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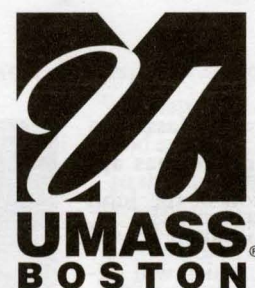
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UMass Boston Addresses Budget Cut Challenges

By Joe Peters and Ed Hayward

A combination of budget cuts that touched all corners of the university and a vote by the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees to raise student fees brought a turbulent budget season to a close this summer.

A process of examining university revenues and expenditures during the spring and summer resulted in reductions from academic and administrative areas, as well as campus-wide savings proposals such as a one-week furlough for all employees, which will require further negotiation, and an early retirement program that is expected to cut \$1.5 million in salaries.

About \$7.5 million was trimmed from the campus budget to overcome a cut in state funds, the result of reductions by the legislature to the UMass system's al-

location. The economic downturn's clamp on state revenues has brought about a 30 percent reduction in state support to UMass Boston during the last three years.

Cuts could have been much more severe had it not been for three significant developments: economies stemming from changes in the Campus Center opening schedule, the early retirement package that will allow the campus to reduce personnel, and an increase in student fees.

Part of the response to the roughly \$80 million cut in state support to the five-campus system was the Board of Trustees' vote on August 6 to increase student fees by \$750, effective with the spring 2004 term. From 1995 through 2001, the University of Massachusetts had been one of few higher in-

stitutions in the country to reduce student charges. The new increases correspond directly to cuts in funding recommended by the governor's office and the legislature.

On the Boston campus, fees will be used to maintain academic excellence and add approximately \$1 million to need-based financial aid for UMass Boston students, said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora.

"There is never a good time to raise student fees," the chancellor said. "But these fees will help us preserve services and academic offerings that students rely upon. In addition, we have added \$1 million in need-based aid and graduate assistantships with the intention of being able to meet 90 percent of the financial aid need for eligible students."

The budget woes were tempered

somewhat by the trustees' decision to raise student fees, which are expected to result in about \$5.5 million for the Boston campus. In addition to those new revenues, the campus expects to save about \$1.5 million from the early retirement program.

Another \$400,000 in savings were derived from a delay in routing additional shuttle buses to the Campus Center, the university's future "front door." The route will shift to the new building in September 2004.

Recommended spending cuts and new revenue measures were debated at a campus-wide town meeting called for by Chancellor Gora in July. Many employees suggested finding savings in the operation of the new center, which is slated to open spring 2004.

Many see the move to delay bus rerouting as a sign that the administration listened to the campus community when it asked for feedback about cuts offered in June by the CURE Committee. The 20-person group, which represented broad areas of the campus and was composed largely of administrators, department heads, and faculty-council representatives, did not suggest the delay in its first report.

"Chancellor Gora called for an open process, and I think that's what everyone got," said Mark Preble, interim director of human resources, who moderated the forum. Preble said the feedback from the town meeting greatly helped the group recognize certain priorities.

"I think it showed the emphasis the campus places on certain areas and services," he said.

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Community Activities Bloom on Campus Throughout the Summer

By Anne-Marie Kent

Some university campuses lie dormant during summer months—not UMass Boston! With a popular summer school program, arts events—including a special June showing of alumni Charles Merrill's watercolors—plus athletics activities and community outreach en-

deavors, the campus has been alive with activity this summer.

"We had an outstanding summer, with enrollments exceeding our expectations," said Dirk Messelaar, dean of Continuing, Corporate, and Distance Education. "Students see UMass Bos-

ton as a great place to take summer courses: the list of offerings is large and varied, the quality of instruction is excellent, the fees are reasonable, and our location by the Harbor is a point in our favor, especially at this time of year."

The waterfront truly is a magnet. Each day, a steady stream of men, women, and children have walked, jogged, biked, and rollerbladed their way along the Harborwalk. And when July temperatures soared, the indoor gyms and swimming pool became more popular with students, employees, and more than 365 community members.

For those preferring spectator sports, the Bay State Games competitions, which ran July 10 through July 13, attracted more than 6,500 athletes and spectators



Excited new sailors from the South Boston Boys and Girls Club donned life jackets and journeyed onto Dorchester Bay as part of the Courageous Sailing Program, held at UMass Boston from August 11 through 22. The group was one of five community organizations invited by the university to participate in the program. (Photo by Harry Brett)

to campus. These Olympics-style competitions involved some 10,000 participants from across the Commonwealth. The following week,

the Reebok Pro Summer League featured 10 NBA teams, including the Boston Celtics, the New York Knicks, and the Philadelphia 76ers.

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LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers drew large crowds when he made his professional NBA debut at the Clark Athletic Center during the Reebok Pro Summer League. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Trustees Approve the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies

By Ed Hayward

The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees has approved the creation of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, which will significantly deepen UMass Boston's commitment to policy analysis and public service devoted to Boston and the Commonwealth.

The new school will expand on the urban mission of the university and the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, which is widely recognized as Greater Boston's premier policy center. Trustees approved the program on August 6.

"For the last 20 years, the McCormack Institute has been helping this university carry out its urban mission with astute research, respected analysis, and nationally recognized public service," Chancellor Jo Ann M. Gora said. "The new graduate school will elevate the profile of these projects and advance the work of the institute, the master's degree in Public Affairs and Public Policy Ph.D. programs, and our Gerontology team."

The school will include the existing institute's Centers for Social Policy, Women in Politics and Public Policy, Democracy and Development, and State and Local



Members of the executive planning committee for the new McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies (from l to r): James Ward, Edmund Beard, interim director, Frank Caro, Mary Stevenson, and Jeffrey Burr. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Policy. It will also serve as the new home for the university's Gerontology Master of Science and Ph.D. programs, the Gerontology Institute, the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and Master of Science in Public Affairs.

"When we started the McCormack Institute in 1983, Boston was not on any policy analyst's map," said Edmund Beard, the founding director of the institute, who will serve as interim dean of the new school. "The institute immediately responded to

the need for policy study and public service focused on Boston and the Commonwealth. Elevating this work to graduate school status makes sense for our faculty and students, as well as the university and the city we serve."

The school will continue to be funded, in part, by a \$6.2 million endowment awarded by Congress to conduct policy research vital to the city and the state. The units that will form the new school received external funding of nearly \$9.2 million during the last five

years, in addition to state appropriations for faculty and operations.

The McCormack Graduate School will build upon the institute's local focus on contemporary policy issues, including education, economic development, labor markets, health, housing, family, criminal justice, and the environment.

The school will serve as a center of excellence with regional, national, and international visibility. The school's programs will

give professionals the theoretical and practical tools they need to serve in leadership positions within government and academia, as well as within the non-profit and private sectors.

"UMass Boston is a serious player in the most competitive intellectual, academic, and research market in the world," said DiNatale, director of the UMass Poll. "The McCormack School will allow the business, non-profit and public policy sectors to more easily tap the expertise of all faculty and researchers at UMass Boston."

The university's Ph.D. in Gerontology is one of six such programs in the nation and the only program in the Northeast.

"Joining the new McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies will strengthen the Gerontology Department and its graduate programs and define it as the pre-eminent venue in the nation for research and training in aging and gerontological policy," said Jeffrey Burr, chairman of the Gerontology Department. "This is particularly important because of aging Baby Boomers and critical issues as long-term care, health services, income security and productive aging."

College of Public and Community Service Debuts Community Media and Technology Degree

By Ed Hayward

The UMass Board of Trustees approved a new UMass Boston bachelor's degree program in Community Media and Technology (CMT) in the College of Public and Community Service at its August 6 meeting.

The program's faculty, led by Reebee Garofalo, designed a degree program that will focus on media analysis, technological proficiency, social vision, and community service. For the past year, the college has offered a certificate program in the subject.

"What we were struck by was how extensive the community media and technology movement has become," said Garofalo. "The Benton Foundation estimates there are 1,800 community technology centers in the US. There are more than 100 in the

City of Boston alone."

With advances in digital video, as well as media software and hardware, the community "computer centers" of old have become multimedia production hubs offering new opportunities in print, electronic, and visual media to the neighborhoods they serve.

Garofalo said the degree is the only one of its kind in the country, as other media programs focus on either major media corporations or the content being produced.

"No one is looking at community-based programs," said Garofalo. "This sector is now large enough that somebody ought to be paying attention to it with an educational program. The movement is also large enough that people need to start thinking about national standards."

The new major will dovetail with an existing VISTA grant to place volunteers in community technology centers across the country, Garofalo said. That program is entering its fourth year and funding is approaching \$2.25 million. In addition, researchers with the new program are finalists for a Technology Opportunity Grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Garofalo said.

The program will attempt to bridge the "digital divide" by providing the knowledge and tools for communities traditionally denied access to high technology. In particular, graduates can take their skills to non-profits and community-based agencies to build organizations and communities in an effort to promote "digital equity," Garofalo said.

Fred Johnson, founder of the Media Working Group in Cincinnati, was the first full-time faculty member hired for the new major. Other instructors include UMass Boston Professors Mark Schlesinger and Pepi Leistyna, Netrice Gaskins of Boston Neighborhood Network Multimedia Center, and Peter Miller, director of the VISTA grant.

Completion of the CMT degree will require 120 credits, of which 81 credits are in the general education and electives component of the curriculum. As with other majors in the CPCS curriculum, students would have the option of combining a CMT Major with a related concentration in an area such as management, organizing, or training and development, Garofalo said.

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Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Puts Service on Top of Agenda

By Leigh DuPuy

There's a new voice in the office of student affairs—J. Keith Motley's booming laugh can be heard down the halls of the Quinn Administration Building and his excitement about being at UMass Boston is just as conspicuous.

"There are things about this university, its students, and the vision of its chancellor that resonate with me in ways I haven't felt in a long time," Motley says. "There are wonderful things happening inside and outside of the classroom here."

Motley began his post as vice chancellor of students affairs on August 1, following an impressive career at Northeastern University. His tenure stretched from his early days as a top basketball player and student leader to his rise from an admissions counselor to several appointments as assistant dean of minority affairs, associate dean and director of the African American Institute, and dean of student services. "Dr. Motley brings to UMass Boston



J. Keith Motley, vice chancellor for students affairs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

more than two decades as a higher education administrator," says Chancellor Gora.

And with this wealth of knowledge, Motley wants to get down to the business of building a complete living and learning experience for students at UMass Boston. "We need to focus on high-quality stu-

dent services," he says.

One way to begin, notes Motley, is to take inspiration from the new Campus Center, set to open April 2004. "The campus center is one of the best I've ever seen—the size, quality, and potential. It has the framework to galvanize the campus and provide the en-

ergy that will help stimulate cultural change," he says.

"There are so many communities here at the school—mini-communities that are sectioned off. The campus center will help pull these groups together," says Motley. He believes its anticipated co-curricular atmosphere can be realized now.

"We need to greet people. We need to engage students when they come in—we should know what our student's names and get them involved. If nothing else, we should inform them," he says.

Motley's plans include creating a student advisory board to find out what makes their experience at the university a positive one. "It will be a chance to talk together and collaborate." He says, "I believe if we engage and involve students in the process, we will reap the benefits of professional development."

Motley also plans to examine the role student affairs plays in retention and to use research in responding to the needs and prefer-

ences of students. He believes a constant evaluation by students and external reviews are essential to the department's success.

The vice chancellor recognizes the importance of tradition and maintaining UMass Boston's commitment to accessibility. He advocates both building on this history and enhancing it. "Nothing good comes without challenges," he notes. "I want this school to be the students' first choice, and for our students to celebrate the degree they get here."

Both pride and levity are essential ingredients for success, argues Motley. He says, "This should be a fun place to be—we should feel good about being here."

Dr. Motley received a B.S. in education with a focus on speech pathology and audiology and a M.Ed. in higher education administration from Northeastern University, and a Ph.D. in educational administration from Boston College.

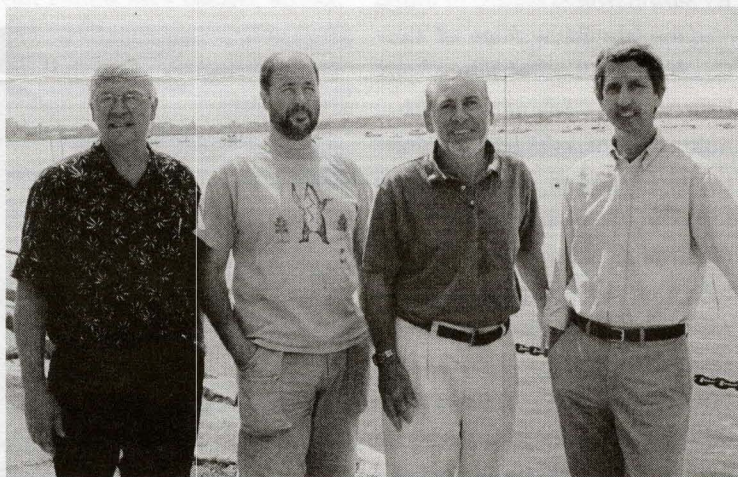
Urban Harbors Institute Explores Possible Renewable Energy Facilities for Boston Harbor Islands

By Jack Wiggin

The Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) is spearheading a project to evaluate the feasibility of establishing renewable energy facilities on the Boston Harbor Islands. The goals of the project are to site and initiate development of a mix of solar, wind, wave, and tidal power facilities at sites on or around Boston Harbor's Long Island, Moon Island, Spectacle Island, and Thompson Island.

The project is supported by a \$150,000 grant from the Renewable Energy Trust Fund, managed by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative which was established in 1998 to stimulate the supply of and demand for green power. The project team is led by UHI's Jack Wiggin and includes Kathy Abbott and Bill Green from the Island Alliance; Sally Wright, Jim Manwell, and Tony Ellis of the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Renewable Energy Research Lab; and David Dilts of Timeless Technologies. Faculty and graduate students from the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department are also contributing their expertise in ocean energy.

The team has focused their analysis on four islands, which are part of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area and ideal sites for renewable facilities. Boston is the third-windiest city in the nation and the four islands are all grid-tied islands, connected by electric cable with the regional



Members of the Renewable Energy Facilities project team include (from r to l): Jack Wiggin, project director and assistant director of Urban Harbors Institute, Bill Green of Island Alliance, Tony Ellis of the Renewable Energy Resource Lab at UMass Amherst, and Dave Ditts of Timeless Technologies. (Photo by Harry Brett)

electric grid. This connection now brings electricity to the islands, and could allow power generated on the islands to be fed to the grid and produce revenue for the park. Long and Moon Islands, like several other islands in the park area, are host to important community services, and Thompson Island is the site of a school and environmental education center. Renewable energy on Spectacle Island would continue the theme of environmental restoration begun with the successful transformation of a former city landfill to an island park.

With this project, the team seeks to advance the sustainable development policies of the national park and the island owners; create an opportunity to educate the public on renewable energy; provide a source of revenue to sup-

port the park; and contribute to the supply of green power and a greater reliance on renewable energy in Massachusetts.

There are a myriad of considerations to be studied in the process of designing and siting renewable energy facilities in an urban environment such as Boston Harbor. Over the past year the project team has been analyzing the physical environment and the existing and planned uses of the islands; assessing the solar, wind, and ocean energy potentials; evaluating renewable energy technologies (wind turbines, photovoltaic systems, and wave and tidal devices); researching environmental issues such as potential impacts on natural and historic resources, risks to birds, and aesthetics; investigating compatibility with airport operations and grid interconnectivity;

and evaluating alternative financial and operational models.

Throughout the process the team has been working closely with the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership and Advisory Council, the numerous federal, state, and municipal agencies with an interest or jurisdiction in the harbor, and meeting with representatives of the surrounding communities for their input. Community outreach and education is perhaps the most important aspect of the project, as people are very interested in how the project fits into the landscape and the park, and the environmental benefits of renewable energy for the Boston area.

Alternative development scenarios with data and visualizations are now being prepared for consideration by the partnership and by the public at community meetings over the next couple of months. At this stage the assessment suggests that there are good prospects for photovoltaics (solar panels) at several sites and for a small number of wind turbines on the islands. The potential to employ ocean energy technologies in the harbor, however, seems limited owing to low wave heights and the lack of strong currents. Given the project's publicly oriented goals and thorough research and outreach effort, those involved are optimistic that renewable energy will be the next chapter in the environmental success story of Boston Harbor.

(Cure Report cont.)

But budget cuts do not come easy, and some proposals still require negotiations with campus labor unions, noted Preble.

Tom Goodkind, who spoke on behalf of four unions at the July budget forum, admits to having mixed feelings about the budget process.

"As for the CURE committee itself, they clearly worked very hard, did the best they could, and came up with some decent proposals," said Goodkind. However, he believes the process could have been more open to debate, such as the key principles that the CURE Committee were asked to work under. "It appeared that certain areas might have been 'off-limits,' which did not inspire widespread confidence in their deliberations," he said.

Goodkind says the most significant negotiation probably will be around the proposed furlough. Officials estimate the move could save \$1 million. However, it would require employees to give up a week of personal or vacation time so that the campus could close between Christmas and New Year's.

"These decisions have been made only after a thorough discussion and analysis of the ideas and opinions offered both on campus and off campus," said the chancellor in a letter to the campus. "While none of these discussions were easy and may impact the services we offer on campus, we have tried to protect all of our degree programs and preserve course availability."

More information about the report is available at www.umb.edu/news/2003news/general_news/08budget.html.

University Plaza Takes Center Stage for Convocation Celebrations

By Leigh DuPuy

A campus alive with the return of students will celebrate them throughout UMass Boston's convocation activities held on September 17. Events ranging from a debate on environmental public policy, a barbecue and tour of student offerings, and a festival of music offer something for everyone in the university community.

The day will open with the 2003 Convocation breakfast for faculty and staff to be held in the Ryan Lounge at 8:30 a.m. "The breakfast is a good way to gather with friends and colleagues and talk about the forthcoming academic year," says Chancellor Gora, "and to recognize the significant progress we made last year in realizing our institutional goals."

The university community is then invited to attend the

main convocation address, "Environmental Sciences, Public Policy, and Human Well-Being," given by Washington policy expert Gregory Wetstone, on the University Plaza at 10:30 a.m. Director of advocacy for the Natural Resources Defense Council, Wetstone is a passionate opponent of the Bush Administration's environmental policy. A roundtable discussion will continue the debate on such critical issues as global warming, air pollution, forest policy, wildlife laws, and public health.

To follow, the university plaza will become the stage for a wide range of student offerings, including a free barbecue worked by university staff volunteers and a chance to tour the "Passport to Discovery" exhibit along the plaza. Modeled in the spirit of last year's successful "Hidden Jewels of the Univer-

sity," the event gives students an opportunity to learn about dozens of campus departments and programs. Those students who turn in a completed and stamped "passport" are eligible to win prizes, including a semester parking pass, campus bookstore gift certificate, and a tuition-free semester.

The day's events will culminate in the Fest-of-Us celebration, in which UMass Boston bands and top local musicians rock the plaza. The award-winning local rock band Bleu, the *Phoenix/WFNX* Best Local Male Vocalist for 2003, will headline the event and hip-hop artist Baba will serve as emcee.

For more information see calendar listings and signage around campus, or visit www.umb.edu/festofus.

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For more information and tickets, visit www.bostonfolkfestival.org or call 7-6911.

UMass Boston Team to Walk for the Komen Race for the Cure

What better way to spend a morning having fun and making a difference than to volunteer for the Komen Race for the Cure in Boston on Sunday, September 7? UMass Boston's Barbara Graceffa, assistant director for the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy, and Beacon Fitness Center Director Chris Fitzgerald invite all from the university community to join the UMass Boston walking team. All proceeds from the race, held at Daly Field in Brighton, help fund vital breast cancer and local initiatives.

"The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer," explains Graceffa,

who serves on the board of directors of the Susan G. Komen Foundation Boston affiliate. "Up to 75 percent of the net income from the Boston race stays in the community to fund local breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment projects."

Graceffa has volunteered for the race since its inception. Breast cancer has affected members of her family and two friends at UMass Boston. She says, "This event celebrates survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease."

Interested in joining the team? Please contact Chris Fitzgerald at 7-7688 for more information about participating.

GCOE Professor Brings Technology into Traditional Classrooms

By Sara Baron

Gonzalo Bacigalupe of the Graduate College of Education believes that teaching with technology is not as much learning the technologies as expanding teaching methods. In his two traditional classes, Bacigalupe uses a laptop and projector for content delivery, student presentations, and group work. PowerPoint presentations are downloaded from a Prometheus course website that includes syllabi, documents, and assignments. Students work in groups to develop ideas and then take turns entering their thoughts into a PowerPoint presentation. After the laptop is traded among the groups, Bacigalupe may add more thoughts, and at the end of class, comment on the compilation of student ideas and put the PowerPoint on the Prometheus site for future reference.

Bacigalupe also incorporates video streams and threaded discussions into his traditional courses. He assigns video clips posted on the course website so students can come to class prepared for discussion. He finds that threaded discussions on the readings elicit more student commentary than traditional e-mails and class discussions. Using comments and questions from the threaded discussions to begin class sessions, he finds these technological interventions have increased the qual-



Graduate College of Education's Gonzalo Bacigalupe blends technology throughout his traditional and online classes. (Photo by Harry Brett)

ity of writing, flow of ideas, and contributions of students. "There is a much higher level of idea sharing and collaborative work beyond the physical class time," he says.

Bacigalupe encourages faculty who are thinking about incorporating technology into their classes to start with what they know. Faculty unfamiliar with Prometheus or PowerPoint can start with e-mail lists to promote student communication outside class and by asking students if they would like to e-mail papers or instant message during office hours. Faculty can save on printing costs and help students who miss class by putting handouts online in a Prometheus site. Another op-

portunity for incorporating technology is having assignments that emphasize information gathering online. A list of excellent links will help point students to the best resources in the field.

Bacigalupe cautions that it is difficult to learn everything about incorporating technology into teaching all at once. He advises faculty to start with what they know, talk to peers, and work with students. He advises faculty who are thinking about transitioning from traditional classes to online classes to be proficient in word processing, PowerPoint, e-mail, and web searching. Faculty interested in learning more are encouraged to visit the ITC website at www.itc.umb.edu.

Photography Exhibit "Alcohol: Fun and Games?" Debuts at Healey Library



UMass Boston alumnus Albert Brodksy has created a compelling collection of black-and-white photographs that examine alcohol use and abuse, displayed in an exhibit at the Walter Grossman Memorial Gallery, 8th floor of the library, from September 1 through 30. An opening reception with the artist will be held at the gallery on September 7 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free and open to public. Contact: 7-5660.

New Managing Director Ready to Lead Nantucket Field Station

By Jim Mortenson

For those of us unaware of the beauty and opportunities available at the environmental field station on the island of Nantucket, Sarah Oktay plans to sail us out of the fog and into the shimmering potential for research, teaching, and learning that is the Nantucket Field Station (NFS).

September 1 marks the start of Oktay's tenure as the station's managing director. "I'm happy and excited," Oktay says. "I'm looking forward to raising UMass Boston's research and education profile both on Nantucket and, in time, well beyond Massachusetts."

Oktay is well-suited to the task of advancing the Field Station's mission of education, research, and community service in cooperation with faculty and students of UMass Boston, the people of Nantucket, and other educational and research organizations both on and off Nantucket. In 2000, she earned a Ph.D. in chemical oceanography from Texas A&M University, and has also earned undergraduate degrees in marine science and chemistry.

Since early 2000, Oktay has worked as a research associate in the Department of Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS), responsible for managing two laboratories, mentoring graduate students, assisting faculty in field research, chairing the NSF Research subcommittee, and much more. In addition, Oktay served as an adjunct faculty member of ECOS, as well as the system-wide Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology.

While her credentials and experience are important elements of success in a university setting, she



Sarah Oktay, former research associate for the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, will start her appointment on September 1 as managing director of the Nantucket Field Station. (Photo by Harry Brett)

believes that science truly succeeds when it is demystified and made meaningful beyond the scientific community.

"I'm dedicated to the belief that science is for all people, not just the scientists," she says. "So I will work very hard to communicate through the media as well as the Internet how environmental science works and how that translates into, for example, effective conservation programs that benefit us all."

"I'm also going to meet often with Nantucket's elected, school, town, and conservation officials to listen to their ideas about how the field station can play a greater and even more positive role in all aspects of the Nantucket community," she says.

Thanks to two philanthropists, the NFS was established about thirty years ago. Four buildings provide a residence space, classroom, laboratory, workshop, and office on a 107-acre site on Nantucket Harbor some five miles from Nantucket Center. In addition, five condo units

in town are available for faculty, students, and other NFS users. The multidisciplinary nature of the programs supported by the NFS is reflected in the topics of current research and courses taught on site, including ecology, geology, Africana studies, anthropology, art, economic botany, ornithology, health sciences, conservation biology, and others.

Oktay will increase the station's research activities and its course and outreach offerings. "I plan to return to UMass Boston one day a week to meet with faculty interested in discussing their ideas on increasing the field station's research and academic opportunities," she says.

"I am mindful that any expansion or modification of the station's activities will require funds. While we will not deviate from our mission to provide learning experiences that contribute to high-quality public education, every effort will be made to make our activities self-supporting."

HHS Grant Helps Bring the Best to Nursing

By Anne-Marie Kent

When College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) professor Linda Dumas studied nursing, she was part of a ten-member cohort who took classes together, formed study groups, and forged friendships. She believes small learning communities make sense—and current research confirms her claim.

Now, with the help of a new \$729,000 three-year Department of Health and Human Services grant and the assistance of colleagues Deborah Mahony, Jane Clouterbuck, Victoria Palmer-Erbs, Lin Zhan, Joel Grossman, and others, Dumas hopes to create a special community of learners for CNHS.

The program, called "Bringing the Best to Nursing" (BBN), is designed especially for CNHS students of color, those representing linguistic minorities, and those from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Dumas cites research from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) supporting the idea of small learning communities, particularly for students of color.

"We want to maximize student potential and improve access to the healthcare system by diverse populations of color," Dumas says. "We hope to graduate intelligent nurses who mirror the populations they will serve in urban communities—that's what hospitals desperately want and what communities need."

She first developed the idea with colleague Margaret Matteis, who, like Dumas, had experience in urban nursing; understood the

value of small communities of learning; and saw a dire shortage of nurses from groups traditionally underrepresented in the nursing profession.

Although CNHS already has a significant minority population—currently 30 percent of its students, up from 22.3 percent in 1997—and a requirement that all students study community health nursing, Dumas says that there is more to be done. She points to the growing minority populations in Massachusetts and disturbing disparities in health between whites and other racial and ethnic groups as indicators.

The HHS grant will fund "a culture of community," one that includes faculty support, mentoring, help with ESL issues, peer support, laptops, and online tutoring and discussion groups. Stipends are available for those who qualify, as well as other financial aid benefits for all who meet the criteria. A BBN-related Kids into Nursing program in Dorchester middle schools encourages young students to develop interests in nursing. BBN students will mentor diverse, urban middle school students as they learn more about nursing.

Says Dumas, "Students will have to apply to be in the program. They will be a select group—but not a segregated group." She expects to enroll 20 students in the first year, 25 in the second year, and 35 the following year. Her future plans include writing more grants to fund program expansion.

(Summering at UMass Boston cont.)

"More than 40,000 attended and 10 of the 14 sessions were sold out, making this the most successful Summer League to date," reported Charlie Titus, athletics director, who added that 14,000 free tickets were distributed to community and youth groups.

The youths who cheered their favorite NBA teams were not the only community kids on campus. Thirty-five local middle-schoolers and 63 high-schoolers took part in the Urban Scholars seven-week summer program. "The theme this summer was 'Government and Me: How do we affect the economy?'" said director Joan Becker, who noted that the Kennedy Library collaborated to offer the high schoolers electives in civil rights and "museums in motion." Additionally, reported Becker, 30 middle school students participated in the Project REACH six-week academic summer

program for college-bound students with special needs here at the campus.

While some young people reached for new academic skills, others—a hundred or so, aged eight to 18—developed nautical ones. Participants in the Courageous Sailors program at UMass Boston learned how to sail in Dorchester Bay. These sailors came from organizations including the Dorchester YMCA, the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, the Colonel Marr Boys and Girls Club, the South Boston Neighborhood House, and Freedom House.

For people of all ages interested in seeing Boston Harbor sights, free lunchtime cruises left each Tuesday at noon from the Fox Point Landing. These cruises continue through September, offering a taste of summertime to anyone who wants August to linger just a bit longer.

Dorchester Kids Learn About Horticulture at UMass Boston's Greenhouse



On June 19, Jim Allen, manager of the UMass Boston greenhouse, led a tour for children from the Elm Hill/Blue Hill Housing Developments in Dorchester through the verdant greenhouse located on the fourth floor of the Science Center, full of tropical plants, cockatiels, and frogs. The tour was part of a field trip for the landscaping design/gardening apprenticeship program, led by Jennifer Ashkar, for residents ages ten to fourteen. (Photo by Harry Brett)

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

In June, **Elsa Auerbach**, professor of English, was a rapporteur and presenter at the Institute on Research in Practice in Adult Literacy, held in St. John's Newfoundland.

Professor **Luis Aponte-Parés** of the Community Planning and Latino Studies Departments received a library travel grant from the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, Gainesville, for his research on travel writing on Cuba and Puerto Rico in the early 20th century.

On July 29, **Paul Atwood** of the Joiner Center and the American Studies Department testified before the Health and Human Services Committee of the Boston City Council to support a resolution that restricts city purchases of products that contain or produce dioxin, the deadly toxin found in Agent Orange.

Praytush Bharati, assistant professor of management science and information systems, presented and published "Strategic Utilization of Choice-Board Technology: A Conceptual Framework" with former College of Management colleague **Abi Chaudhury** at the IRMA International Conference.

Lois Biener, senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, presented the paper "Effective Anti-Tobacco Advertisements for Youth: Lessons Learned in Massachusetts" at the Federal Centre for Health Education International Workshop on youth smoking prevention. She presented the co-written paper "Cultural Congruence in Countermarketing: Necessity or Nicety" at the World Conference on Tobacco or Health.

"Discussing Findings with Peers and Stakeholders," an article by **Gonzalo Bacigalupe**, associate professor in the Graduate College of Education, was published in *QSR Insight: The QSR Newsletter*.

In July, **Lawrence Blum**, professor of philosophy, presented "High School Students Talk about Race, Morality, Community, and Educational Equity" at the annual conference of the Association for Moral Education.

Ramon Borges-Mendez of the Public Policy Program and **Miren Uriarte** of the Gastón Institute presented a paper on Latino settlement and incorporation in Lawrence and Holyoke, MA, and Providence, RI, at the "Color Lines Conference: Segregation and Integration in America's Present and Future" conference, held at Harvard University.

Francis G. Caro, director of the Gerontology Institute, spoke at the "Long-Term Care Research: A Lifeline for Service Delivery" conference, held on June 18 at the Barbara Jordan Conference Center in Washington, DC. Caro authored the conference booklet *Long-Term Care: Informed by Research*.

Françoise Carré, research director of the Center for Social Policy, presented her study "Employment Brokering for Disadvantaged Job Seekers" at a conference on workforce development. The study, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, will be released in the fall of 2003.

Professor **John Conlon** of the Performing Arts Department has been invited to present "Shakespeare's Sounds and Noises" at the New England Theatre Conference, held in Providence, Rhode Island.

Alex Des Forges, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, presented "Memory, Identity, and the Fetish of 'Modernity' in the Study of Chinese Literature" on August 7 at the Academia Sinica, held in Taipei, Taiwan.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, published the articles "Theory and Practice: A Conversation with Marilyn E. Parker" and "Critiquing Contemporary Nursing Knowledge: A Dialogue" in *Nursing Science Quarterly* and "Orem's Self-Care Deficit Nursing Theory: Actual and Potential Sources for Evidence-Based Practice" in *Self-Care and Dependent-Care Nursing*.

Associate Professor of English **Elizabeth Fay** organized and presided over a conference on Romanticism and parenting, held in July 30 and 31 in New York City.

Tom Flanagan of the Environmental Business and Technology Center codesigned and facilitated a summit, held at the President's Office on June 12, to review a plan for improving air quality and driver safety at truck stops.

Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, spoke on feminist poverty research at the Institute for Women's Policy Research Conference in D.C.

In July, **Michelle Hayes**, director of Technical Assistance at the Center for Social Policy, moderated a panel at the National Alliance to End Homelessness in Washington, D.C., on homeless management information systems.

On July 18, **Nelson P. Lande** of the Philosophy Department presented the paper "Trotsky's Brilliant Flame and Broken Reed" at a conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, held at Northeastern University.

Chantal Lefebvre of the Urban Harbors Institute gave a presentation to Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull residents on available open space and public access around the Weir River area of critical environmental concern.

Cheryl Nixon, assistant professor of English, presented a paper on guardians and wards in Fanny Burney's *Cecilia* at an International Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies meeting in Los Angeles. In July, she read her paper "Seeking Child Welfare or Suffering? Chancery Court Records and Austen's *Mansfield Park*" at the conference on Romanticism and parenting in New York.

"Collective Bargaining and Governance Agreements with Distance Learning Faculty," an article by **Dirk Messelaar**, dean of the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, was published in Harvard University's fall 2003 *Continuing Higher Education Review*.

Catherine Ann Moroski, a graduate of the Environmental Studies Program, presented the paper "Improving Risk Communication for the Valuation of Environmental, Health, and Safety Risk Reduction," which she co-authored with **Tammy Barlow McDonald**, assistant professor of economics, at the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Annual Conference.

Professor **Siamak Movahedi** of the Sociology Department presented the paper "Statistical Analysis of Subjective Clinical Data" at the Hawaii International Conference on Statistics.

Alfred Noel, assistant professor of mathematics, presented the paper "Computing Maximal Tori Using LiE and Mathematica" at the International Conference in Computer Science, held in St. Petersburg in June. He published the paper in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*.

Michael Novak, chair of the Management and Marketing Department, presented his case "Joseph Abboud: The Transatlantic Look" at the Business and Economics Society International Conference. An expanded version of the case will be published in the *Global Business & Economics Review – Anthology 2003*.

Professor **Jennifer Radden** of the Philosophy Department spoke at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry and presented a jointly authored paper, "Chemical Sanity and Criminal Justice."

In August, Professor **Lorna Rivera** in the College of Public and Community Service delivered the paper "Multiple Identities and Shifting Boundaries: Insider Research in Marginalized Communities" at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

White Men Challenging Racism: 35 Personal Stories, a book co-authored by **Emmett Schaefer**, adjunct assistant professor in the Sociology Department, was published by Duke University Press.

In July, Professor **Nina Silverstein**, professor of gerontology at the College of Public and Community Service, conducted the session "Improving Hospital Care for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias" at the 11th National Alzheimer's Disease Education Conference.

Elaine Ward of the College of Public and Community Service presented her research on empowerment of refugee and immigrant women through learner-centered participatory education at the 2003 National Refugee and Immigrant Women's Leadership Conference.

On June 10, **Jack Wiggin**, associate director, and **Chantal Lefebvre** of the Urban Harbors Institute presented the findings of the Gulf River Estuary Natural Resources Inventory at the annual meeting of the Gulf Association. Wiggin and **Richard Delaney**, director, presented the South Florida Marine Master Plan at the Coastal Zone 03 conference in Baltimore.

In July, **Julie Winch**, professor of history, gave a presentation on early African American antislavery writings at the annual conference of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, held at Ohio State University.

Meng Zhou, associate professor in the Department of Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences, gave the presentation "Population Dynamics of Zooplankton: Observations, Theories, and Models" at the Gordon Research Conference of Coastal Ocean Modeling.

PUBLICATIONS

The essay "Style as Politics: A Feminist Approach to the Teaching of Writing," by **Pamela Annas**, professor of English and director of the M.A. program, was published by Bedford/St. Martin's Press.

Elizabeth Fay, associate professor of English, published the article "Archaic Contamination: Hegel and the History of Dead Matter" in the May issue of *PMLA*.

Three articles by Professor **Arthur Goldsmith** of the College of Management have been reprinted: "Donors, Dictators, and Democrats in Africa" and "Risk, Rule, and Reason in Africa" were published in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on the Controversial African Issues*, and "Restarting and Sustaining Growth and Development in Africa" was published in *African Economic Development*.

In June, Gerontology Institute researchers **Alison Gottlieb** and **Nina Silverstein** published the report "Growing Pains and Challenges of GrandFamilies House Four-Year Follow-Up Evaluation" on their evaluation of the facility in Dorchester. The report is available on the institute's website.

Robert C. Hayden, lecturer in the College of Public and Community Service, published his sixteenth book, *Mr. Harlem Hospital: Dr Louis T. Wright A Biography*, on the first African-American physician appointed to Harlem Hospital in 1920, with Tapestry Press Ltd.

Thomas O'Grady, professor of English and director of Irish studies, has an essay, "Genius Loci: The Tutelary Spirit of Benedict Kiely's Proxopera," in the latest issue of *Nua: Studies in Contemporary Irish Writing*. He also published his poem "Trajectory" in the June 19 issue of *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Mark Pawlak of Academic Support Programs published poems in *The Saint Anne's Review*.

Assistant Professor of English **Louise Penner** read her paper "Exploring the Boundaries of the Medical Humanities" at the Conference on Making Sense of Health, Illness, and Disease, held at Oxford University.

Rebecca Romanow, lecturer in English, published "The Erasure of Language in the Globalization of Rock Music: Sigur Ros and the Politics of Hopelandic" in the July *Politics and Culture*.

Jean Rhodes, professor of psychology, published two coauthored papers: "Adolescent Mothers' Relationships with their Children's Biological Fathers: Social Support, Social Strain, and Relationship Continuity" in *Journal of Family Psychology*, and "An Exploratory Study of Youth Mentoring in an Urban Context: Adolescents' Perceptions of Relationship Styles" in the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

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Rebecca Saunders, lecturer in English, gave a workshop on Toy Theater Construction at the Puppet Education Conference at Merrimack College in June.

Professor of English Lloyd Schwartz published an essay on Gail Mazur and a translation of Brazilian poet Affonso Romano de Sant'Anna's poem "The Body Object" in *Provincetown Arts*. He also wrote the liner notes for two compact discs: *Starlight and Sweet Dreams: Songs by George Gershwin and Cole Porter* and Tod Machover's *Hyperstring Trilogy*.

Julie Winch, professor of history, gave two readings of her book *A Gentleman of Color: The Life of James Forten* at the Independence Vision Center and the African American Museum in Philadelphia.

In September, Ajume Wingo, professor of philosophy, published his book *Veil Politics in Liberal Democratic States* with Cambridge University Press.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS

Jon C. Mitchell, professor of music, presented the paper "Wind Ensemble Works Programmed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 1891-1999" at the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles Conference, held in Sweden. He also conducted the Filharmonie Bohuslav Martinu in a concert, held on August 3 in Luhakovice, Czech Republic.

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator at the Center for Social Policy, staged her play about homelessness, "Bring America Home," at the Wisconsin Conference on Homelessness on July 22. Tripp addressed the conference on the need to increase the participation of homeless clients in program planning.

Professors Laura Schrader and John Conlon of the Performing Arts Department participated in the Estivades Theatre Festival in Belgium this August.

Lloyd Schwartz, professor of English, gave two summer poetry readings—at Longfellow House in Cambridge and at the New York State Writers Institute at Skidmore College.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

College of Management's James Bierstaker was appointed associate editor of *The Auditor's Report*.

Avery Faigenbaum, associate professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, was elected to the board of directors of the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Novelist John Fulton, assistant professor of English, was an invited writer-in-residence for the Summer Literary Seminars in St. Petersburg, Russia, during the city's 300th anniversary celebrations in June. He taught a two-week fiction workshop and gave a reading from his own work.

Robert Lublin, the newest full-time faculty member in the Performing Arts Department, arrives in Boston from Ohio State University, where he recently completed his Ph.D. in Theatre.

Alfred Noel, assistant professor of mathematics, received a National Science Foundation research opportunity to work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Mathematics Department during the summer 2003 to pursue his research on the representation theory of LiE groups.

Susan Opotow, associate professor in the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution in the College of Public and Community Service, received the University of Massachusetts President's Public Service Award for 2003 for her outreach work with the Boston City Schools and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Professor Kamal Bawa has been awarded a \$30,000 grant by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to hold a workshop on "Research Priorities in Tropical Biology" in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Professors Kamal Bawa, Robert Stevenson, and Bob Morris received a grant from the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum to hold a workshop on biodiversity informatics in Bangalore, India.

Kyle McInnis, professor of exercise science and physical education, received a \$150,000 grant from Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center for a two-year research study to investigate weight control, physical activity, and cancer risk reduction among racially diverse women in an urban setting.

Tatjana Meschede, senior research associate at the Center for Social Policy, received a UMass Boston dissertation support grant to transcribe interviews with street homeless persons and service providers.

Laurie Milliken, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, received a \$100,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for her study "Factors Affecting the Bone Response and Non-Response."

Jan Mutchler, professor of gerontology and associate director for social and demographic research at the Gerontology Institute, received a \$100,000 grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to study social demography of children living with grandparents.

The Center for Social Policy received a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide technical assistance and training to communities nationwide on homeless management information systems.

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) at the Center for Collaborative Leadership received a \$25,000 gift from the ATT Foundation and a \$15,000 grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

The New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) received a \$200,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to connect practitioners to policymakers to examine issues surrounding the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The Urban Harbors Institute received a Coastal Pollution Remediation "Plus" grant from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management to assess boater awareness about pollution and the availability of boat sewage pumpout facilities in South Coastal Massachusetts.

The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences has received a \$325,000 grant from The Rockefeller Foundation to support resident fellowships in the four-year program entitled "Culture, Art, Trauma, Survival, Development: Vietnamese Contexts."

DISSERTATION

Szymon Jaroszewicz, student in the Computer Science Graduate Program, successfully defended his dissertation "Information Theoretical and Combinatorial Methods in Data Mining" on July 12.

MISCELLANEOUS

State Senator Jarrett Barrios discussed the political structure with students participating in the Political Empowerment for Immigrants and Refugees workshop during a June 24 visit.

The tutorial "Pilot: An Information Literacy Online Tutorial," created by Healey Library's Sara Baron, Janet DiPaolo, and Sarah Tudesco, systems and digital services librarian, was included in the American College & Research Libraries Internet Education Project database.

Erika Kates, research director at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, has produced a one-page fact sheet on "Growing Inequalities Among Women in Massachusetts: Income, Employment, Education and Skills."

The Trotter Institute co-sponsored the Multicultural Alternative Health and Healing Expo held on August 14 at the Healey Library.

IN THE NEWS

Avery Faigenbaum, associate professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, was quoted in the July 22 *Wall Street Journal* on the benefits of weight training for children and young teens. He was also interviewed on CNN Headline News on August 14 on physical education and childhood obesity and quoted in *Parade* Magazine for his work in the area of youth training.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was quoted in the *Metrowest Daily News* on June 15 in a story on the changing role of the political spouse.

On August 20, Stephanie Hartwell, professor of sociology, served as panelist on New England Cable News *News Night* with Chet Curtis and Jim Braude to discuss incarceration rates among men.

An interview featuring Richard Horsley, professor of liberal arts and religion, on the subject of his latest book, *Jesus and Empire: The Kingdom of God and the New World Disorder*, appeared in the July 12 issue of the *Boston Globe*.

Stephen Mrozowski, professor of anthropology and director of the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research, was quoted extensively on his excavation project at the Sylvester Manor with students from UMass Boston in the *Sunday New York Times* on August 3.

A preview of a concert featuring the music of Professor David Patterson of the Music Department at the Berwick Research Institute appeared in the *Boston Globe*. Reviews of his orchestral composition, "Cheap Trills," written in homage to Victor Borge appeared in *Music and Vision: Record Box*, *London and American Record Guide*.

Julie Winch, professor of history, was interviewed on the early history of Liberia for an article that appeared in the *Boston Herald* on July 29.

OBITUARY

The university community was saddened to learn that Bette Woody, professor in the College of Public and Community Service, passed away on July 31.

Professor Woody joined the faculty in 1985 and was promoted to full professor in 1992. For a number of years she taught in and directed the Human Services Graduate Program in the College of Public and Community Service.

In recent years, she taught in the Department of Sociology and in the joint CPCS-CAS Criminal Justice Program, while continuing to direct Capstone Projects in the Human Services Graduate Program.

Active in university service, Professor Woody once chaired the Faculty Council Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee and served on a number of ad-hoc committees concerned with budget issues.

She was also active in numerous professional associations, recently working on the redraft of a new Code of Ethics for the American Sociological Association and chairing the Awards Committee of the Association of Black Sociologists.

In Cambridge, where she resided, she was a commissioner on the Cambridge Conservation Commission, a trustee for Youth Enrichment Services, and a member of the Advisory Committee for Walden Woods.

Professor Woody is described by colleagues as a brilliant scholar-practitioner, particularly for her work on the intersection's of labor, race, gender and/or age. Through her research and scholarship in these areas, she made major contributions to the Trotter and Gaston Institutes and to the Center for Women and Public Policy.

Externally, she served as a consultant to numerous governmental and community agencies, the most recent including the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission, and the Four Corners Action Coalition in Dorchester.

In 2001, she was appointed as an editor of *Race and Society*. At the time of her death, she was working on two special issues devoted to "Women, Race and Social Theory" and "Women and Public Policy."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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 October calendar listings by Monday, September 15. Submit calendar listings online at www.umb.edu/news/calendar/. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for calendar listings online.

MONDAY 1

Labor Day
University closed.

TUESDAY 2

Classes begin
Opening-week activities run throughout the week.

Free Harbor Cruise
12:00 – 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Landing. Every Tuesday learn about the sites and sounds of the Boston Harbor Islands on board the M/V *Hurricane*. Boat departs from Fox-Point dock. Contact: 7-5404 or opctr@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 7

IT Cafe
2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall (outside CPCS Taylor Center) 3rd fl. Stop by for consultations on Web and multimedia projects. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact: 7-3900.

SATURDAY 6

UMass Boston Beacons Men's Soccer vs. Emerson College
10:00 a.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7800.

UMass Boston Beacons Women's Volleyball vs. Framingham State College
12:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7800.

UMass Boston Beacons Women's Soccer vs. Mass College of Liberal Arts
1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7800.

SUNDAY 7

Opening Reception with artist Albert Brodsky
3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Walter Grossman Memorial Gallery, Healey Library, 5th fl. Featuring UMass Boston alumnus and artist of the exhibit "Alcohol: Fun and Games? Black-and-White Photographs." The exhibit runs from September 1 to 30. Community reception scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on September 10. Contact: 7-5660.

MONDAY 8

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty Research Dialogue: Alzheimer Family Member's Coping after Nursing Home Placement
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Healey Library, Provost's Conference Room, 8th fl. Featuring Joan Garity of UMass Boston. RSVP to donaldo.clarke@umb.edu.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Visiting Scholar Dialogue: Psychiatric Nurses' Prescriptive Privileges
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Science Center, Office of Urban Family Health, 3-301/46. Featuring Steve Hemingway of the University of Sheffield. RSVP to donaldo.clarke@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 9

Brazilian Contemporary Cinema: Posthumous Memories of Bras Cuba
4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Cosponsored by UMass Boston, the Department of Hispanic Studies and Latin American Studies, and the Consul General of Brazil in Boston. Contact: 7-7550.

WEDNESDAY 10

Graduate Studies Colloquium: Cold Mountain
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Science Center, Lipke Auditorium, 2-006. Graduate students, faculty, and staff to discuss book. Contact: 7-5700.

Brazilian Contemporary Cinema: The Dog's Will
4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Cosponsored by UMass Boston, the Department of Hispanic Studies and Latin American Studies, and Consul General of Brazil in Boston. Contact: 7-7550.

THURSDAY 11

Memorial of Hope Remembrance Service
8:30 a.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Join the Division of Student Affairs to observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001. Contact: Maggie Cahill, 7-5839 or maggie.cahill@umb.edu.

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Introduction to Outlook
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop MS0-01. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

Blue Balloon Brown Bag Lunch Group
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Cafeteria, 3rd fl. Share techniques and experiences using Prometheus, UMass Boston's learning management system. Contact: Eileen McMahon, 7-3998 or eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu.

Brazilian Contemporary Cinema: Seven-headed Beast
4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Cosponsored by UMass Boston, the Department of Hispanic Studies and Latin American Studies, and the Consul General of Brazil in Boston. Contact: 7-7550.

FRIDAY 12

Brazilian Contemporary Cinema: Anahy de las Misiones
4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Cosponsored by UMass Boston, the Department of Hispanic Studies and Latin American Studies, and the Consul General of Brazil in Boston. Contact: 7-7550.

SATURDAY 13

A Brazilian Music Sampler
4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Sampling of popular Brazilian music featuring works by Antonio Carlos Jobim, Beto Guedes, Cartola, and more. Seating on a space-available basis. Cosponsored by UMass Boston, the Department of Hispanic and Latin American Studies, and the Consul General of Brazil in Boston. Contact: 7-7550.

MONDAY 15

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Distinguished Scholar Lecture: Health Security When National Security Comes First
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Nancy Milio of the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill. RSVP to donaldo.clarke@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 16

UMass Boston Beacons Men's Soccer vs. Massachusetts Maritime Academy
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7800.

WEDNESDAY 17

Convocation 2003 Breakfast for Faculty and Staff
8:30 – 10:00 a.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl.

Convocation Keynote Speech: Environmental Sciences, Public Policy, and Human Well-Being
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., University Plaza. Featuring Greg Wetstone, director of advocacy for the Natural Resources Defense Council. Roundtable discussion to follow.

Student B-B-Q
12:30 – 2:00 p.m., University Plaza. University staff serves students free food and drinks.

Passport to Discovery
12:30 – 3:00 p.m., Students can tour display tables with information on student services, departments, and programs. Prizes drawn at 3:00 p.m.

"Fest-of-Us" Musical Showcase
12:30 – 6:00 p.m. UMass Boston bands and top local musicians rock the plaza. The award-winning local band Bleu, Phoenix/WFNX Best Local Male Vocalist for 2003, will headline the event and hip-hop artist Baba will serve as emcee. Contact: 7-6900.

UMass Boston Beacons Women's Soccer vs. Pine Manor College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7800.

THURSDAY 18

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Website Planning
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Learn how to organize Web content and get Web space at UMass Boston. Workshop WEB-01A. Also on Sept. 22 and 29. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu for full schedule.

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Managing Your Outlook Mailbox
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop MS0-03. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

FRIDAY 19

Boston Folk Festival: Songwriting and Flatpicking Guitar Contests
7:00 – 10 p.m., UMass Boston Campus. Winners will perform on the field stage during the weekend. Applications available at www.bostonfolkfestival.org. Contact: 7-6911 or folkfest@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons Women's Volleyball: Little East Conference Tournament
6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Also on Sept. 20, 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-7800.

SATURDAY 20

2003 Boston Folk Festival
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., UMass Boston Campus. Five stages on Saturday and Sunday feature contemporary and traditional folk music from national, local and international talent, dance workshops, activities for children. Contact: 7-6911, www.bostonfolkfestival.org.

SUNDAY 21

2003 Boston Folk Festival
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., UMass Boston Campus. Live music, dance workshops, and activities for children. Consult www.bostonfolkfestival.org for more complete listings. Contact: 7-6911, www.bostonfolkfestival.org.

MONDAY 22

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty Research Dialogue
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11-01A. Featuring Laurie Milliken of UMass Boston. RSVP to donaldo.clarke@umb.edu.

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Introduction to Dreamweaver
3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Learn how to use Dreamweaver to create Web pages. Workshop WEB-09. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Fireworks: Graphics for Web
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Graphics instruction for those experienced with Dreamweaver. Workshop WEB-10. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

TUESDAY 23

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Introduction to Word
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop MSW-01. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

WEDNESDAY 24

Fifth Annual UMass Boston Volunteer Fair
12:30 – 6:30 p.m., McCormack Hall. Meet representatives from volunteer organizations in Dorchester and South Boston. Free and open to all. Contact: 7-7955.

English Department Distinguished Lecturer Series Features Poet Adrienne Rich
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Sponsored by the Creative Writing Program, Women's Studies Program, and *The Watermark*. Contact: 6-7600.

TUESDAY 30

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Introduction to Excel
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop MSE-01. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcohol: Fun and Games? Black-and-White Photograph Exhibit
Healey Library, 5th floor, Walter Grossman Memorial Gallery. Runs September 1 – 30. Exhibit by UMass Boston alumnus Albert Brodsky. Free and open to public. Contact: Healey Library, 7-5660.

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Fitness professionals, strength equipment, racquetball, and squash courts available. Class offerings in boot camp aerobics, step class, circuit training, weight training, etc. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Intramural Aqua Aerobics
5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Thursdays. Clark Athletic Center Pool. Contact: Rick Sledzik, 7-7830.

Visit The Wellness Center
McCormack Hall, 1st floor. The Wellness Center offers a wide range of programs—from yoga to time management. Please consult www.wellness.org for program announcements.

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.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Clothing Drive
A donation bin for gently used clothes is located on the plaza near Wheatley Hall. Contact: 7-7897.