is the new center director. (Photo by Harry Brett)

ways to foster excitement within young women that would lead them to become political activists. Hardy-Fanta's also plans to turn the current center's library into an information clearinghouse where women can gather, from both the campus and community, to research data and reports. Hardy-Fanta said, "My goal is to take all voices of women to determine the center's educational and research agenda."

Hardy-Fanta earned her Ph.D. in public policy from Brandeis University in 1991; she served as the research director for the cen-

ter for five years and then served as the chair of faculty in the Masters' in Public Affairs Program. She is an active scholar with two books and numerous articles that focus on a wide variety of public policy, gender, and race issues.

The debut of the "new" center will be on Friday, November 2 at the State House. The center, along with Mass Action for Women, also will release the results of the research project "Connecting for Change: Results of the Mass Action for Women Audit."

# A Best Practice: Biology Advising

By Robert W. Guimond

Last spring I was invited to appear before the University Retention Committee to provide information on the Biology Department's advising practices. Here is a summary of our current advising processes for undergraduates.

As soon as an individual declares a biology major, he or she either chooses or is assigned an adviser and is required to make an appointment with the adviser to review the student's current status and projected course of action. The student also is given our 37-page *Biology Department Handbook for Undergraduates* containing pertinent information that is updated yearly.

In addition to a student's assigned faculty adviser, the department has an advising committee, the chairman of which is the departmental director of undergraduate advising (DUA). The DUA works closely with the department chairman, and supervises and coordinates all advising functions for Biology's more than 450 majors.

In order to maintain uniformity of standards and procedures, students wishing to transfer credits, seeking permission to take certain course credits elsewhere, or requiring waivers or modifications of departmental requirements must secure formal approval, in writing, from the DUA and/or the chairman. All transactions agreed upon by faculty in their advising capacities are kept with the DUA in a central repository. Those materials then are referred to when a student's transcript is evaluated for potential graduation.

Twice a year, prior to the fall and spring registration periods, the faculty-adviser lists are updated and posted in the hallway and biology faculty members receive updated lists of their current advisees.

About one month prior to

registration periods, letters are sent to all biology majors informing them of the need to see their advisers before registering. On the reverse of the letter is a complete list of faculty advisers, along with their office locations, phone numbers, and office hours. In the letter, students are apprised that they must see their advisers to review course selections and remove the hold on their names in the Registrar's Office in order that they may register.

At about the same time that student letters are sent out, informational memoranda and packets are sent to all biology faculty members, reminding them of the forthcoming registration and their advising responsibilities.

Finally, the DUA remains available during intercession and in the summer to handle all advising matters that may arise. The DUA is also the liaison between the department and the registrar's, admissions, and university advising offices to keep the department informed of changing practices or policies.

Two elements play a key role in the department's success in its advising efforts. The mandatory nature of student advising prior to student registration compels students to see an adviser in order to be able to register for courses. Also, especially useful in large departments is the existence of an individual faculty member, other than the chair, who is entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating all aspects of a department's advising activities. This promotes continuity in departmental practices from one year to the next.

Robert W. Guimond, Ph.D., J.D., is a professor in the Biology Department. This column is a part of a continuing monthly series featuring best practices at UMass Boston.

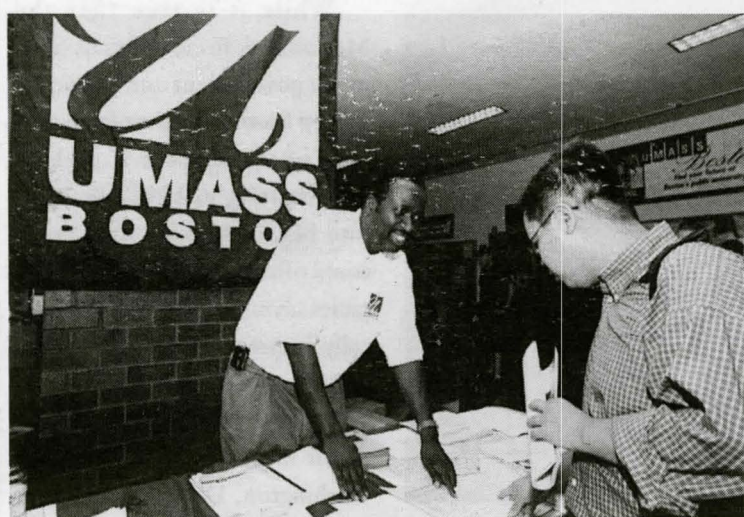
# University Welcomes Back Students

By Patrick Dwyer

Marking the start of another school year, thousands of new and continuing students infused life and vitality into the UMass Boston campus on Tuesday, September 4. Noticeably different this year were the numerous activities and festivities of Opening Day 2001, a campus-wide initiative designed to welcome students to campus and reduce the stress of long lines, last-minute registration, and first-day jitters. The university community greeted students with banners and balloons, information tables, live music, and free bagels, sushi, and nachos.

Opening Day "showed heart-felt spirit," said Liliana Mickel, director of undergraduate admissions. "We're grateful to students who chose to enroll with us, who chose to return to UMass Boston."

Further dispelling the notion of "business as usual" was a live R-and-B performance in the Quinn Administration Building by the band Six of One. Featuring staff members Tom



Abayomi Thompson of the Undergraduate Admissions Department assists in orienting a new student. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Goodkind and Dick Lourie, the band played an infectious two-hour set.

Despite the celebratory nature of Opening Day, the start of any new semester is never without stress and anxiety for students. Graduate student Kelly Tobin found the day to be "slightly chaotic. I thought the flyers with information about the different offices placed throughout campus was good," she said. Vanessa Aller '03 from the College of Arts and Sciences said, "I thought it

was great, with so many people around, to have information tables all over campus, for people who needed help."

While final numbers are not yet in, it appears as though the total enrollment at UMass Boston remains level with fall 2000 enrollment. Registrar David Cesario reports approximately 8,500 enrolled undergraduate students, 2,600 graduate students, and over 1,100 Continuing Education students as of September 19.

## Share Your News And Events!

Submit news items for the November Campus Notes and Calendar of Events by Tuesday, October 16.



# Two Days of Fun at the Boston Folk Festival

By Anne-Marie Kent

Expanded this year to two days, the fourth annual Boston Folk Festival, organized and run by UMass Boston radio station WUMB 91.9 FM, proved that more is better, at least when it comes to folk music. For the weekend of September 22, the festival transformed the entire campus into a musical showcase for over 40 musical groups, representing traditional and contemporary folk, gospel, bluegrass, rockabilly, and Celtic styles.

According to WUMB Station Manager Patricia Monteith, diversity is an important part of the event's success. "The Boston Folk Festival celebrates the wealth and diversity of folk music from Massachusetts and all over the world," she says. "There's truly something here for all ages and all musical interests." She continues, "Adding a second day to the festival this year allowed us bring in some quality talent who were not available to perform on Saturday."

Folk fans seemed to agree. Some spent each day on the main stage field, tossing frisbees and reading books between sets, while others rushed from stage to stage, hoping to catch favorites or get a sampling of everything.

Nine stages of entertainment on Saturday and two on Sunday provided a dizzying range of options. On Saturday, for example, the afternoon choices included learning African dance from the group Mohamed Kalifa Kamara



Above: Ciarán Tourish, a musician in the Irish traditional band Altan, played on Sunday under the American Flag.

Right: UMass Boston Alumni boarded the Boston Belle to tour Boston Harbor and listen to folk artists as part of the homecoming activities held in conjunction with the festival.

Below: Fans gathered on the soccer field by the main stage area to enjoy the top festival headliners.



and the Spirit of Africa, singing sea chanteys aboard a harbor cruise with Lynn Noel and Friends, enjoying the bluesy sounds of Chris Smither outside, or retreating indoors for any of the coffee house stages or song swap workshops. For those with small children, there were kids' activities near the Fox Point Pavilion and lots of movement on the dance stage, which was open to everyone. Even university staffers and students taking breaks from Saturday classes joined in to rockabilly sounds of Paved Country and the salsa-hot rhythms of Mondo Sweetie.

On Sunday, the fun started up again under sunny skies with two stages. At the Fox Point Pavilion, one offered music, storytelling, Irish and contradancing. The main stage, on the front soccer field, offered music and more. Serving everything from Brazilian barbecue, Indian curry, pad thai, Chinese lo mein, fruit smoothies,

and ice cream, the congregation of food vendors formed a kind of bohemian outdoor food court.

Sunday's main stage line-up consisted of Kerri Powers, Jimmie LeFavre, Livingston Taylor, Eddie from Ohio, the Holmes Brothers, and Altan. While Huru remained motionless, a number of people sprang up to dance, bopping to the upbeat tempos of Eddie from Ohio and the bluesy rhythms of the Holmes Brothers. When Irish band Altan played in the late afternoon, a group of unlikely stepdancers gathered for an impromptu afternoon jig. University President William M. Bulger even took the microphone for a few songs to close out the event, much to the delight of the crowd.

"We couldn't have asked for better weather or better performances from all the artists, including the president," joked station manager Pat Monteith. "This year, I think we also saw a special tribute to the country that only folk musicians could have offered."

This year, of course, the festival followed the tragic terrorist strikes of September 11. American flags

flew everywhere: little flags attached to baby carriages, large flags waved by energetic members of the crowd, and even a flag-motif button-down shirt worn proudly by one folk fan. On Saturday, Marcia Ball and ten other performers led the audience in singing, "We Shall Overcome," and "Amazing Grace." On Sunday, performers Eddie from Ohio, Kerry Powers, Jimmy LaFavre, and Livingston Taylor offered renditions of "America the Beautiful," and "This Land is Your Land."

"This is a UMass Boston event that has always brought people together in a celebration of diversity," says Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, who attended both days of the festival. "Following the national tragedies of September 11, this year's festival provided us with a special time to cherish peace and unity."

## New Life-Long E-Mail Accounts for Students

By David Cesario

The Undergraduate Registrar's Office has announced that UMass Boston is now providing new web-based e-mail services for students, which are free, easy to use, and available for life. To use the new student e-mail, students need only connect to the Internet and access [webmail.umb.edu](http://webmail.umb.edu). The security of this system requires that their web browser support high level encryption. We recommend Internet Explorer version 5 or higher. If they need to upgrade their web browser, they can go to the download section of Microsoft's web site at [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com). Web browsers are free, costing only the time it takes to download.

For anyone who is familiar with e-mail, the new UMass Boston student webmail system will not require any training. First-time e-mail users can learn how to use webmail by attending a workshop in the student computer lab on the upper level of the Healey Library. Classes will be held in the white lab area on Wednesday, October 3, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., and on two Fridays, October 5 and 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The student e-mail system is a new initiative for UMass Boston that is expected to enhance communication among students, as well as with faculty, university offices, and beyond. The university will notify students regarding any university business through e-mail. If students don't intend to use the webmail address provided by the university as their regular account, they can arrange to forward messages to their preferred account. The Undergraduate Registrar's Office will maintain this system, and students can always contact this office at [questions@students.umb.edu](mailto:questions@students.umb.edu) or by phone at 617-287-6223.



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## Campus Center Changing UMass Boston Landscape

By David MacKenzie

After many years of planning, delays, and sometimes frustration, we finally broke ground on our new Campus Center on July 20. The center will be the new front door to the campus and will transform the look and feel of the campus, and that of Columbia Point as well. The facility will consolidate student services and activities, as well as providing new dining facilities and conference center space. It will be an open, inviting building, facing the harbor, with a limestone shell. When completed in December 2003, the building will be 331,000 square feet, approximately the size of McCormack Hall.

We are currently driving over 1,000 pilings into the ground to form the structure on which the Campus Center will rest. We expect to finish the pile driving in October. Please pardon the noise and inconvenience that this activity may cause.

We plan to start constructing the steel structure for the building in late November and will have the all the steel in place by September

2002, weather permitting.

At the same time as the Campus Center construction, we are making a number of changes in our parking options. We are committed to retaining approximately the same number of parking spaces for our faculty, staff, students, and visitors throughout the construction process.

For example, we have already built an extension to the North Lot on its northeast corner with 175 spaces. Early in October, we will be opening a new parking lot, to hold approximately 360 cars that will be accessed through Wheatley Hall. In November, we will be opening an additional lot adjacent to the Clark Center, where we are converting some temporary modifications from the presidential debate into permanent parking for 104 cars.

As time goes on, we will keep you up to date on the progress of the campus center, the various parking and garage projects, and energy conservation projects through e-mail and other media.

## Arts on the Point Brings Columbia Point History to Campus

By Wendy Baring-Gould

Arts on the Point will bring an example of its community outreach programming to UMass Boston in the form of a hand-made quilt that illustrates scenes from the history of the Columbia-Harbor Point community. The quilt was created this spring by an inter-generational group of residents who worked under the leadership of fabric artist Clara Wainwright to record the history and personal memories of early residents of that community.

The vibrant six by nine foot work titled *Families in Action, Memories from Columbia Point* is exhibited in the 5th floor gallery of the Healey Library from September 17 through October 30, accompanied by archival and contextual material. A welcoming reception for the quilt's creators and interested members of the university community will be held on October 1 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

After October 30, *Memories from Columbia Point* will move to the DeCordova Museum, where it will be part of a retrospective exhibition of Clara Wainwright's in-



Photo by Theresa Hadley

dividual and collaborative work. There are plans to follow this project with a second history quilt that will involve young people from the Walter Denny Youth Center in illustrating current life at Harbor Point.

Arts on the Point has focused this past year on creating educational programming which links the surrounding neighborhoods to UMass Boston's contemporary sculpture park. The project is under the leadership of Executive Director Paul Tucker and Wendy Baring-Gould, director of educa-

tion and community outreach, and in collaboration with members of the Community Advisory Board. The goal is to encourage our neighbors to participate in creating art works in collaboration with members of the university art faculty and community-based artists and to foster a greater understanding of the importance of art and the role of the artist in contemporary society. Projects are also underway with the Dorchester Center for Adult Education, Little House Alternative School, and Little House After School Programs.

## UMass Boston Makes Strides Against Breast Cancer

For the seventh consecutive year, UMass Boston will join over 325,000 walkers nationwide for the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event. The 5-mile Boston walk will take place along the Charles River on Sunday October 14. The fundraiser supports research, early detection, treatment, genetic tests, risk reduction, and access to care for breast cancer programs with the American Cancer Society. Clare Poirier, director of personnel administration in the Human Resources office, is hopeful that the UMass Boston team can surpass last year's total of approximately \$3,500. She points out, "Bringing a team to the walk is a good way to give back to the community."

Registration forms will be available in the Human Resources Office and in the Beacon Fitness Center. The UMass Boston team meets in front of the Hatch Shell at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the walk, but with a rolling registration between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., late sleepers can participate as well.

-Kim Burke

## The Latest with PeopleSoft

By Leanne Marden

Have you heard the term "PeopleSoft" lately? Are you wondering what it is? PeopleSoft is a company founded in 1987. It is also the name of the company's main product, an enterprise-management software package that includes software for human resources, finance, and student administration. Most importantly, PeopleSoft is a project here at UMass Boston to replace outdated administrative computing systems.

Currently, team members are working to install new systems for the areas of finance, human resources, and student administration.

The new human resources and financial systems are being designed and built together by all UMass campuses and the President's Office. This effort occurs primarily in Worcester and has been named "Project e\*mpac," an acronym for Enterprise Management and Performance through Administrative Computing.

The Inter-Campus Student Information System, known as ISIS, is a collaborative effort of

the Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses to design and build the new student administration systems. Core team members for this project also are located primarily in Worcester. Currently team members are working on the recruiting and admissions components of the system.

Over the course of the next year, the campus will introduce various modules of each of these systems. In December, the student recruiting module will go into operation. In January 2002, the new human resources system will become operational, followed by the student admissions module that is tentatively scheduled to "go live" in summer 2002. Finally, in July 2002, a new financial system is scheduled for operation.

In the coming months you will hear more about our new computing systems and find out how the campus and your departments can get ready. The change in technology provides UMass Boston the opportunity to change the ways we do business and to ultimately improve our service to students, faculty, and all members of the campus community.

## University Recruitment Open House

October 27  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Workshops and information sessions, academic and student service tables, campus tours, and refreshments for current and potential students.

Want to participate?  
E-mail [open.house@umb.edu](mailto:open.house@umb.edu)  
or call 617-287-6007  
for more information.



# CAMPUS NOTES

## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

**Praytush Bharati**, assistant professor of management science and information systems, presented "Service Quality of a Choiceboard System: An Experimental Investigation" at the 2001 America's Conference on Information Systems.

**Margery O'Donnell** of the McCormack Institute's Center for Democracy and Development presented the results of UMass Boston's partnership with the Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis of Sénégal at the Synergy in Development 2001 Conference in Washington, D.C. **Michael MacPhee**, research associate, attended as well.

**Debra Osnowitz**, research associate in the Labor Resource Center, presented her paper "Making Gender Malleable: Home-Based Professionals and Household Work" at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in August.

**Sherry Rhyno** of Marketing and Information Services and **Tony Holmes** of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education attended the Stamats conference "Generating Successful Integrated Marketing and Branding Strategies for College and Universities" held in Boston August 12 - 14.

On August 27 **Gary N. Siperstein**, director of the Center for Social Development and Education, presented a white paper at the Learning Disabilities Summit in Washington, D.C.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Randy Albelda** of the Department of Economics published "Welfare-to-Work, Farewell to Families? U.S. Welfare Reform and Work/Family Debates" in the most recent issue of *Feminist Economics*.

**James Bierstaker** of the Accounting and Finance Department has co-authored "An Examination of Internal Auditors' Utilization of Internally Developed and Commercial Software" in *Internal Auditing*.

**Jay R. Dee**, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education, co-authored the book *Smart School Teams: Strengthening Skills for Collaboration* to be published with Rowman & Littlefield/University Press of America.

**Xiaogang Deng** of the Sociology Department co-authored an article, "Impact of Citizen Review Board on Complaints Against Police Brutality," in *Policing*.

**Jacqueline Fawcett** of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences published the chapter "Conceptual Models of Nursing, Nursing Theories, and Nursing Practice: Future Directions" in *Nursing Theory: Utilization and Application*.

**Enrico Marcelli** of the Economics Department contributed "Informal Employment in California" for *The State of California Labor - 2001 Report*.

**Elizabeth Sherman**, senior fellow of the McCormack Institute, published the article "Comparable Worth: Opportunities for Gender and Racial Equity" in the summer 2001 issue of *The Women's Policy Journal of Harvard*.

**Nina Silverstein**, associate professor of gerontology, and **Jennifer Moorhead**, a doctoral candidate of gerontology, published "Responding to Social Service and Health Care Needs of Aging Women Veterans" in the *Journal of Women & Aging*. The article was based on research conducted jointly in the Gerontology Institute and Joiner Center.

Philosophy's **Robert Swartz** completed four articles, "In the Grips of Emotions," "Skillful Decision Making," "Teaching Thinking in Science," and "Infusing Critical and Creative Thinking into Content Instruction," in the 2001 edition of *Developing Minds*, which is scheduled for publication in November.

Associate Professor **Dennis J. Stevens** of the College of Public and Community Service completed the textbook *Applied Community Policing*, to be published in 2002. The textbook features data from surveys completed by the Boston Police Department and 900 Dorchester residents.

**Julie Winch**, professor in the History Department, published the article "'A Person of Good Character and Considerable Property: James Forten and the Issue of Race in Philadelphia's Antebellum Business Community'" in the most recent issue of the *Business History Review*.

**Xuchen Wang** of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department published the paper "Contribution of 'Old' Carbon from Natural Marine Hydrocarbon Seeps to Sedimentary and Dissolved Organic Carbon Pools in the Gulf of Mexico" in *Geophysical Research Letters*.

**William Robinson**, professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department (ECOS), and ECOS Ph.D. graduate **P. Satish Nair** published "Cadmium Binding to a Histidine-Rich Glycoprotein from Marine Mussel Blood Plasma: Potentiometer Titration and Equilibrium Speciation Modeling" in *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*.

## PERFORMANCES

**Peter Janson** of the Music Department released his second solo recording, *Sometimes From Here*, in June. The recording ranked #2 on the New Age Voice Top 100 Airwaves chart for three months.

The "Workshop in Drama," taught by **Ron Nash** of the Division of Communications and Theatre Arts this semester, will produce three short plays: *Trifles*, *The Jewish Wife*, and *Incident at Vichy*. The plays will open after Thanksgiving.

## GRANTS

**Xiaogang Deng** of the Sociology Department has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation to conduct a comparative study of shame and deviant behavior in Taiwan and the United States.

Professors **Robert Morris** of Computer Science and **Rob Stevenson** of Biology received a \$620,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Division of Biological Infrastructure as renewed funding for their "Electronic Field Guide." In addition, the team has received more than \$640,000 in NSF grants for their projects in biodiversity data discovery and ecoinformatics.

**Juanita Urban-Rich** of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department received a contract within a larger NASA-EPSCOR-funded project to examine optical characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico. She will be collaborating with scientists from Louisiana and Mississippi to look at the coastal optical characteristics in a river-dominated shelf for the next three years.

## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

**James Bierstaker**, assistant professor of accounting and finance, has been awarded tenure.

The Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Department has appointed Assistant Professor **Daniel Brabander** director of the new environmental science undergraduate department

and hired new faculty member **Meng Zhou**, a physical oceanographer and modeler.

**Carla Byers** has been appointed director of major gifts for the College of Management.

**Robert Crossley**, professor of English, accepted the first Cordwainer Smith Rediscovery Award on behalf of the late Olaf Stapledon at the World Science Fiction Convention in Philadelphia on September 2. Crossley is Stapledon's biographer, editor, and literary executor.

**Virginia Harvey** of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology was elected to fellowship status at the American Psychological Association's annual convention held in San Francisco in August.

**Eric Hayden**, professor of accounting and finance, **Sylvia Dorado**, assistant professor of management and marketing, **Edward Romar**, lecturer in management and marketing, and **Praytush Bharati**, professor in management science and information systems, received Dean's Faculty Scholarship awards from the College of Management.

**Vicki Milledge**, assistant professor of management and marketing, has been appointed program manager for the Emerging Leaders Program in the Center for Collaborative Leadership.

**Laura O'Leary**, a recent graduate of UMass Boston's Applied Sociology program, joined the Office of Institutional Research as associate research analyst.

**Alexia Pollock**, assistant professor of biology, received a proposal development grant of \$6,000 from UMass Boston for her project "Regulation of Striatal Neuropeptides Following Dopamine Agonist Priming."

**Jennifer Raymond** of the Center for Social Policy was selected as one of 30 individuals in the state to participate in the Massachusetts Campaign Leadership Training, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

**Elizabeth Sherman**, senior fellow at the McCormack Institute, has been appointed research associate at the Center for Public Leadership of the Kennedy School of Government for her work in progress on women's political leadership in the United States.

**Adrienne Vigilante** has been appointed assistant director and international transfer credit evaluator in the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Adrienne has worked at the university for seven years, primarily with international students.

**Lin Zhan** of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, the only nurse from Massachusetts chosen this year. Zhan will be inducted with 67 new fellows during an induction ceremony at the Academy's 2001 Annual Meeting, held in Washington, DC on October 27.

## EVENTS

On September 5, the McCormack Institute hosted a luncheon and roundtable discussion with the President's Office in the Chancellor's conference room for a delegate from the German State of Hesse. The twenty members of that parliament's Committee of Higher Education, Research, and the Arts examined the role of state government in the management of institutions of higher learning and the role of public-private partnerships in Massachusetts universities.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The Urban Land Institute published a report of the Downtown Advisory Panel visit to Hollywood, CA. The visit was organized by **Philip Hart**, director of the Trotter Institute, through The American City Coalition (TACC) and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. The report will guide the multi-billion dollar facelift now underway in Hollywood.

## IN THE NEWS

On August 15, **Marlene Kim** of the Department of Economics was a guest on *Business 1060's* morning show to discuss her research on earnings discrimination against black women. She was also a plenary speaker at the Union of Radical Political Economists summer conference on August 20. The title of her talk was "The Working Poor in the U.S."

**Jan Mutchler**, professor of gerontology, is quoted in the *Boston Globe* on September 10 in an article about the loneliness of elderly men who are widowed and its effects on their well-being.

**Richard Delaney**, director of the Urban Harbors Institute, is quoted in a September 4 *Boston Globe* article on the revival of environmental protests during the Bush administration.

**James Green**, professor of labor studies, was quoted on the history of working people in the *Boston Globe* on September 1 and the *Patriot Ledger* on September 3.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

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.

Submit November calendar listings by October 16 to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor, fax (617) 287-5305, or e-mail [news@umb.edu](mailto:news@umb.edu). See the News and Events page on [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu) for the Calendar of Events on-line listings.

## MONDAY 1

### Native American Flute Performances

10:30 - 11:30 a.m., McCormack Hall, 2-404. Featuring the composition "Beaver Moon" by David Patterson. James Pellerite, concert flutist, will lecture and perform, accompanied by percussionist Eric Platz. Contact: 7-6980.

**Families in Action. Memories from Columbia Point**  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Healey Library, 5th floor gallery. Reception for quilt exhibit, creators, and the university community. Contact: 7-5347.

## TUESDAY 2

### Chemistry Seminar Series:

"Design of Crystalline Materials"  
4:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-089. Featuring John McDonald, Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Contact: 7-6130.

## WEDNESDAY 3

### Health Services Open House

12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, 2nd floor hallway. Free screenings of blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, flexibility, body fat, and dental health. Food, raffle prizes, chair massage, acupuncture talk and demonstrations. Contact: 7-5685.

### Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: "Comparing Early Life History Strategies of a Globally-Distributed Marine Species: Implications for Recruitment."

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Francis Juanes, UMass Amherst. Contact: 7-7440.

### Forum for the 21st Century: "Understanding the Strategic Directions of Boston's Major Community Foundations."

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., State Street Bank, 225 Franklin Street, Enterprise Room, 5th Floor. Featuring Michele Courton Brown of FleetBoston Financial Foundation, Paul Grogan of The Boston Foundation, and Elizabeth Smith of The Hyams Foundation. Contact: 7-6824.

## THURSDAY 4

### Manufacturing Roundtable

7:00 - 9:00 a.m., Newton, MA. Featuring Brian Jones, President of Nypco Plastics North America, speaking about their patented continuous improvement initiative "Demand, Compression, Supply." Contact: 7-7737.

### UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Volleyball

6:00 p.m., vs. Simmons College. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

## FRIDAY 5

### Department of Biology Seminars:

"Signal Transduction Downstream of the gp130-containing Ciliary Neurotrophic Factor (CNTF) Receptor"  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Steve Reeves, Massachusetts General Hospital. Contact: 7-6618

## SATURDAY 6

### UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Soccer.

1:00 p.m., vs. University of Southern Maine. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

## MONDAY 8

Columbus Day. University closed.

## TUESDAY 9

### Chemistry Seminar Series:

"Diamonds and Dust: K/T Boundary Clay Analysis"  
4:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-089. Featuring Lisa Lloyd Kindstrand, UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6130.

### Instructional Technology Center: Technology Enhancing Teaching with Jenzabar.com

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level. Learn how to enhance classroom web technology using Jenzabar.com. Workshop code: L-680. Contact: 7-3990.

## WEDNESDAY 10

### Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series:

"Episodic Sea-Level Rise Events Over the Past 18,000 Years: Their Impact on Coastal Evolution and Lessons for the Future."  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring E. Robert Thieler, U.S. Geological Survey. Contact: 7-7440.

## FRIDAY 12

### Department of Biology Seminars:

"Checkpoint Responses and Repair of a Broken Chromosome"  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring James Haber, Brandeis University. Contact: 7-6618

## MONDAY 15

### Environmental, Coastal & Ocean Sciences Seminar Series:

"Integrating Spatial Controls into Fishery Management Systems."  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Daniel Holland, UMass Dartmouth. Contact: 7-7440.

## TUESDAY 16

### College of Management Senior Executive Forum

6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room. Featuring Vivian Huan, chairman of the board and president, Asian American Bank. Contact: Effie Godinho, 7-7702.

### Chemistry Seminar Series:

"The Chemistry and Biology of Novel, Dual Acting 5-Lipoxygenase Inhibitors and H1 Receptor Antagonists for the Treatment of Asthma."  
4:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-089. Featuring Ralph Scannell, Union Chimique de Belgique. Contact: 7-6130.

### Instructional Technology Center: Planning Your Flash Website

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level. Learn how to design a web site using Flash. Workshop code: L-195. Contact: 7-3990.

## WEDNESDAY 17

### Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series:

"Examination of Sea Scallop, *Placopecten magellanicus*, Aggregations Using a Video Survey in Closed Areas of Georges Bank."  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Kevin D.E. Stokesbury, UMass Dartmouth. Contact: 7-7440.

### UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Tennis

3:00 p.m., vs. Emmanuel College. UMass Boston tennis courts. Contact: 7-7801.

## THURSDAY 18

**CPCS Community Policing Discussion**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th Floor. Presentation of Dennis Steven's research in community policing. Commander Robert Dunford of the Boston Police Department and Dorchester residents discuss the results of the study. Food served. Contact: 7-7124.

## FRIDAY 19

### Department of Biology Seminars:

"Cell signaling pathways regulating circadian clock function"  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Mary Harrington, Smith College. Contact: 7-6618

## SATURDAY 20

### UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Soccer

1:00 p.m., vs. Western Connecticut State University. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

## WEDNESDAY 24

### Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series:

"Integrated Watershed Modeling and Decision Support for Sustainability Research."  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Timothy Randhir, UMass Amherst. Contact: 7-7440.

## FRIDAY 26

### Department of Biology Seminars:

"Understanding the *Arabidopsis* Circadian Clock: A Chronic Challenge"  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Robertson McClung, Dartmouth College. Contact: 7-6618

### Graduate College of Education, Higher Education Administration Doctoral Program: "Community Colleges in the New Century: Evolving Missions, Innovative Strategies"

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Massachusetts State Archives Building (general session). 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wheatley Hall (workshop sessions). Contact Jay R. Dee, 7-7694.

## SATURDAY 27

### University-Wide Open House

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Undergraduate, graduate, and Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education. Registration; welcome address by Chancellor Jo Ann Gora; debut of university recruitment film. Opportunity for prospective new students to speak with faculty, staff, and currently enrolled students. Contact: 7-6007 or [open.home@umb.edu](mailto:open.home@umb.edu).

### UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Soccer.

1:00 p.m., vs. Keene State College. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

## MONDAY 29

### Instructional Technology Center: Web Development Forum

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Lower Level. Question and answer session on web development, offering technical and design advice. Workshop: L-280. Contact: 7-3990.

## TUESDAY 30

### Chemistry Seminar Series: "Interface of Organic Synthesis and Medicine: From Enzyme Inhibitors to Taxol"

4:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-089. Featuring Iwao Ojima, SUNY Stony Brook. Contact: 7-6130.

## WEDNESDAY 31

### Biotechnology & Health Care Professionals Connection

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge. Opportunity for UMass Boston students and alumni to meet New England's top companies in the biotechnology and health care industry. Candidates should dress in business attire and bring resumes. Contact: 7-5519 or [www.careers.umb.edu](http://www.careers.umb.edu).

### Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series:

"Oil Spill Injury Assessment in the Real World."  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring David S. Page, Bowdoin College. Contact: 7-7440.

### Counselors Appreciation Breakfast

8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd floor. High school guidance and college counselors learn about new programs, services, and future events.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### University Career Services

University Career Services hosts employers from top local companies each semester. The On-Campus Interview Program is open to graduating students of any major. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to learn about InterviewTrak, the web-based system for the interview program, at Career Services seminars offered throughout the semester. Contact: 7-5519 or [www.careers.umb.edu](http://www.careers.umb.edu).

### Instructional Technology Center (ITC)

Support for faculty and staff to learn, create, and connect with technology. ITC supports instructional technology in the classroom, professional development, distance learning technology, and special events. Contact 7-3990 or [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) for more information.

### 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

Open to students, faculty, staff, and UMass Boston alumni members. Fitness professionals, strength equipment, free weights, cardiovascular equipment, racquetball and squash courts, and aerobic classes are available. Hours are 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 to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-6786.

### Health Promotion Programs:

Offers programs in meditation, tai chi, yoga, study skills, weight management support, smoking cessation, and AIDS awareness. Contact: 7-5685.