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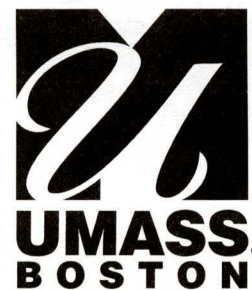
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Jo Ann Gora Is Inaugurated as Sixth Chancellor on September 27

By Melissa Fassel

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members, and business leaders celebrated the beginning of a new era for UMass Boston with the installation of Jo Ann M. Gora as UMass Boston's sixth chancellor on September 27.

Provost Paul Fonteyn opened the ceremony, naming the campus representatives in attendance and introducing University of Massachusetts President William Bulger. Bulger welcomed the sizeable crowd of more than 500 guests, pointing out Gora's interest in making the inauguration "a celebration of the entire university, not simply her investiture."

Representatives from throughout the university community spoke briefly at the installation. Student Trustee Heather Dawood pointed out Gora's enthusiasm for inviting

students to share their experiences with her. On behalf of the undergraduate and graduate student bodies, Dawood pledged to "work with Gora to help bring the campus to new heights." Classified staff representative Carolyn Dunn charged Gora with maintaining a campus that is accessible and affordable, affirming that "access and excellence go hand in hand, and are not mutually exclusive."

College of Management Assistant Dean, MBA program director, and alumnus Daniel Robb, said he and the professional staff that he represented look forward to the change and exciting challenges Gora will bring to the campus, reminding the university to "think of things not as they were or as they are, but how they could be." Faculty Council President and Professor Celia Moore

agreed, saying, "We are very fortunate to have you here to lead us in this time of change."

Colin Ward '00, representing UMass Boston alumni, spoke of how proud he is to have graduated from Boston's public university: "We are brought together by an alma mater that helped us spread our wings and a faculty that helped us soar to new heights."

The City of Boston's Mayor and alumnus Thomas Menino '88 emphasized the importance of the day for the entire community: "In turbulent times, universities are often the voice of reason and the voice of fresh perspective. UMass Boston is a civic leader – a place where ideas are born and put into action." He said that, as an alumnus, he experienced first-hand the commitment that the university has to the high-

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Chancellor Jo Ann M. Gora smiles as University of Massachusetts Trustee Robert M. Mahoney speaks during the ceremony of investiture. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Biology Professor Hopes to Use Plants in the Fight Against Pollution



Adan Colón-Carmona, assistant professor of biology, displays the plants he and his students are using to study phytoremediation. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Sarah Oktay

"What does phytoremediation have to do with pollution?" a layperson might ask a biologist like UMass Boston's Adan Colón-Carmona. Phytoremediation is the rehabilitation of contaminated water, air, or soil using plants to extract harmful substances. With the help of talented undergraduate and graduate students, Assistant Professor Colón-Carmona is working on isolating genes in the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* that can be used to identify native plants with inherent abilities to degrade pollutants, or that can provide information needed for genetically engineering plants to clean up soils that are contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

PAHs are major pollutant byproducts of oil-based manufacturing. As society increases its dependence on oil for energy and for consumer goods, more of these products and their byproducts are entering the environment. PAHs are very pervasive; they are found in asphalt, plastics, and many consumer goods. Animal cells can incorporate these contaminants and accumulate them in their tissues. Toxic effects of pollutants like PAHs include cell death, cell mutations, and cancer. Colón-Carmona's group is investigating whether plants can metabolize these contaminants and/or remove them permanently from the environment. They are also investigating if some

plants are hypersensitive to pollutants and could act as biomonitors, or early warning devices, to signal if pollutants are present.

For example, scientists have recognized that wetlands and marshes act as effective filters for pollution from urban and agricultural sources. Plants can react in different ways to a pollutant introduced in the air, soil, or water. They can sequester the toxin without modifying or degrading it or sequester and biodegrade the toxin, changing it to another type of molecule. They can also exclude or actively remove the toxin after intake and put it back into the watershed or air.

Plants respond to external

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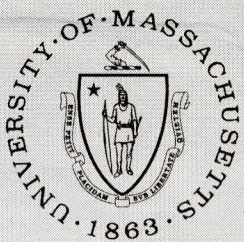
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Celebrate UMass Boston

Chancellor Gora Outlines Her Commitments to the University

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est standard of education and public service, and pledged to the new chancellor, "I will work with you to make sure this city works with UMass Boston."

Senator Jack Hart brought congratulatory greetings from the Massachusetts legislature, and praised Gora on already making UMass Boston a better institution through her energy and commitment.

In her inaugural speech, the Chancellor focused on the importance of serving both students and the Commonwealth at large. She emphasized the need to develop a greater sense of community internally while enhancing the external visibility of UMass Boston's research and its impact on the Commonwealth's public policy.

She affirmed her dedication to the construction of residence halls, acknowledging that, while UMass Boston is a university geared toward the needs of commuter students, it needs to be responsive to the countless applicants who request housing, and the hundreds of students who report that they would not transfer out if a residential college experience were available. Creating this blend of commuters and residents would foster in-

creased social, athletic, and extracurricular activities, Gora posited.

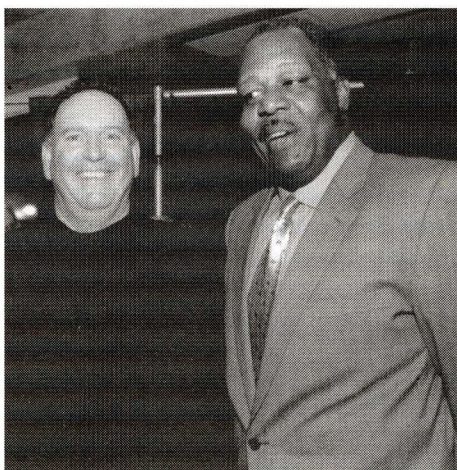
Chancellor Gora thanked "the men and women who labor every day to ensure the best possible educational experiences for our students," and received extended applause from the faculty and staff in the audience when she digressed in her speech to note her and President Bulger's support of salary increases, which were vetoed by Acting Governor Jane Swift.

Gora also proposed a computer certification for all graduating students in order to increase their value in the job market, increased student use of the Nantucket Field Station across academic disciplines, and more paid internships and scholarship opportunities.

The university's sixth chancellor was aptly described by Margaret Miller, former president of the American Association of Higher Education, current editor of *Change Magazine*, and professor at the University of Virginia, who said, "Above all things, Jo Ann Gora is a problem solver – what you see is what you get. If she says she's dedicated to the mission of this campus, you can believe it."



Left: University of Massachusetts trustee Robert Mahoney, Reverend Ray Hammond, University of Massachusetts President William M. Bulger, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, Mayor Thomas M. Menino '88, former trustee Peter Leuenberg, and trustee James Karam. (Photo by Harry Brett)



Caption: UMass Boston alumnus Mark Atkins '71 and Charlie Titus, director of athletics. (Photo by Harry Brett)



Chancellor Gora with friend Joyce Plotkin, president of Massachusetts Software and Internet Council, Inc. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Students Sample the "Hidden Jewels of UMass Boston" and Plaza Barbecue



More than 1,000 students came out to enjoy a barbecue on the plaza and to visit the "Hidden Jewels of UMass Boston" display which offered information on university services, the chance to win free tuition for the semester, and an opportunity to register to vote. Faculty and staff served students the barbecue fare of hot dogs, veggie burgers, potato chips, and cookies. (Photo by Harry Brett)

College of Management Welcomes Back Ben & Jerry's CFO

By Mary Ann Machanic

The College of Management (CM) welcomed Mickey Wiles '83, chief financial officer of the Vermont ice cream manufacturer Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., back to campus for a day of special activities. At CM's fall convocation Wiles addressed the timely topic of "Corporate Citizenship"; spoke privately with faculty from the Accounting and Finance Department; met with students in an undergraduate class on managerial ethics; and spoke to MBA students on "The CFO in 2002" in the first of this academic year's Senior Executive Forums.

"This wonderful opportunity for us to have a well-regarded CFO offer his expertise and experience at a time of turmoil in the financial mar-

kets and to share the unique culture of Ben & Jerry's with our faculty, staff and students," said CM Dean Philip Quaglieri in his introduction of Wiles, who was visiting the campus after a 19-year absence. Wiles returned the compliment, noting his "wonderful experience" at UMass Boston and the "fantastic education and many benefits" he had received at CM. Key aspects of Ben & Jerry's organization, particularly its well-documented commitment to social responsibility, are studied at many business schools, including the College of Management.

Wiles finds the recent rash of accounting scandals "personally painful" and clearly wishes that

other organizations subscribed to the core beliefs found in Ben & Jerry's mission statement, which focuses on product quality, achievement of financial goals, and social responsibility. Many of Ben & Jerry's environmental and social initiatives are now widely followed by others.

Wiles, a certified public accountant, received his degree in management with a concentration in accounting in 1983. He joined Ben & Jerry's as corporate controller prior to the company being purchased by Unilever N. V. of Great Britain in 2000. He was named chief financial officer after the deal was completed, an unusual move for Unilever, which typically replaces CFOs when making acquisitions.

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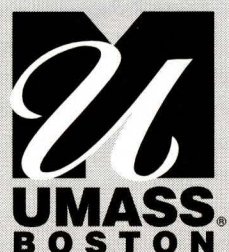
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Celebrate UMass Boston

Scholars, Experts, and Policymakers Lead Three University Forums



Above: Curtis Olsen, professor and chair of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department; Kathie Olsen, associate director for science with the Office of Science and Technology of the Executive Office of the President; Robert Durand, secretary of environmental affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Rich Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

To enhance inaugural festivities, UMass Boston highlighted its commitment to public policy dialogue by inviting leading experts, top scholars, and prominent policymakers to lead three university forums held on September 26. Offering a wide range of topics, the forums drew large crowds and inspired provocative discussions in the community at large.

Over 200 people attended the first forum of the series "The Role of Media in Public Policy Formulation," which featured industry experts offering their perspectives on the complicated relationship between media coverage and policymaking. Panelists Martin Baron, editor of the *Boston Globe*;

Ray Howell, president of Howell Communications and former press secretary to Governor Weld; and Ellen Hume, media analyst and former executive director of the PBS Democracy Project, analyzed the differences "between what the role of media should be...and what is is."

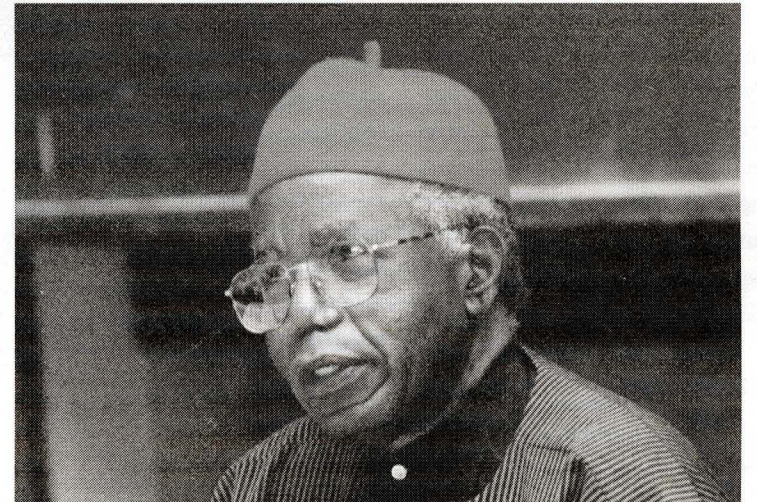
"At its best, the media should maintain an independence, a critical accountability to the common person. And it should be representative, bringing other voices to the table," said Hume during the panel.

Later in the afternoon, top policymakers Robert Durand and Kathie Olsen led the forum "Science and Environment" before a packed auditorium in the Science Center. Durand, secretary of environmental

affairs for the Commonwealth and Massachusetts, and Olsen, associate director for science with the Office of Science and Technology Policy of the Executive Office of the President, offered local and national perspectives on such current issues as environmental sustainability and the importance of environmental education.

Durand praised the resources UMass Boston's science faculty and centers offer the community. "Our ability to tap the centers of UMass Boston is critically important," Durand said. "We need to educate, engage, and empower future generations."

Olsen mirrored Durand's emphasis on the importance of environmental education. "Events like [the forum] highlight the incredible value education and research gives to our lives and our future. If we invest in research and development, we better our lives, we better our environment, we better our jobs, and we better our homes," she said.



Above: Chinua Achebe, the Charles P. Stevenson Jr. Professor of Language and Literature at Bard College. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Below: Ellen Hume, media analyst and former executive director for the PBS Democracy Project; Martin Baron, Editor of the *Boston Globe*; and Ray Howell, president of Howell Communications and former press secretary to William Weld. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The final forum featured Chinua Achebe, the internationally acclaimed writer of *Things Fall Apart* and other works which have shaped modern African literature. He discussed "diversity and literature" in the Science Center's Lipke Auditorium.

Introduced as a "formidable champion of diversity" by Africana Studies professor Chukwuma Azuonye, Achebe received a standing ovation from an auditorium filled with over 500 people. Achebe read from one of his short stories and offered insights on the critical need for diversity in education. He spoke of his own teaching at Bard College, where he is the Charles P. Stevenson Jr. Professor of Languages and Literature. His courses include many works of African literature unknown to his American students. "Why do I do it? Rather I hope that it will kindle in them the desire to grow out of themselves, to encounter a world without fear..."

Free Student and Community Concert Rocks the Point

By Lisa Greggo

"Rock'n Reggae on the Point," a free student and community concert held on the soccer field Tuesday evening, was opened by local favorite Entrain. The crowd may have started out small, but no sooner did Entrain begin playing than the people started coming out. It only took a song or two to loosen up the audience—people just couldn't stand still while listening to the intense percussive sounds of this popular band. After about an hour, Yellowman and the Sagittarius Band came on. The internationally known Jamaican invited the crowd to get close to the stage, where an enthusiastic group never stopped dancing to his unique style of reggae music.

One of them, John E. Simmons, a Dorchester resident and member of the Iron Workers Local 7, said he came to see Yellowman and to "show support for the university." Some brought picnic dinners, and



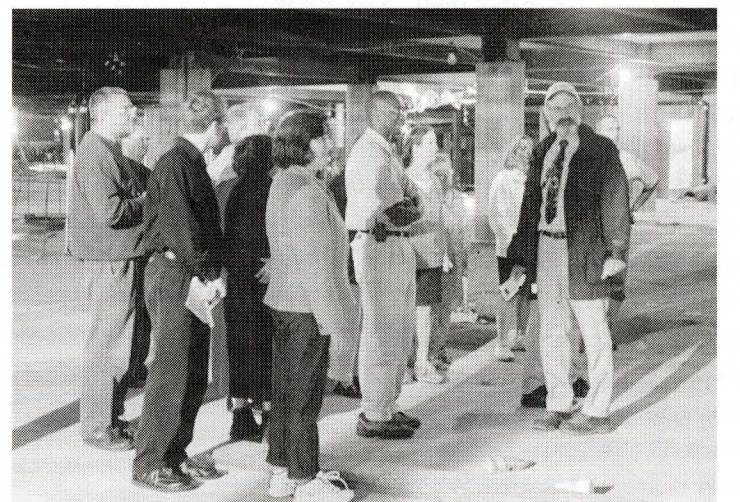
Yellowman chants to the audience, which crowded the soccer field stage to get closer to the reggae legend from Jamaica. (Photo by Harry Brett)

several families had babies and strollers in tow. After playing for almost two hours Yellowman shouted, "I love Boston!" Over spirited applause he thanked UMass Boston and the organizers of this event. But he really got the crowd going when he said, "I love America—because you stand up for

human rights."

When asked why she decided to host this free concert, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora replied, "Well, why not? This is a college campus and there should be music here." She added that she welcomes suggestions for future events.

Tour Offers Sneak Peak Inside Campus Center



About fifteen students, staff, and faculty members got a preview of atriums, dining rooms, and the "university street" during a "hard hat" tour of the Campus Center construction site. Led by Stephan Chait, assistant vice chancellor for administration and finance, the tour group walked through the building's six stories and were treated to views from future windows varying from the downtown skyline to the Boston Harbor Islands. "The building is designed to be 'transparent,'" said Chait of the vistas, skylights, and two atriums. "You will never be more than 40 feet from natural light." He confirmed that the current layout closely mirrors the architectural renderings visible in the virtual tour at www.umb.edu/about_umb/campus_center/. The project remains on budget and on schedule for a projected December 2003 opening. (Photo by Harry Brett)

WUMB Celebrates Twenty Years on Air and Sold-Out Crowds at Fifth Annual Boston Folk Festival

By Anne-Marie Kent

Topping off twenty years of public broadcasting, WUMB 91.9FM held the fifth annual Boston Folk Festival the weekend of September 21. What a celebration it was!

With two large outdoor stages, an indoor coffeehouse stage, a family stage, and a floating, harbor-cruising boat "stage," the festival featured a diverse music mix including blues, bluegrass, traditional and cutting-edge folk, and Zydeco music; as well as children's activities, dance workshops, and more.

Among the thousands of ticketholders were fans from places as distant as England, Canada, Alaska, California, and even Japan. Sunday's lineup drew a sell-out crowd. On the main-stage soccer field, most lounged on colorful blankets and lawn chairs to hear top folk stars including Cheryl Wheeler, Richard Thompson, and Nanci Griffith. Some fans displayed lively jigs, while children flew kites made at the festival.

The music, food, and crowd at the Boston Folk Festival all represented a kind of diversity that is close to the heart of the radio station that produced the big event. "We air a diverse mix of folk music including



Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, State Representative Harriett Stanley, Pat Monteith, general manager of WUMB, and State Representative Jay Kaufman were on hand to celebrate WUMB Radio's 20th anniversary on September 19. (Photo by Harry Brett)

traditional and contemporary folk, blues, Celtic, bluegrass, Afropop, and world music," said Pat Monteith, general manager and UMass Boston alumna, who helped establish the station more than 20 years ago. WUMB and its issues-based talk show "Commonwealth Journal" have amassed a number of awards from the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association, the *Associated Press*, and others.

Back in 1982, WUMB went on the air with an all-volunteer staff, including Monteith. It moved to a

professional staff in 1986 when it became a public radio affiliate of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The UMass Boston studio is the central hub for a network of five public radio stations in Boston, Worcester, Falmouth, Orleans, and Newburyport. All five facilities simulcast the identical program schedule. WUMB reaches tens of thousands of listeners in over 275 cities and towns in eastern and central Massachusetts and Cape Cod along with parts of Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. A webcast can also be heard live around the world.

University Community Tours Arts on the Point

By Elizabeth Muti

In conjunction with the inaugural festivities, art professor Paul Tucker hosted two tours of the Arts on the Point sculpture park during the week of September 23. Established three years ago, the park consists of ten sculptures from around the globe, on loan from various collections. "We didn't want to be trapped with a specific look and wanted to keep a contemporary feel," said Tucker. The pieces will rotate as new ones arrive on campus and the present ones are sent to art museums, other universities, or back to their owners.

The first stop on the tour was McCormack Hall to view the large lobster figure that is also a coffin. Along with nine other creative coffins, "Lobster" is on loan from Los Angeles art dealer, Ernie Wolfe. Created by three artists from Ghana, West Africa, the coffins were designed to suit the personalities of the deceased.

The largest piece in the park is entitled "Huru," which means both "hello" and "goodbye" in the Aboriginal language of Australia. Fittingly, the sculpture is located at the entrance of cam-

pus. Made entirely of steel, weighing 32,000 pounds and at a height of 45 feet, "Huru" is hard to miss.

One of the most easily overlooked sculptures is located in one of the most heavily traveled locations on campus. Sitting on the lawn between Wheatley and McCormack Halls is the piece "Hero at Evening" by artist Bill Tucker. At first glance, this sculpture looks like a white rock, but to the careful observer it resembles a human head.

"The students and alumni on the tour were wonderfully responsive," Tucker remarked. "Even without an art background, they were able to recognize the poetry in Sol Lewitt's 'Double Cubes' and the mysteries of Dennis Oppenheim's 'Searchburst.' It was a real pleasure."

Arts on the Point is open to the public. Guided tours will soon become a regular feature, but until then, interested onlookers can be guided by labels for each sculpture that provide information about the artist and the work.

UMass Boston Ranks in Top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges"

In a recent survey conducted by Kiplinger.com, UMass Boston was ranked 82 out of 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges," joining a list of top public institutions throughout the country. Researchers from the Kiplinger Organization determined overall rank by examining 200 of the most selective universities from a pool of 600 four-year public colleges and universities. To narrow the field of 200, they assessed information such as four- and six-year graduation rates, student-faculty ratios, and how much each college spends per student on instruction. After the top 100 were selected, researchers ranked institutions by a combination of quality and cost measurements, which included in-state tuition and fees, retention rates, SAT or ACT scores, and levels of financial aid. The report can be accessed on www.kiplinger.com. The Kiplinger organization offers personal finance and business forecasting through magazines, such as *Kiplinger Personal Finance Magazine*, books, syndicated newspaper columns, and the Internet.

University Community Discusses Proposed Residence Halls in "Town Meetings"

By Anne-Marie Kent

At one of two recent "town meetings" held to discuss proposed residence halls, Assistant Vice Chancellor Stephan Chait presented an architect's model of the UMass Boston campus and, moving miniature buildings like puzzle pieces, illustrated three different versions of a campus transformed by residence halls. One configuration, with buildings reaching out towards the harbor, maximized waterfront views, while two others created enclosed courtyards. Chait and other members of the Internal Housing Committee explained the university's rationale for proposing a limited number of student units and provided information regarding the funding, planning, and community-relations aspects of the process.

Back in February 2002, the University of Massachusetts Building Authority retained Sasaki Associates to assess the feasibility of introducing student residences. In late July, the campus received Sasaki's draft report, and in August, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees approved five- and ten-year capital plans that included the build-

ing of student housing. The two on-campus town meetings, held September 9 and 10, were part of a larger process taking into account campus and community concerns.

At the September 10 meeting, Chancellor Gora said, "We are the only public university in Massachusetts that offers no housing. Among our peer-group, known as 'the Urban 13,' we are the only institution that offers no residential housing." She said that providing 2,000 beds would not dramatically change the character of the campus, with its total enrollment of over 13,000. She added that many students leave UMass Boston or never consider coming to UMass Boston because of a lack of housing.

Sharing the results of a survey conducted by her office, Kathy Teehan, vice chancellor for enrollment management, said that 30 percent of admitted students who matriculated listed "lack of housing" as a major concern. "Of those who chose not to matriculate," said Teehan, "50 percent indicated availability of housing was one of the important factors influencing their decision." She added that the Student Housing Referral Office supports 600 to 800 inquiries per

week, indicating a "significant pre-existing demand for housing."

Last year the Office of Student Affairs, led by Dean Stephanie Janey, surveyed students and found that 72 percent of respondents felt participation in student activities would improve if the campus had student housing. Janey said, "We know as educators that students who are academically and socially engaged in college are more likely to be retained." Faculty representative Celia Moore said that dorms would allow for more peer learning situations and Athletics Director Charlie Titus said they would attract the best student athletes.

The town meeting format allowed each panelist to make a presentation and invited audience questions. David MacKenzie, vice chancellor for administration and finance, responded to one of the anticipated questions: "How, with all the budget cuts, can the university discuss plans to build residences?" MacKenzie explained, "The university's operating budget, which has been cut, does not pay for these buildings. The project will be financed by revenue bonds and by those living in the buildings."

Additional concerns were voiced

by members of faculty and staff. Anthropology Professor Tim Sieber raised the question, "Who are these dorms really for, and exactly why do they need them?" He also expressed a desire for more faculty involvement and more clarification regarding how the dorms will help students and aid retention. Staffer Maureen Boyle wondered where displaced parking and soccer fields would go. Chait responded that these would be relocated to other areas not chosen for housing. Others asked about parking restrictions and meal plans, the details of which need to be clarified.

According to Vice Chancellor of University Communications and Community Relations Annemarie Lewis Kerwin, the results of the Sasaki report were shared on September 19 with members of the Community Liaison Group (which consists of 18 representatives from the external community). Next, the university will present these results to the Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association. An independent study will be completed to assess the potential impact of student housing on the local community.

Entrepreneurs Become Success Stories With Help from Small Business Development Center and Minority Business Center

By Joseph Peters

Business is booming at the Small Business Development Center and Minority Business Center (SBDC). In the past year, the center has provided more than 400 local businesses with counseling and training, and has packaged \$1.25 million in loans, providing crucial assistance to businesses pursuing loans from banks and other lenders. Often this assistance is free or at a very nominal charge.

"Really, our core is management counseling," explains Margaret Somer, the center's director. "We analyze a business, where is it going to go, and how is it going to get there."

Housed within the College of Management, Somer and the other staff members of the four-person center can turn to the college's expertise when assisting businesses. At the same time, professors and their classes can draw upon the SBDC's cases to provide real insight into what it takes to run a business and the dynamics of a local economy.

There are five other centers like the SBDC in the state. As a collaboration between the federal



SBDC Staff: Karen Sutherland, management counselor; Sheila Jones, administrative assistant; Margaret Somer, director; and Joseph Rivers, management counselor. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Small Business Administration and Massachusetts, this network of centers provides consultation and training for small businesses. Here, the SBDC maintains a specialty in minority businesses, reflecting the center's origins as the Minority Business Assistance Center at the university.

As the saying goes, though, the reward for hard work is more hard work. The coming year could be a hallmark for the center. This fall the SBDC will kick off the Harbor

Enterprise Center, creating a new framework for assisting business in the Greater Boston area. Fleet Bank has placed its support behind this initiative, providing \$100,000 over the next two years. Also this coming year, the SBDC plans to partner with Senator John Kerry's office in an initiative designed to strengthen and support day care centers in the state.

"There are about 14,000 women in the state who run family day care centers out of their

homes," explains Somer. "Our role will be to provide them with counseling and training to better manage or market their centers."

While these initiatives will play a major role in the center's immediate future, its core remains business counseling and training. The economic downturn underscores the need for good business advice, something reflected in the center's day-to-day services.

From helping businesses find new markets as exporters to help-

ing laid-off workers start their own consulting businesses to teaching successful entrepreneurs how to manage their growth, the SBDC plays a key role in stabilizing the local economy.

Somer, who holds a master's degree from Tufts University in urban and environmental policy, has a long history with small businesses, including having managed a fund to help minority businesses, running her own pottery business and serving on the SBDC's advisory board.

Somer says people like her and the others who work or consult for the SBDC do it because they enjoy the spirit of entrepreneurship. While big business dominates the headlines, many small businesses and the people behind them may play a role greater than what can be portrayed on a balance sheet. Local stores and services help establish solid neighborhoods and provide jobs and stability. But business owners also are success stories and community leaders. "These entrepreneurs become role models," says Somer.

English Professor Changes Probationers' Lives Through Literature



Taylor Stoehr, professor of English. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Jeanne Wallace-Buckley

If Taylor Stoehr had selected the student least likely to benefit from his community program's spring class it would have been Thomas. The scruffy, formerly homeless man often monopolized the class, speaking in clichés and in poor English.

"But by the end he was everyone's hero," explained Stoehr, professor of English. "He became eloquent. First he found his feet, then his voice."

When he showed up in a velvet suit with his mother for the graduation ceremony, she declared, "You people have surely changed Thomas."

And that's what the program

"Changing Lives Through Literature" boldly proclaims to do.

Probationers of Dorchester District Court have been sentenced to this alternative program since Judge Sydney Hanlon initiated it in the mid-90s. Between 15-20 criminal offenders participate in a ten-week literature seminar at UMass Boston that uses the *Narrative of the Life of an American Slave* as the basis for analysis, discussion, and writing on social, economic, and race issues relevant to the participants. Classes are facilitated by two probation officers, two professors and a judge, and have served men ages 17 to 70, primarily men of color, both first-time and repeat offenders. Though "Changing Lives" is a self-contained program, it is only one of dozens of programs nationwide based on a model developed by Robert Waxler of UMass Dartmouth in 1991. The facilitators attempt to use probationers' positive interactions with their peers to help them articulate and validate their experiences.

The only requirements of the class are showing up and coming to class straight. Although Stoehr, the program director, acknowledges that not everyone completes homework assignments, the class is structured so that everyone can partici-

pate.

"Our job is to present a question that leads them to the serious question," Stoehr explains. "We then talk about their ideas and issues on a human level." He also believes that the program changes the way they see themselves and their situations. "By the eighth week, everyone loves this program."

Upon completion of the program, the probationers attend a graduation ceremony at the courthouse where three judges, police, probation officers, and families are witness to the program's success, and each receives a book and certificate of completion. Though no formal tracking system exists, one informal measure indicates that the recidivism rate drops from 45 to 19 percent in program graduates.

Stoehr, who came to the university in 1971, is a pacifist and believes that the program not only changes individual lives, but it is representative of initiatives necessary to the future of prison reform.

"Alternative sentencing has to grow," declares Stoehr. "The U.S. has more people in prison than anywhere else in the world."

Stoehr is currently working on a book about his experience with the program entitled *Changing Lives*.

Joiner Center Brings Pentagon Quilts to Campus for Healey Library Exhibit

By Kim Burke

"One can't help but be moved," said Chancellor Gora upon viewing a display of Pentagon quilts that hung in the fifth floor gallery of the Healey Library the week of September 16.

A half a dozen quilts, part of a collection sent to the Pentagon in the wake of September 11, were brought to the university by the Joiner Center. The quiltmakers, many of whom were parents, represent schools and religious groups in locations ranging from Alaska to New Hampshire to Germany. A companion collection of quilts was displayed during the same week at the Massachusetts State House, and both collections were honored in separate ceremonies on September 18.

June Forte, curator of the quilts from the Department of Defense,

joined Chancellor Gora at the ceremony on campus. "I am grateful to have a beautiful hall to show the quilts," she said. "The quilts are symbols of warmth and caring, and bring healing to us all."

Forte presented a plaque and an American flag to the university on behalf of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in part to thank UMass Boston for the display. This flag that had been raised over the Pentagon on August 30 in a daylong remembrance ceremony and was one of only two ceremonial flags raised that day not presented to military groups or victims' families. The Chancellor promised that the university "will fly this every September 11."



An onlooker takes in one of the Pentagon quilts in Healey Library. (Photo by Harry Brett)

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Sara Baron, director of the Instructional Technology Center and coordinator of library instruction, and **Sarah Tudesco**, systems and digital services librarian, presented "Designing an Interactive Online Information Literacy Tutorial" at the Association of College and Research Libraries New England Chapter joint meeting of the Library Instruction Group and Information Technology Group.

At the 98th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, **Elizabeth Bussiere**, associate professor of political science, participated in a roundtable discussion on the "The New Property and Modern Democracy" and presented a paper on "The 'New Property' and the Origins of Constitutional Welfare Rights in the Warren Court."

Jane Cloutterbuck, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, discussed elder health issues and health disparities in Boston as a panelist for the "Race and the Elimination of Health Disparities in the City of Boston: Promoting the Health of the Undeserved" Conference, sponsored by the Boston Public Health Commission.

Xiaogang Deng, associate professor of sociology, presented lectures on "Social Impacts of the Internet" and "Recent Development in Sociological Theories and Methodological Challenges" as a participant in the Centennial Celebration Guest Speaker Series in China.

At the 98th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Professor **Tom Ferguson** of the Political Science Department chaired a panel on domestic politics and international relations of the Bush presidency and a panel on Walter Dean Burnham's contributions to American political science.

Arthur Goldsmith of the College of Management published the article "Business Associations and Better Governance in Africa" in the journal *Public Administration & Development*.

Associate Professor of English **Judith Goleman**, director of the freshman composition program, spoke on "Teaching Alternative Discourses" at the University of New Hampshire Writing Conference.

In September, **Harlyn Halvorson** of Environmental, Coastal, and Environmental Sciences Department co-presented proposed management practices to the Maine Aquaculture Association and to shell fisherman at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The research was part of a project for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration project conducted by The Policy Center for Marine Biosciences and Technology.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, served as a panelist for "Transnational Citizenship: Latino Politics Across Fortified Borders" at the 98th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

William Holmes, a faculty member in the College of Public and Community Service, presented a workshop on survival analysis at the national meeting of the Justice Research and Statistics Association in October.

Marie Kennedy, associate dean of the College of Public and Community Service, gave a presentation on "Learning from the Community: Service Learning" and led a workshop on "Preparing Students for Civic Involvement" at the Faculty Development Day held at Lesley University on September 3.

Marlene Kim, assistant professor of economics, presented two papers, "Exploring the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class: Patterns from the Lives of Asian Americans," and "Has the Race Penalty for Black Women Disappeared in the United States?" at the Annual Meetings of the International Association for Feminist Economics, held in Los Angeles.

The College of Management's **Tammy MacLean** co-presented "Teaching Through Traumatic Events: Uncovering the Choices of Management Educators as They Responded to September 11" and "Out of Sight But Not Out of Mind: How People Manage Hidden Stigmatized Identities in the Workplace" at the 2002 conference for the Academy of Management.

Askold Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, delivered the keynote address at an international conference, "Teaching American Literature," which was held in Kiev in September.

Jon Mitchell, professor of music, presented a lecture, "Early Performances of Holst, Vaughan Williams, and Jacob at Kneller Hall," at the IGEB (International Society for Wind Music) Conference, held in Lana, Italy.

Susan Opotow, associate professor in the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution, attended the "Nurturing Morality" National Invitational Conference, held in Wisconsin in September, where her chapter "Conflict and Morals" was discussed.

Jean Rhodes, assistant professor of psychology, has coauthored *Handbook of Qualitative Research in Psychology: Expanding Perspective in Methodology and Design*, which is published by the American Psychological Association.

In September, Professor **Mary Huff Stevenson** of the Economics Department and the McCormack Institute presented her paper "Hours of Work as a Measure of Performance: Prospects and Pitfalls" at the Conference of the Ford Foundation Project on the Development of a New Cross-National Architecture for Labor Market Statistics, held in Italy.

At the 98th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Professor **Paul Watanabe** of the Political Science Department chaired a panel entitled "From the Outside In: Immigrant Communities' Politics and Power."

Robert Weiner of the Political Science Department presented the paper "Postcommunist Moldovan and Romanian Foreign Policy at the United Nations: Dealignment and Realignment – A Neorealist Perspective" at the 98th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

PUBLICATIONS

An article by **Sara Baron**, director of the Instructional Technology Center and coordinator of library instruction, "Problem or Challenge? Serving Library Customers that Technology Left Behind," was published in the book *Helping the Difficult Library Patron: New Approaches to Examining and Resolving a Long-Standing and Ongoing Problem* and in the journal *Reference Librarian*.

An article co-authored by **Dan Brabander**, director of the undergraduate Environmental Studies Program and assistant professor in the Environment, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, "Use of Physical, Chemical, and Biological Indices to Assess Impacts of Contaminants and Physical Habitat Alteration in Urban Streams," appears in the journal *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*.

Tammy MacLean of the College of Management published "Reframing Organizational Misconduct: A Study of Deceptive Sales Practices at a Major Life Insurance Company" in *Business & Society*.

Thomas O'Grady, professor of English and director of Irish Studies, has a chapter entitled "Seamus Heaney's 'At a Potato Digging' Revisited" in *Ireland's Great Hunger: Silence, Memory, and Commemoration*, which is published by the University Press of America.

Laurel E. Radwin, assistant professor in the Department of Nursing, has published "Refining the Quality Health Outcomes Model: Differentiating Between Client Trait and State Characteristics" in the current issue of *Nursing Outlook*.

Essays by **Rajini Srikanth**, assistant professor of English, have been published in two new books *Race in the College Classroom: Pedagogy and Politics* and *Re/Collecting Early Asian America: Readings in Cultural History*.

Lin Zhan, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, published the chapters "Information Technology in Health: Improving Life for the Elderly" in *Information Technology in Health* and "Nursing Education in the 21st Century: Trends and Opportunities" in *International Nursing Education*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES

Bernadette Levasseur, supervisor of the Wheatley Hall Copy Center, displayed her paintings and prints in a one-woman show held at the Mansfield Music and Arts Society's Cote Gallery in Mansfield, MA, in August.

"Saving Daylight Time," a piece by **TenBroeck Davison '82** and Professor **David Patterson** of the Music Department, was performed by tenor Brendan O'Brine in a recital held at the Park Presidio United Methodist Church in San Francisco on September 29.

Jon Mitchell, professor of music, guest conducted the Longy Summer Orchestra in a concert of works by Schumann and Mendelssohn held in Cambridge on August 9.

Lloyd Schwartz, Troy Professor of English and Creative Writing, read his poems at WordsWorth Books in Harvard Square on October 1 and read poetry in the musical program "The Song That Is Irresistible," which was held at Skidmore College on October 31.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Jonathan Chu has been appointed interim dean of the Graduate College of Education. Chu has worked for UMass Boston since 1978, most recently as associate professor of history. He will serve as interim dean until the appointment of a permanent dean.

Marlene Kim, assistant professor of economics, won the first Rhonda Williams Prize in Economics.

Kelly Matthews, lecturer in the College of Public and Community Service, received a finalist award in fiction in the Massachusetts Cultural Council's 2002 Artist Grants Competition.

Margaret McAllister, coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner Master's Concentration, was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and as a national consultant for Q NONP, the quality assurance arm of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

William Joseph Moore of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education has been appointed visiting senior research associate at the Trotter Institute's Center for Community, Technology, Democracy and Public Policy. He will be involved in research on race, technology, and public policy issues facing people of African descent.

Kevin Murphy, public policy doctoral candidate and employee with the Office of Institutional Research, has been nominated for the steering committee of the Northeast Association for Institutional Research.

Michael Novak, chair of the Management and Marketing Department, won a "Best Paper Award" at the European Applied Business Research Conference for his paper "Simon Pearce: A Teaching Case." It will be published in an upcoming issue of the *International Business & Economics Research Journal*.

Nancy Stieber, associate professor and chair of the Art Department, has been appointed editor of the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*. Her appointment will run through the end of the 2006 academic year.

Deborah Whaley, assistant professor of American studies, has been appointed faculty associate and research fellow at the Trotter Institute. She will be conducting research to explore the relationship between national belongings and black cultural politics in the 20th and 21st centuries.

CAMPUS NOTES

Lin Zhan, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was recently honored as a guest and honorary professor by Sichuan University and Macau Kiang Wu College of Nursing.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Lisa M. Abdallah, coordinator of the Nursing Learning Resource Center and doctoral candidate in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Doctoral Program in Nursing, was awarded a dissertation support grant from Graduate Studies and Research for her project “EverCare Nurse Practitioner Practice Activities: Similarities and Differences Across Five States.”

Dan Brabander, director of the undergraduate Environmental Studies Program and assistant professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department received a \$28,200 grant for his project “Environmental Biomonitoring of Cr and As in Shallow Groundwater: Do Red Oak Trees Preserve Long Term Records of Contaminant Loading?”

While researching democratic development in Nigeria, **Darren Kew**, assistant professor in the Dispute Resolution Program, met with the president of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo, as well as a number of leaders of Nigeria’s National Assembly and civil society groups.

Jamie McCarty, master’s student in the Environmental Sciences program, received a NASA graduate student fellowship award for \$24,000. He is working with Professor **Juanita Urban-Rich** on the effects of copepod grazing on chromophoric dissolved organic matter in seawater.

The Trotter Institute’s Center for Community, Technology, Democracy and Public Policy has received a \$10,000 grant from the CTC VISTA program at the College of Public and Community Service to evaluate VISTAS’ training, mentoring, and support services. **Regina Rodriguez-Mitchell**, director of the Trotter Institute, is the principal investigator, and Research Associate **Malo Hutson** is a lead field evaluator.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences’ **Sarah Oktay** and graduate student **Joseph Smith** recently conducted two research cruises: one in New York Harbor investigating the spatial and temporal distribution of the “geochemical fingerprint” of the World Trade Center collapse found in harbor sediments; and one down to Chesapeake Bay investigating carbon inputs and sediment dynamics throughout the bay. An Environmental Sciences undergraduate **Michael Trepanier**, provided support for both cruises. Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean

Sciences’ **Meng Zhou**, associate professor, and graduate students **Jay Peterson** and **Di Wu** recently conducted two three-week cruises in the northern California current to study the coastal ecosystem. This research project is funded by the National Science Foundation, as a part of the US Global Ocean Ecosystem Dynamics Program (US GLOBEC)-Northeast Pacific Study.

The Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education received a \$50,000 National Science Foundation grant to develop a navigational tool that inventories regional technology training and aligns knowledge and skills with the requirements of business and industry. The “Roadmap of Opportunities” project focuses on skill standards identified by the National Workforce Center for Emerging Technologies.

MISCELLANEOUS

Richard Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute, hosted a breakfast round table meeting for the president and vice chancellor of the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, Professor Gerry McKenna, and colleagues. The September 10 meeting explored opportunities for collaborative research between UMass Boston and the University of Ulster’s recently opened Coastal Research Center.

On August 20, Jane Oates, senior education advisor for Senator Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, visited UMass Boston to meet with the students in pre-collegiate programs, including Urban Scholars, Admission Guaranteed, GEAR UP, Project Reach, and Upward Bound. She also met with Chancellor **Jo Ann Gora** and Associate Vice Provost **Joan Becker**.

IN THE NEWS

On August 19, **Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy, was interviewed for a *WBUR* feature on recent state budget and policy decisions impacting the growth in family homelessness in the state.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, provided commentary on the gubernatorial election that was featured in the *Boston Herald* on August 29 and the *Metrowest Daily News* on September 6. She appeared on *WGBH’s* “Greater Boston with Emily Rooney” on September 13.

Avery Faigenbaum, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, was featured in the cover story, “Strength Exercises Aren’t Just for Adults Any More: Tykes in Training,” in the August issue of *BioMechanics*.

Dick Hogarty, professor emeritus, was interviewed about his new book, *Massachusetts Politics and Public Policy*, on *WBZ-TV* for “The John Henning Show” on September 15. The book was published by UMass Press.

Peter Janson of the Music Department received positive reviews from *Worcester Magazine*, *New Age Retailer*, *NAPRA ReView*, *Taunton Daily Gazette*, and *The Instrumental Weekly* for his CD “Sometimes from Here.”

Michelle Kahan, senior research associate with the Center for Social Policy, was quoted in a September 8 *Boston Globe* article on the use of food stamps by Massachusetts residents. The article highlighted a Center for Social Policy report released on September 6, commissioned by Project Bread.

Askold Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, published an op-ed, “The Consequences of Survival,” in the *Boston Globe* on September 9.

Andres Torres, director of the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, published an editorial on Latino voters in the *Boston Globe* on June 1.

The inauguration of Chancellor **Jo Ann Gora** as sixth chancellor received media coverage by the *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald*, and *WBZ-TV* 4 on September 26, 27, and 28.

PeopleSoft Financial System Goes Live

By Leanne Marden

After two years of intensive design, development, and testing, a new financial system was officially deployed at each of the University of Massachusetts’ five campuses and the president’s office in July. The new system replaced the Financial Records System (FRS) that supported financial operations for many years and dated back to the late 1970’s.

To reach this milestone, central finance staff from across the university worked through the first week of July to ensure that the financial records for fiscal year 2002 could be closed by the week’s end. In the days following, data was converted and then reconciled from the old systems—four separate finance systems across the university—into a single, university-wide finan-

cial system.

By mid-July, business was underway within the new finance system. Central finance and departmental staff began entering purchase orders “on-line”; accounts payable staff processed payments;

leading up to the finance “go-live” date, much effort was focused on preparing over 180 individuals to use the new system. This effort involved ensuring technical connectivity from each user’s local workstation, establishing user i.d.’s and passwords with the appropriate access, and then training, training, and more training.

The official transition from the old, familiar accounting system to a new system is now behind us. Yet much work lies ahead. With the continued dedication and hard work of all campus members of the PeopleSoft finance team and finance departments, and the good humor and patience of all system users, the campus will surely reap the benefits of a new technology.

payroll and other interfaces were successfully transmitted. Soon after, other financial business was processed, including the recording of budgets and the calculation of overhead charges, to name but a few.

Getting the campus ready for this major change was no small task. In the weeks and months

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Plants and Pollution (cont.)

stimuli such as light, nutrients, water, insects, carbon dioxide, and pathogens, and, since they cannot run away, they must adapt to environmental changes. Plants also naturally produce aromatic hormones such as steroids that can be very similar in structure to PAHs. Colón-Carmona and his students, they have asked vital questions: Do plants actively take PAHs into their tissues? What are their physiological responses to the introduced pollutant? Can they break down the PAHs into less toxic components?

Colón-Carmona’s group has been using *Arabidopsis thaliana* as a model plant for many reasons. Its genome has been sequenced, and several companies currently supply genetically “pure” plants and mutants from well-established stocks. The plant has a relatively short growth cycle, can grow at room temperature, and produces many seeds. It is also relatively small and can even be grown on a petri dish.

In preliminary experimental data, *A. thaliana* was found to be

unquestionably affected by the introduction of increasing amounts of the PAH phenanthrene. Physiological responses included: shortening of the roots, a loss in color due to a reduction in chlorophyll, a reduction in shoot number and size, and the development of necrotic, dead, spots on the leaves. In addition, the group found that phenanthrene was distributed in areas throughout the plant when they looked for a fluorescent fingerprint that can be seen under fluorescence scans.

Colón-Carmona has been working on this project and others with undergraduates and graduate students since arriving at UMass Boston two and half years ago after earning his PhD from the University of California—Irvine. His lab group includes students participating in the Research Experiences for Undergraduate Program and the Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology Program, which are projects supported by grants from the National Science Foundation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. 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 Tuesday, October 16. Submit calendar listings online at www.umb.edu/news/umb_calendar/entry_form or e-mail to news@umb.edu. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for calendar listings online.

TUESDAY 8

ITC Professional Development Course: Managing your Outlook Mailbox (MSO-02)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

Gastón Institute Fall 2002 Speakers Series: Workforce Development and Disadvantaged Workers

1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, Faculty Staff Lounge, 11th Fl. Featuring Ramón Borges-Méndez of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy. Free lunch for those who make reservations by October 4. Contact: 7-5790 or fax 7-5788.

WEDNESDAY 9

ITC Professional Development Course: No Static: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Space in Prometheus Part I (OCW-05A)

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

University Health Services Open House and Health Fair

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st floor hallways. Learn more about programs and services. Information, refreshments, health screenings, and demonstrations. Contact: 7-5680.

University Health Services Health and Wellness Center Grand Opening

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st 613. Refreshments and a tour will be available. Contact: 7-5080 or www.umbwellness.org.

Public Policy Brown Bag Seminar: Working with Community-Based Organizations to Investigate the Socioeconomic Effects of Undocu- mented Latino Immigration in the United States

12:00 p.m., Healey Library, 10-25. Featuring Professor Enrico Marcelli. Bring your own lunch - beverages and dessert will be provided. Contact: 7-6937.

Graduate Studies Distinguished Lecture: In the Grips of Emotion: The Role of Thinking in our Emotional Lives

2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Robert Swartz, professor of philosophy. Refreshments will be served. Inaugural event. Contact: 7-6800.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar: The Spatial and Temporal Variability of Ground Water Recharge

2:30 - 3:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Weston Dripps of UMass Boston. Contact: 7-7440.

THURSDAY 10

ITC Professional Development Course: Advanced Document Formatting in Word (MSW-03)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

MONDAY 14

Columbus Day

University closed. Healey Library open 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Folk on Film: I Am Trying to Break Your Heart: A Film About Wilco

9:00 p.m., Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard Street, Brookline. Part of series featuring a different music film along with live entertainment from local folk music artists. Sponsored by WUMB. Tickets are \$10.00. Series continues on October 21 and 28. Contact: 617-734-2500.

TUESDAY 15

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Dissertation Defense

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Provost's Conference Room, 8th fl. Ruey-Jing J. Tang will defend "Effects of Antifouling Paints on Bacterial Biofilm Development." Contact: 7-7440.

WEDNESDAY 16

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar: Environmental Studies Using North Carolina ECONet

2:30 - 3:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Sethu Raman of the State Climate Office of North Carolina. Contact: 7-7440.

THURSDAY 17

ITC Professional Development Course: Technology-Enhanced Classroom Teaching: Prometheus (ICW-01A)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

Theatre Production: Don Nigro's "Cinderella Waltz"

8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre. Runs October 17-19, 24-26. Contact: Theatre Arts InfoLine, 7-5642.

TUESDAY 22

ITC Professional Development Course: Prometheus Camp (IFS-10A)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

ITC Professional Development Course: Getting Started in Digital Photography (MSP-01)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

WEDNESDAY 23

ITC Professional Development Course: No Static: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Space in Prometheus Part I (OCW-05C)

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

ITC Professional Development Course: Introduction to Powerpoint (MSP-01)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

College of Public and Community Service Memorial for James Williams

2:30 p.m., CPCS plaza. In celebration of his life and contributions to the university. Contact: Suzanne Allmendinger, 7-7124

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar: Patterns in Seismic Activity Along the Northern Mid-Atlantic Ridge (15-35N)

Recorded by an Autonomous Hydrophone Array
2:30 - 3:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Deborah K. Smith of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Contact: 7-7440.

THURSDAY 24

ITC Professional Development Course: Universal Design Concepts (IFS-12)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

Speak A Word or Sing A Word, or Dance A Word of Faith

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Coffee house for participants to express faith through poetry or another artistic form. Contact Rev. Adrienne by October 21 with the title of the piece and the type of artistic expression to be presented, 7-5838 or adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum

6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring John Hamill, Chairman & CEO, Sovereign Bank New England Division. Contact: 7-7734.

Conflict Studies Conference: The New Generation of Ideas, Conflict Studies Conference

Held through October 26. Featuring keynote address by Robert Mnookin of Harvard Law School, career expo, skill-building workshops, and panel discussions chaired by prominent scholars in the field. Sponsored by the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution. Contact Amy Gay, 7-741,5 or Kelly Ward Mason, 7-7421.

SATURDAY 26

University Open House

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Science Center, Lipke Auditorium. Learn about UMass Boston's undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs. Exhibits, presentations, tours, and opportunities to ask questions. Contact: 7-6000.

MONDAY 28

ITC Professional Development Course: Universal Design Concepts (IFS-12A)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

Talk by Carmen Oliveira

2:30 - 3:45 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-047. Oliveira, a Brazilian biographer of poet Elizabeth Bishop, will discuss her new book, *Rare and Common-place Flowers*. Co-sponsored by Hispanic Studies and English Departments. Contact: 7-6719 or lloyd.schwartz@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 29

ITC Professional Development Course: Restoring Damaged Photographs in Photoshop (APS- 02A)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

WEDNESDAY 30

ITC Professional Development Course: No Static: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Space in Prometheus Part II (OCW-06C)

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

ITC Professional Development Course: Intermediate Powerpoint (MSP-02)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, Instructional Technology Center, Lower Level. To register, contact: 7-3990 or itc@umb.edu.

Human Services Career Fair

2:00 - 5:00 p.m., location TBA. Featuring top organizations in human services and the future leaders in the industry from UMass Boston. Sponsored by Career Services. Contact: 7-5519 or careers@umb.edu.

WEDNESDAY 30

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar: Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Stress Response in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, a Molecular Dissection

2:30 - 3:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Adan Cólón Carmona of UMass Boston. Contact: 7-7440.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beacon Fitness Center

Open to students, faculty, staff, and UMass Boston alumni. Fitness professionals, strength equipment, racquetball and squash courts available. Contact: 7-6786.

Catholic Campus Ministry Mass

12:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. McCormack Hall, Chapel, 3rd fl. Other Campus Ministry programs include "Inquiry for Adult Baptism and Confirmation" on Tuesdays, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m., and "A Time to Pray" on Tuesdays, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Contact: 7-5839 or maggie.cahill@umb.edu.

College of Career Networking Program

Promotes the career development of women college students with disabilities and their successful transition to careers upon graduation. Based at the Institute for Community Inclusion. Demonstration site at UMass Boston. Contact: Melanie Jordan: 7-4327, (TTY) 617-287-4350, or melanie.jordan@umb.edu.

Intramural/Athletics Activities

5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Clark Center Pool. Bring your co-workers. Open time also for table tennis, racquetball, and badminton. Contact: Rick, Intramural/Recreation Office, 7-7830.

New Beginnings: Interfaith Bible Study of Genesis

11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Chapel, 3rd Fl. Bible study runs throughout the fall semester when in session. Christian Praise Service also held 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Thursdays. Contact: 7-5838 or adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu

The William A. Percy, III Prize Submission Deadline

The William A. Percy, III Prize for the best essay or the most effective activist support for lesbian and gay rights will be awarded February 2003. Deadline is February 1, 2003. Contact: 7-6870 or 7-6860.

UMass Boston Athletics: Beacon Home Games

See UMass Boston Beacon teams compete in tennis, soccer, volleyball, and ice hockey. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events for full schedule or contact: 7-7801.

UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra

6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesdays. Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Open to all members of the UMass Boston community. Contact: Jon C. Mitchell, conductor, 7-6981.

WUMB 91.9 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.