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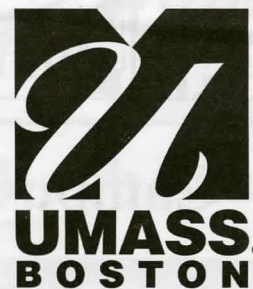
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Building On Our Strengths: The Campus Center Opens Its Doors

By Leigh DuPuy

Large floor-to-ceiling windows filled with sparkling harbor views, stunning atriums, sage-green carpeting, that “new building” smell—these are some of the first things people may notice in exploring the 330,000-square-foot Campus Center. However, for those moving into the center and for those who return again and again, this is only the beginning of new sights, sounds, and experiences permeating the building and the entire UMass Boston community.

“I’m delighted to see the activity and energy that is already filling the new building,” says Chancellor Jo Ann Gora. “It’s wonderful to see our plans for a robust student center really starting to take shape.”

Beginning March 5, student



Foot traffic and new activities have filled the halls of the new Campus Center as the university community explores one-stop student services, samples the many food offerings, and anticipates upcoming celebrations. (Photo by Harry Brett)

services and offices began their move into their new spaces, including those of Financial Aid, Admissions, Registrar, Bursar, Student Employment, Career Services, a game room, Student Life offices, as well as the offices of the vice chancellors for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

“It’s a huge excitement for me that we’ll be able to provide services more easily to students,” says Joyce Morgan, director of Student Life, whose office is located on 3rd floor West. “I’ll be able to stand at my office doorway and look across the floor, see what’s going on in our student groups.”

Throughout March, activity flowed into and out of the center.

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Adventure in the Antarctic: Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Researchers Return to the Southern Ocean



Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department’s Professor Meng Zhou (left), Ph.D. student Ryan Dorland (front left), and research associate Yiwu Zhu (right) smile with colleague Shane Ellitop in Puntas Arenas, Chile, before departing on their six-week trip to the Southern Peninsula in Antarctica. This is the third trip for ECOS researchers.

By Peter Grennen

Devoted students of hard science, Professor Meng Zhou and fellow researchers from the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department (ECOS) would never admit to being superstitious. But if you saw them the day they embarked on their most recent research cruise in early February, you might conclude they had good reason to be. Before setting sail from the Chilean city of Punta Arenas for a six-week sojourn in the Southern Ocean and Antarctica aboard the research vessel *Laurence M. Gould*, they each took a turn kissing a statue of the sixteenth-century ex-

plorer Ferdinand Magellan, a seafarer’s petition for safe passage and good fortune.

Zhou, research associate Yiwu Zhu, and Ph.D. student Ryan Dorland have unfinished business in this part of the world. On two previous voyages—both sponsored, like this one, by the Southern Ocean project of the U.S. Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics Program—they collected valuable data about krill and other sea species during the Southern Hemisphere’s fall and winter seasons, a time of year when darkness inhibits growth of phytoplankton—the tiny aquatic plants

upon which these life-forms feed.

On this trip the *Gould* reached its destination during the height of the austral summer, when phytoplankton is plentiful—if you know where to look. Of special interest to this research enterprise, a battalion of five scientific interests dubbed Project Blue Water Zone, was a piece of the Drake Passage called the Shackleton Fracture Zone. Satellite images show that from west to east the “blue water” here steadily gives way to “green water,” indicating a considerable rise in phytoplankton levels and hence the trace elements and other

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Campus Center Opens for Business and Celebration



Joyce Morgan, director of Student Life, happily adjusts to her new space. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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The Atrium Café, a delicious bakery filled with the aroma of Seattle's Best coffee, fresh fruit salads, and tempting pastries located on the upper level, opened on March 8, drawing the curious from other areas of campus to not only sample the new fare but also to take a moment to sit in the large four-story atrium and experience the bustle of people beginning to fill the building. Study groups now frequent the atrium tables, and faculty walk in twos or threes to take in the first new building on campus in 23 years.

On March 22, even more gourmet options became available as the food court opened on the first floor. Preparations have been made for future alumni events in the alumni room, faculty gatherings at University Dining (both located on the second floor), and special events to be held in the center's third-floor ballroom. The "bigger and better" bookstore, located on the first floor, was scheduled to open its doors on March 31.

However, it's not all unpacking orange moving crates and taking personal tours of the building. Cel-

ebrations of the center will be taking place throughout the months of March and April. The Office of Student Affairs has organized a three-day festival, including a March 31 welcome breakfast and a student gala held on April 2 with dancing and music by JAM'N 94.5 F.M. Entertainment is slated to include performances by the UMass Boston jazz band, free movies, a performing hypnotist, and a festival replete with games, caricature artists, basketball hoop shoots, tarot card readings, and more.

Government officials, community leaders, and members of the university community will participate in an official inauguration of the building with a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, April 2, featuring Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, Boston mayor Thomas M. Menino '88, and Commissioner David B. Perini of the Division of Capital Asset Management, the project manager.

On Monday, April 26, the university will host the "Building on Our Strengths" Gala in support of the Chancellor's Scholarship Fund. Mayor Menino will receive the

first Chancellor's Exemplary Leadership Award, along with fellow alumni Reverend Kathleene B. Card '76 of Trinity United Methodist Church, and Clayton H.W. Turnbull '82, CEO of the Boston-based Waldin Group, Inc. Headliners such as Dan Rea '70 of CBS 4 will serve as master of ceremonies for the event, and Grammy Award-winning recording artist Judy Collins will give a special performance. Collins also will be receiving the Voice of the Community award at the gala.

For many, the creation of a new "heart of the campus," as Vice Chancellor Keith Motley calls it, has been in development since 1992. Funding for the project was approved in 1997 and design work began with input from students, staff, and faculty throughout campus. From that hot and sunny day in July 2001 when ground was broken to celebrations of the center opening, the university has come a long way to carry out this vision of a UMass Boston for the 21st century.



Students Jamie Kidder, Dianne Cannon, and Lucy Labella move in to their new space in the center. (Photo by Harry Brett)

New Building, New Food Choices

By Anne-Marie Kent

The new Campus Center not only boasts great views and open spaces; it also offers a fresh selection of food choices. In addition to the already-popular Atrium Café, which opened March 8, the new building also features a food-court dining area with seating for 750 people, which opened March 22. The University Club is also located in a new building, serving similar entrees, buffet-style, in a beautiful new venue, a room accented with cherry wood finishes and expansive views of Boston Harbor.

From light vegetarian fare to heavier, home-style options, café drinks and pastries, mainstream fast food, and even sushi, the new center offers delectable options for everyone. The range of choice is no accident: a lot of research went



Students Megan Benoit and Kerry Rodden sample food from the Atrium Café a day after its opening. (Photo by Harry Brett)

into the menu planning; the diversity of the menu reflects the diversity of the campus.

"We do a couple things," explains Sodexho general manager

Michael Forcier. "One is called 'lifestyling.' We take all the zip codes of the people who work and go to school here and you put them into a program that basically says,

'OK, most of the people there would want to eat these types of foods.'" He adds that Sodexho also does surveys and traffic studies to determine not only what people want but when they want it. "Plus, we're a company so large, we have so many college campuses, we know what's popular."

So what's popular? The new food court includes the "Mein Bowl," offering authentic Asian cuisine, cooked to order on gas-fired woks. There is also sushi, soup, and an "extensive" salad bar. The deli sandwich area is called "It's a Wrap." Then there's "Pete's Arena," serving up hot calzones, pizza, pasta, and other Italian favorites. "It's all fresh. It's all made right there," says Forcier. "If you order a chicken Parmesan sub, they take it and put it through the oven

so it's all made-to-order, good-quality food." The "Harbor Market" area provides what Forcier calls "home-style comfort foods." Also, Burger King is back. Forcier reports that Burger King accounts for 20 percent of Sodexho's business. "People know it. They like it. We have to give them what they want," says Forcier. The Atrium Café and the food court will be serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Giving people what they want means that Forcier's team is also making changes to other food service outlets on campus. Their plans include a "cyber café" in the lobby of the Healey Library, a new look for the Quinn cafeteria, and an expanded menu for the coffee cart in the McCormack first-floor lobby, which will soon offer soups and sandwiches.

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Building On Our Strengths

A Student Campus Center: A Conversation with Keith Motley



Vice Chancellor Keith Motley of Student Affairs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Vice Chancellor Keith Motley sat down with the *University Reporter* for a Q & A session on his vision for student services in the new Campus Center:

What's your vision for the Campus Center?

I see it as an opportunity to bring together all the components that are now scattered throughout the campus into a place that will become the heart of UMass Boston. The Campus Center will

bring all the dimensions of university culture into a place where we can cross boundaries and learn new things about each other.

It is also a way to open our community to visitors and give them an opportunity to understand that we are more than most of them probably thought we were, from their view from the outside. When you walk into such a dynamic building with

wonderful things happening everywhere, the attitude of even your most critical person will be taken to another level because of the energy.

Do you think this will make your job easier?

I think if we all sit back and wait for the Campus Center to make our jobs easier, then we're in trouble. We have to be the energy that moves the Campus Center forward. We have to make it happen. All of us, even those who do not have an office there, play a role in the success of the Campus Center.

What is the students' vision of the Campus Center?

I think students are really excited about the potential of the center, but they're also nervous about the transition, moving and packing, those sort of worries. So we're trying to keep on top of every one of those concerns that we hear about and help people transition to the building in a way that makes them comfortable enough to give it a chance. Moving is one

of the more stressful things to do under any circumstance.

Students on campus are used to doing things certain ways, often because of constraints. New opportunities will bring new relationships, new challenges, and new collaborations.

How does it change your job?

I think my ability to be right in the building with students and to go downstairs and encounter students will allow me to have dialogue with them. I'm really looking forward to that.

I've been able to meet with a majority of students by going over to Wheatley Hall, but even when I went over there, students were saying, "the Vice Chancellor is coming to see us!"—as if they were doing something wrong. Now it's going to be different, because we will be there with them every day, so they'll be used to seeing us.

What are some of your plans?

With the STARS program, we're able to provide a series of events year round that allow for

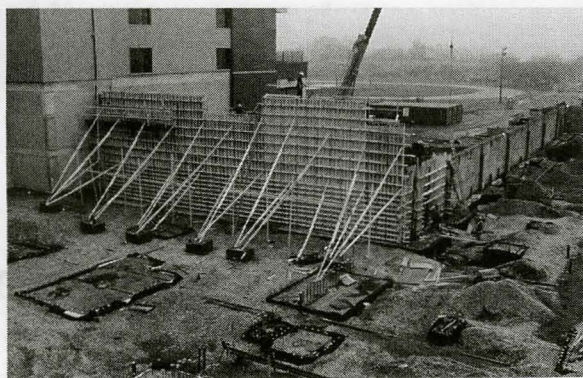
student growth and development. We are able to engage our student government in a way that we believe they should be engaged. We'll be able to work with student organizations to do a lot of collaborative events between faculty, staff, and students. What we want to show is consistency, events throughout the year that become traditions for our university that allow for learning and sometimes some good old-fashioned fun.

What do you think of the Campus Center's future impact for students?

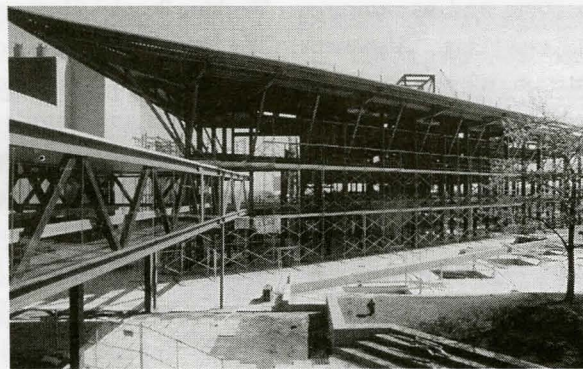
The Campus Center will be an important part of the recruitment process for students as they consider where they will attend college. I believe that we have positioned ourselves to provide the type of support, in a world-class facility, that will assist students outside of the classroom and help them to be successful here at UMass Boston and beyond.

It's grand. It's beautiful. I've seen a lot of buildings, and this is among the very best.

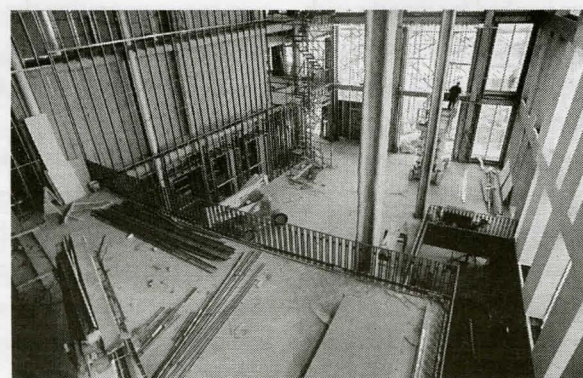
Remember when . . . ?



In December 2001, construction began on a new plywood wall and pile caps for the Campus Center.



As seen in May 2002 from the Wheatley Building, its new neighbor begins to take shape with the skeletal steelwork in place and entrance to the catwalk formed.



In May 2003, the interior of the Campus Center hints at the quality of light, harbor views, and open airy design of the final building. (Photos by Harry Brett)

Campus Center Student Celebrations: March 31 through April 2

Wednesday, March 31

8:00-9:45 a.m.—Atrium Café
Community Breakfast with Free Coffee, Bagels, and Donuts Join Chancellor Gora, Vice Chancellor Motley, and fellow community members for breakfast. Raffle drawing at 9:25!

8:30-10:00 a.m.—University Dining

Student Affairs Annual Staff and Faculty Prayer Breakfast The speaker will be Rev. Sheldon W. Bennett, senior pastor at the United First Parish Church in Quincy.

12:30-2:30 p.m.—University Dining

Raise Your Voice—Student Action for Change Campaign Join the chancellor, the Boston Youth Vote Coalition, and others in a voter participation rally.

1:00-2:30 p.m.—Alumni Room

Readings by Faculty Authors Stop by to hear your favorite professor! Participants include Carol Hardy-Fanta, Esther Kingston-Mann, Jean Rhodes, and Lloyd Schwartz.

2:30-4:00 p.m.—Ballroom

Hypnotism in the Ballroom Naptime may be calling—come and be entertained by hypnotist Frank Santos.

6:00-10:00 p.m.—Cafeteria
Double Feature! "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "School of Rock" It's time for Film Appreciation—with free popcorn!

Thursday, April 1

1:00-2:00 p.m.—Cafeteria
UMass Boston Jazz Band Our own talented musicians will make Music Appreciation easy!

2:30-5:30 p.m.—University Streets

Campus Center Festival Our Campus Center "streets" will be lined with food-giveaway stands and novelty booths featuring caricature artists, basketball hoop shooting, tarot card readers, and talent show.

7:00-9:00 p.m.—University Room

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, and Snack Giveaway, with Live Music Take a break from class for live music from WUMB for your soul! Performances by Chris and Meredith Thompson.

Friday, April 2

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.—Game Room

Pool and Game Tournament Sign up for the pool and game tournament and test your skills, or try your hand at Madden football. Free popcorn and pizza!

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony The official opening of the Campus Center.

7:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.—Ballroom, Cafeteria, and other Center locations

"Celebration of Stars" Gala Dancing and Entertainment Celebrate our community at a festival with games, prizes, mini-fashion shows, international eats, and dancing!

March 31 - April 2

Scavenger Hunt (with Raffle Finale)—Campus Center Check out building offices, gather a puzzle piece, and complete your picture of the Campus Center to be entered for prize drawing at the Gala Dance. Prizes include free tuition for next semester.

University and Community Honors 2004 Quinn Award Winner

By Leigh DuPuy

For Isaura Mendes, the 2004 recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award, her community activism is a deeply personal one. In an emotional speech to a crowded Ryan Lounge, Mendes said, "I want to make a difference to everyone in my community and my family. I have four children and six grandchildren and I can't give up. Survivors and their families must get together to make a difference."

On March 16, UMass Boston held its eighteenth Annual Community Breakfast in honor of Mendes' exemplary community service. Elected officials such as Representative Marie St. Fleur; Boston City Councilors Maureen Feeney, Chuck Turner, and Jim Kelly; Andrea Cabral, Suffolk County Sheriff; and Dan Conley, Suffolk County District Attorney, joined community leaders, local business people, and UMass Boston faculty and staff members to pay tribute to Mendes and her achievements.

"I am delighted to welcome you all to the breakfast. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate UMass Boston's relationship with the community," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora. After a recitation of Mendes' many achievements and honors, including the 2002 Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus "Profile of Courage" award, Chancellor Gora noted, "You are truly a profile in courage."



Above: Many came out in honor of Isaura Mendes' achievements, including: (front row) Dan Conley, Suffolk County District Attorney; Maureen Feeney, Boston City Councilor; Jim Kelly, Boston City Councilor; Chancellor Jo Ann Gora; Isaura Mendes; Chuck Turner, Boston City Councilor. (back row): Jack Wilson, president of the University of Massachusetts; Andrea Cabral, Suffolk County Sheriff; Robert H. Quinn; and Captain Tom Lee of Area C-II, Dorchester.

Middle: Mendes smiles with Bob Quinn following the conclusion of the breakfast.

Below: Dominga Carvalho, sister of Isaura Mendes; Mendes; Shannon Flaherty of the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy and nominator of Mendes; and Hal Cohen, colleague and friend of Mendes. (Photos by Harry Brett)



"What you have done for our community is enthralling for all of us," said Robert H. Quinn, former Massachusetts Speaker of the House of Representatives, for whom the award is named. "You have taken a terrible tragedy and turned it around to something positive for the community."

"We walk against violence," said Mendes in her address to the breakfast. Since the death of her

son, Bobby Mendes, in 1995, Mendes has worked tirelessly to bring about peace on city streets. Working with other community leaders, she helped organize the First Annual Parents' and Children's Walk for Peace in July 2000, which attracted 300 marchers in its inaugural year. The annual march is now in its fifth year.

"I want to thank everyone who is here today, honoring just one of us who has lost our children," said Mendes, who has been a resident of Uphams Corner since she emigrated from Cape Verde when she was fifteen years old. "I have lived here for thirty-seven years and I love Dorchester. I want to try and make it a better place."

"Of course, we say congratulations," said Jack Wilson, president of the University of Massachusetts, who followed Mendes' stirring speech. "But more importantly, we must say thank you for setting the example."

Many of the former awardees were in attendance, including Chris Hayes of Boston Police Neighborhood Crime Watch, Joe Chaisson of Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association, Farther George Carrigg, Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch, Sister Maryadele Robinson, and Ed Forry of the *Dorchester Reporter*.

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

Historians Help Secure Donation of 800 New Texts for Healey Library



Collections Development Librarian Stephen Haas and Jim Green, historian and professor at the College of Public and Community Service, discuss the pending donation of academic and scholarly history books to the Healey Library. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Through the thoughtful efforts of UMass Boston's Jim Green and Stephen Haas, the Organization of American Historians (OAH) has arranged the donation of 800 new academic and scholarly texts by 183 publishers to the Healey Library following the OAH's annual meeting held in Boston this March.

The donation, valued at \$32,000, was arranged by Green, a historian and professor at the College of Public and Community Service, who served as the chair of the Local Resource Committee for OAH's conference, "American Revolutions." Knowing that OAH donates to local schools

books that are displayed by publishers at their annual conferences, Green decided to pitch UMass Boston as a worthy recipient of the books.

"They don't usually donate to universities," says Green, "but as we are a public university affected by recent budget cuts, we were able to show them how much we could use these books."

Green solicited the help of Haas, collections development librarian at the Healey Library, who contacted OAH to ask them to consider UMass Boston. "I sent a summary of our needs and explained the impact current budget cuts have had on our libraries," said Haas. "For example, three years ago, the legislature designated 14.5 million dollars for all five UMass campus libraries. Last year, they designated 1.5 million."

The OAH was also impressed with the mission of the university and its student body. "They

like the fact that we have a multicultural, nontraditional student body and that the public is free to come and use our resources," says Haas. "Also, with this donation, we will be able to use our current funds to acquire even more materials."

The donation will be a great addition to the Healey Library, says Green: "These books include the latest research monographs, popular biographies by trade publishers, and new editions of classic titles and survey texts in U.S. history."

Green worked for months with the OAH's Local Resource Committee, which organized a number of activities, plenary sessions in city venues, and special events devoted to Boston history. "The conference really showcased the city, its institutions, and its people," says Green. "We arranged events such as the town meeting with Howard Zinn at the Old South Meeting House and walking tours for con-

ference participants that feature the Women's Heritage Trail, the Black Heritage Trail, and the Working People's Heritage Trail." The latter, a tour that Green led, offered a "great opportunity to use monuments and historic sites to bring scholarship to street level. We as historians are looking at new ways to involve the public in history and to look at what's been left out of the traditional texts," says Green.

A record number of historians registered for the conference, which was highlighted by a session commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark desegregation decision in the Brown case.

The OAH is an association of 11,000 college and university professors, high school teachers, archivists, and writers who are dedicated to teaching, researching, and interpreting U.S. history and publishes the prominent *Journal of American History*.

UMass Boston Student Goes for the Gold in Summer Olympics 2004

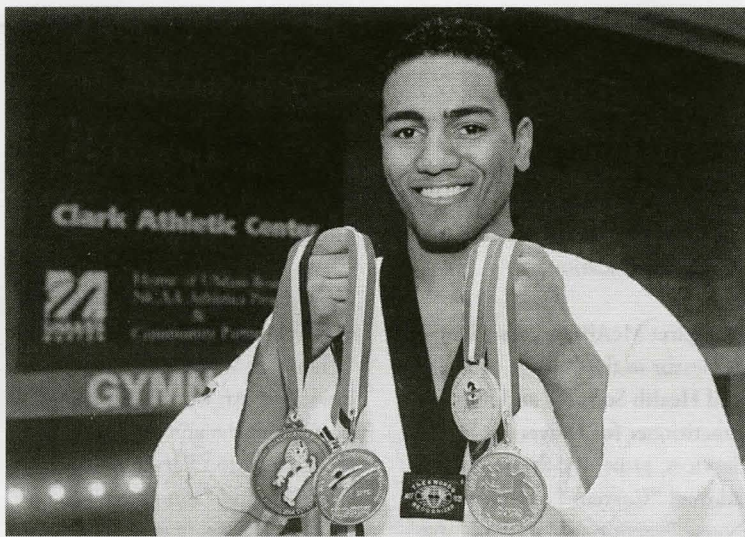
By Anne-Marie Kent

Not your average 21-year-old, UMass Boston sophomore Fredson Gomes has more martial arts championship medals than he can carry, his own website, and plans to compete for the gold medal in Tae Kwon Do in the summer 2004 Olympics in Athens.

As a College of Management student, Gomes studies business management with a concentration in marketing, but in the short run his eyes are on the gold in Athens.

"I practice four to five hours a day, basically doing what I have to do," says the Brockton resident. "It's important that I come to school too, just to keep my mind occupied on something else. At school I can forget about practice, focus on schoolwork, and then I just go back to training. It's not a bad mix."

Born in Sao Vicente, Cape Verde, Gomes came to this country at the age of six. When he



Fredson Gomes travels to Athens this summer to compete in the Tae Kwon Do event at the 2004 Olympics. (Photo by Harry Brett)

was ten, he was introduced to martial arts. "My dad signed me up. I was a chubby little kid. I didn't want to go, but after a while, I got used to it," he says.

He began competing in 1994. That year, he won gold medals at the Northeast Karate Championships and at the Plymouth Open

Karate and Kung Fu Championships. Each and every year after that, he placed top honors at various Karate and Tae Kwon Do championships. He recently won the Massachusetts State Championship, U.S. National Championship medal, All African Games Championship medal, and the

Egypt Olympic Qualifiers bronze medal.

"I used to do open-style Karate tournaments. It's difficult to describe. It's not continuous. If you score five points, you win. Tae Kwon Do is a little bit different. Tae Kwon Do is three rounds, three minutes. It's continuous," says Gomes. "I toured all over the U.S. doing point-fighting Karate, and Tae Kwon Do has just given me the opportunity to travel all over the world. I've been to Korea, Egypt, France, and Nigeria."

In Athens, he will represent his home country of Cape Verde. "It's where I was born. It just gives me great pride to compete for Cape Verde. I want to bring glory to the country," says Gomes. "It's sort of a small country. The way I look at it is, where would this country be without a Michael Jordan or Wayne Gretzky or some idols like that? I want to give

hope to the kids back home."

No doubt, in August, they'll be cheering for him in Cape Verde, in Brockton—and, he hopes, at UMass Boston. So far, classmates have been supportive. When he demonstrated his skills at a recent Black History Month event, Gomes says, many of his fellow students purchased fundraising t-shirts to support him.

Come August, Gomes's former UMass Boston soccer coach, Noel Cotterell, will also be cheering him on. "I'm not surprised at Fredson's success," says Cotterell. "He's a coach's dream. He plays intensely and learns quickly due to his self-initiative. He maintains personal standards on and off that field that are exemplary. He will never stop until the task at hand is completed."

Visit Gomes's website for the latest news of his competitions: www.fredsongomes.com.

CPCS Professors Use Federal Grant to Expand Access to Tax Filing Technology



Professors Joan Arches and Terence McLarney are helping more Boston-area residents file for Earned Income Tax Credit. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Ed Hayward

As many as a quarter of eligible Boston residents don't take advantage of one of the nation's most effective anti-poverty programs—the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)—according to two UMass Boston professors who used a federal grant to kick off an effort this tax season to return more than \$1 million in federal and state taxes to qualified residents in Greater Boston.

Professors Joan Arches and Terence McLarney of the College of Public and Community Service are coordinating the Boston EITC Electronic Filing and Technology Access Project to pilot an electronic application and filing program at community technology centers providing outreach, referral, and processing services.

The project, which will supplement the City of Boston EITC Campaign's 156 free tax-help sites, hopes to return \$1 million in federal and state taxes, including \$300,000 in EITCs, to low-income residents in Boston neighborhoods

for the 2003 tax year. U.S. Department of Commerce funding of \$500,000 supports the project.

"This is a national model for much better access to technology for residents who might otherwise not be able to take advantage of the new tools in our increasingly digital world," said McLarney. "Our goal is to raise awareness of electronic filing for the EITC, as well as state and federal tax returns. Finally, we see this as a gateway to other financial literacy services for inner-city residents."

The program seeks to increase access to an existing support system for EITC filing, as well as community technology centers, which are multimedia facilities that emerged in the 1990s as improved versions of neighborhood computer centers. The technology centers now have staff that can help residents use the computer tools needed to navigate the filing systems.

"People should have the tools, the place, and the confidence to

use this technology, regardless of whether they can afford a computer in their home," said Arches. "It's a viewpoint that's shared by the city, the EITC Coalition, the non-profit groups, and the university community involved with us. This project aims to address the promise technology holds for everyone in our society."

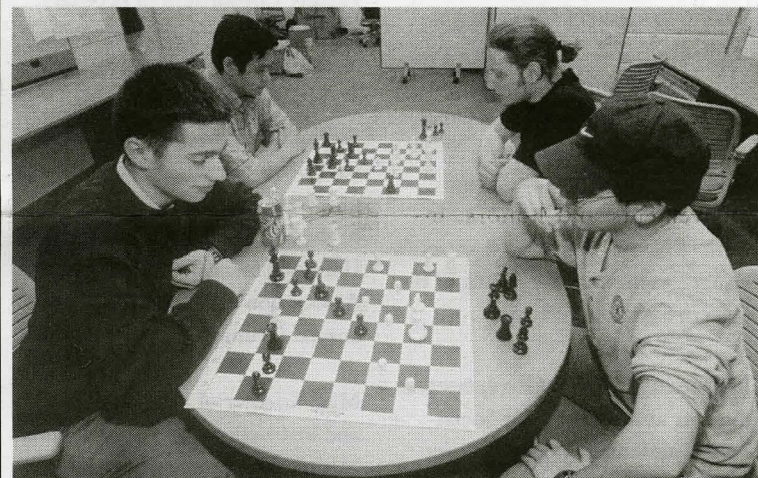
The project, now being piloted at community technology centers in Boston, Malden, and New Bedford, brings a specialized online application and federal filing program, known as ICAN, from its initial success in Orange County, Calif., to Boston and a select few other cities throughout the United States, said McLarney.

ICAN, developed by Legal Services of Orange County, is a national computer filing program that simplifies the steps required to file for the federal EITC, which last year returned \$36 billion to low-income working individuals and families.

Filing for the EITC takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes through the ICAN system, said McLarney. Typically, residents have had to rely on private tax-preparation offices as the nearest access point for filing services and technology. A family of four earning \$25,000 in 2003 was eligible for a credit of up to \$4,204.

The work of McLarney and Arches is in partnership with the City of Boston's EITC Campaign, the non-profit Survivors Inc., of Roxbury, Mass., and CTCNet New England, the regional affiliate of a national coalition of community technology centers.

Chess Team Wins Best College Team Trophy



Members of the Chess Club play one of their first games in the new Campus Center on March 4. (Photo by Harry Brett)

In its second year, the UMass Boston Chess Club has seen great success. In March, five club members, Kelvin Lo, Joseph Perl, Dan Korsunsky, Rueben Urmeneta, Jr., and Dimitry Frenklah, formed a team to compete in the 13th Annual Eastern Class Championships, held in Sturbridge. Following the competition, the team received a trophy for the best college team at the tournament.

"I was using this trip to give experience to some of our players who had not played in tournaments," said club president and founder Dan Korsunsky, "and ultimately in preparation for our next tournament."

Korsunsky organized the club when he arrived at UMass Boston as a freshman. "Of course I am thrilled about the trophy, but it is difficult to fail when one is surrounded by people who want to learn and win, and faculty who do everything possible to help make trips like this possible," he said.

Additionally, Joseph Perl was written up in the "Chess Notes" section of the *Boston Globe* on March 9 for playing a Metrowest Club Tournament and beating master player John Curdo, a 700-time tournament winner and the author of the popular *Chess Caviar* series.

For more information, please e-mail chessfoyou@hotmail.com.

**Liberating Social Theory
Inspirations from Paulo Freire for Learning,
Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in Applied
Settings**

Wednesday, April 7
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.,
Provost Conference Room
Healey Library, 8th Floor

See [//www.sociology.umb.edu/](http://www.sociology.umb.edu/) for more information.

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Lois Biener, senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, presented the study "Town and Individual Predictors for Support of Tobacco Excise Taxes" at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco.

Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, was the Mitch Snyder Lecturer at the First Church of Cambridge, where he spoke on "Racial Discrimination and Racial Inequality."

Chris Bobel, assistant professor of the Women's Studies Program, presented "Making Something So Personal, Political: An Analysis of Menstrual Activism" at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association.

On February 18, **Diana Burgin**, professor of Russian, gave the talk "Upscale, Downscale: Tsvetaeva's Music of the Stairs" at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University.

Milton Butts Jr. of the Sociology Department presided over a paper session, where he presented "Notions of Success: An Ethnographic Reflection on the Adjustment of Youth Who Are on Society's Fringe" at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.

In March, **Francoise Carré**, research director at the Center for Social Policy, presented two lectures for conferences held in Paris: "The Temporary Staffing Industry in the United States: Institutional Context, Patterns of Use and Workforces" and "Non-Standard Employment Arrangements in France and the United States."

School psychology graduate students **Susan Coomey**, **Barbara Ball**, **Orla Higgins**, **Wesley Sims**, and **Luis Duque**, working with Associate Professor **Felicia Wilczenski**, presented two studies, "Promising Practices in Using Cyber-Communication in School Psychology" and "Service Learning as a Vehicle in Educating School Psychologists," at the National Association of School Psychologists annual meeting.

Lal Chugh of the College of Management presented the paper "Pre and Post Demutualization Performance of Life Insurance Companies" at the Eastern Finance Association Annual Meetings.

Alex DesForges, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, presented the paper "The Cinematic Mode in Shanghai, 1890 - 1937" at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, held on March 4.

Jeff Dukes, professor of biology, gave the keynote address at the "Species at Risk 2004" conference, held in Victoria, Canada, on March 5.

Susan Eisenberg, lecturer in the College of Public and Community Service, spoke on women in the U.S. construction industry at a "Women into Construction" conference, held at the University of Westminster, London.

Corinne Etienne, assistant professor in the Department of Applied Linguistics, and **Pratima Prasad**, professor of French in the Department of Modern Languages, conducted a professional development workshop for school teachers of French at UMass Boston on March 6.

Patricia Gallagher, a senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, was an invited speaker at 8th Annual Conference on Health Survey Research Methods.

Professors **Anne Jones** and **Julie Brennan** of the College of Management attended the Accounting New Faculty Consortium in February. Participants were selected through a national competitive process.

William Kiernan, director of the Institute for Community Inclusion, moderated the session "Responding to the Needs of All Job Seekers: A Universal Strategy" at the National Association of Workforce Board's annual forum.

Mari Koerner of the Curriculum and Instruction Program presented "Using the Community as a Resource for Teacher Education: Integrating Alternative Voices" with **Najwa Abdul-Tawwab** and **Lee Teitel**; "Beyond the Teacher Test: The Massachusetts Coalition's Use of Broadscale Survey Data to Extend Evaluation of Urban Teacher Preparation Programs" with colleagues; and the panel presentation "Doing Dewey: The Practices of Deliberative Democracy for Improving Teacher Quality and Student Achievement" at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Arthur Goldsmith, professor of management, presented the paper "Plebiscites and the Public Purse: U.S. Experience with Direct Democracy" for the Expert Group Meeting on Participation of Civil Society in Fiscal Policy, held at the United Nations Headquarters.

Virginia Smith Harvey, associate professor and chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, spoke at the National Association of School Psychologists' conference and conducted the workshops "Administrative and Clinical Supervision," "Improving Study Skills," and "Surviving and Thriving as a School Psychologist."

Donaldo Macedo, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, was the keynote speaker at the 29th Annual Conference of the California Association for Bilingual Education.

Margaret McAllister, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and nurse practitioner for University Health Services, presented the keynote address "Current Practice for the Nurse Practitioner" at the Nurse Practitioner Retreat Day Dana-Farber Institute, held on March 3.

Marc Prou, assistant professor in the Africana Studies Department, spoke on "The Origin and Evolution of the Haitian Creole Language" at Suffolk University on March 23.

In February, gerontology faculty and Ph.D. students made presentations at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, including **Nina Silverstein**, **Jenai Murtha**, **Kelly Fitzgerald**, **Marian Spencer**, and **Bei Wu**.

Nancy Stieber, associate professor and chair of the Art Department, recently presented the lecture "'Old Amsterdam Was Worth A-Lookin' At': The Beautiful City and its Beautiful History" at Wesleyan University and presented a paper at the symposium "Rethinking Architectural Historiography," held at the Middle Eastern Technical University in Turkey.

M.H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi, assistant professor of sociology, presented the paper "Rethinking Sociology: Self, Knowledge, Practice, and Dialectics in Transitions to Quantum Social Science" at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.

Andrés Torres, director of the Gastón Institute, presented "Latino Futures in a Changing Policy Environment" for the annual José Martí Freedom and Struggle in the Americas Lecture, held at the College of the Holy Cross on February 19.

Udaya Wagle of the Public Policy Program presented the paper "Poverty in Kathmandu: What Do Subjective and Objective Economic Welfare Concepts Suggest?" at the 30th Annual Eastern Economic Association Conference.

Institute for Community Inclusion researchers **Doris Hammer** and **Gabriella Rado** presented a poster session at the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed International Conference.

Ajume Wingo, assistant professor of philosophy and senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School of Public Policy's Center for Democracy and Developments,

presented the paper "The Promises and Perils of Civil Society in Africa" at a February conference held at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Harold Wolozin, professor of economics, presented two papers: "Thorstein Veblen and Human Emotions: An Unfulfilled Pre-science" at the annual meeting of the Association For Institutional Thought, and "Emotions in Economic Discourse: A Psychoanalytic Approach" at the Behavioral Economics Conference.

Ying Tan, assistant professor of biology, gave the talk "Molecular Evolution of Color Vision in Primates" at the Keystone Symposium on Molecular and Cellular Biology: Natural Variation and Quantitative Genetics in Model Organisms.

PUBLICATIONS

Arindam Bandopadhyaya, professor of finance, published the coauthored article "Determinants of Market Assessed Sovereign Risk: Economic Fundamentals or Market Risk Appetite?" in the *Journal of International Money and Finance*.

Center for Survey Research's **Lois Biener** and **Alison Albers** published two cowritten articles: "Young Adults: Vulnerable New Targets of Tobacco Advertising" and "Effect of Local Restaurant Smoking Regulations on Environmental Tobacco Smoke Exposure Among Youths," with colleagues, in *AJPH* (the *American Journal of Public Health*).

James Bierstaker, associate professor of accounting and finance, cowrote two articles: "Highlights of Current Audit Approaches" and "Have You Seen These Instructional Resources (Internal Audit)" in the spring issue of *The Auditor's Report*.

Jay R. Dee, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education, published the article "Reconciling Differences: Conflict Management Strategies of Catholic College and University Presidents" in *Higher Education*.

Jeff Dukes, professor of biology, published the cowritten article "Overyielding Among Plant Functional Groups in a Long-Term Experiment" in *Ecology Letters*.

A poetry chapbook entitled *Susan Eisenberg Greatest Hits 1982 - 2004* by **Susan Eisenberg**, lecturer in the College of Public and Community Service, was published by Pudding House Publications. Eisenberg also contributed the chapter "Still Waiting After All These Years: Women in the U.S. Construction Industry" for *Women in Construction*.

Virginia Smith Harvey, associate professor and chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, has published three articles: "Using Computer-Related Technology for Assessment Activities: Ethical Professional Practice Issues for School Psychologists" in *Computers in Human Behavior*; "Ethical Issues with Computer Related Technology" in *School Psychology Review*; and "Generating Effective Reports" in *Contemporary Psychology*.

Melissa Herman, assistant professor of sociology, published the article "Forced to Choose: Some Determinants of Racial Identification in Multi-Racial Adolescents" in *Child Development*.

Charles Knight, emeritus professor of English, published his book *The Literature of Satire* with Cambridge University Press.

Stuart Licht, professor and chair of the Chemistry Department, co-wrote the cover article "Rechargeable Fe(III/VI) Super-Iron Cathodes" in the journal *Chemical Communications*.

Exploring Literacy, a new book by **Eleanor Kutz**, professor of English, has been published by Pearson Longman.

Professor **Joyce Peseroff** of the English Department has had her fourth volume of poems, tentatively titled *Eastern Mountain Time*, accepted by Carnegie Mellon Press.

The College of Management's **Kiran Verma** published the co-authored paper "Is the Cheapest Drug Always the Best Alternative?" in *Primary Psychiatry*.

Robert Weiner, faculty chair of the International Relations track in the MSPA program, has published "Romanian Bilateral Relations with Russia and Hungary: 1989 - 2003" in *Romania Since 1989: Politics, Economics, and Society*.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, is the first author on a research monograph, "Compstat and Organizational Change in the Lowell Police Department: Challenges and Opportunities," published by the Police Foundation.

A paper by **Harold Wolozin**, professor of economics, "The Human Mind, Institutions and Economic Behavior," was published in the April issue of the *Journal of Economic Issues*.

Sally Wright of the College of Management has published three coauthored articles: "Are Financial Auditors Overconfident in Their Ability to Assess Risk Associated with Enterprise Resource Planning Systems?" in *Journal of Information Systems*; "Auditor Negotiations: An Examination of the

Efficacy of Intervention Methods” in *The Accounting Review*; and “Potential Ramifications of Continuous Reporting and Continuous Assurance on Investor Behavior” in *Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, RECORDINGS

Clarinetist **Chester Brezniak**, faculty member in the Music Department, had his CD *Clarinet Now* released by Centaur Records.

In February, **Askold Melnyczuk**, director of the Creative Writing Program, participated in an evening honoring George Starbuck held at Harvard University.

Jon Mitchell and **Linnea Bardarson** of the Department of Music have just had their CD Beethoven: Piano Concerto Movement in D, K. Anh 7, and Piano Concerto in D, Op. 61, released by Centaur Records.

David Patterson, professor of music, composed and played the music for “Money Goes ‘Round and ‘Round,” a Wellesley Community Television program hosted by Babson College’s John Edmund.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

In conjunction with the Center for Social Policy, **Phyllis Freeman**, senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School, released “Emergency Preparedness: A Manual for Homeless Service Providers.”

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend to support his work on convict transportation.

The Center for Social Policy received a University Public Service Endowment Grant to enhance the involvement of low-income constituents in the center’s research activities.

The Center for Social Policy completed a two-year, \$1.8 million grant project for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, through which they provide technical assistance, training, and documentation for communities implementing homeless management and information systems.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

The College of Management has named **Edward Albertian** Executive-in-Residence. In that role he will work with faculty, staff and students on projects related to the areas of strategy, leadership, operations and marketing management, and information systems.

Arindam Bandopadhyaya, professor of finance, was appointed director of research of the recently formed Financial Services Forum in the College of Management.

Professor **Carroy U. Ferguson** at the College of Public and Community Service has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the Association for Humanistic Psychology’s bimonthly magazine *AHP Perspective*.

Donna Kuizenga has been appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Kuizenga, a professor of romance languages, most recently served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont.

Howard University’s Division of Nursing has recognized **Laurel Radwin** of the Adult Gerontological Nursing Program as an “Emerging Star in Health Disparities Research” for her work on quality of nursing care received by diverse populations.

MISCELLANEOUS

On February 17, McCormack Graduate School’s Dean **Edmund Beard** and researchers **Erica White** and **Michael McPhee** hosted five visitors from the Republic of Azerbaijan studying think tanks and political analysis.

On January 27, **Ellen Hume**, director of the Center for Media and Society, and **Michael McPhee**, researcher at the McCormack Graduate School, met with six journalists from the Republic of Georgia participating in the U.S. State Department’s International Visitor Program.

The Emerging Disabilities Project at the Institute for Community Inclusion hosted a policy summit in Washington, D.C., to discuss disabilities from an environmental, political, and social perspective.

IN THE NEWS

Research by **Jeff Dukes**, professor of biology, on CO₂ fertilization was reported by the BBC, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and WBZ-AM on February 16.

In February, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, provided commentary on the presidential election on WBZ Channel 4 News and New England Cable News. She was quoted in the *Christian Science Monitor* on the appointment of women to top spots in San Francisco. She was also quoted in *Scholastic News* on March 1.

A review of *Harriet Tubman: Her Life and Her Life Stories* by **Jean Humez**, director of the Women’s Studies Program, was published in the *New York Review of Books* on March 11.

John McGah and the Center for Social Policy’s Give Us Your Poor Community Action Forum on Homelessness in Greater Boston was featured in *Spare News* on March 4.

A review of *Reenchantment: Tibetan Buddhism Comes to the West* by **Askold Melnyczuk**, director of the Creative Writing Program, was published in the *Boston Sunday Globe* on February 29.

In February, **Marc Prou**, assistant professor of Africana studies, was interviewed on the political crisis in Haiti by *CNN World News*, *BBC News*, the *Bay State Banner*, the *Haitian Times*, *Journal Do Brazil*, and *El Mercurio*. He was also interviewed on WHDH-TV’s “Urban Update” on March 7.

Lorna Rivera, assistant professor in the College of Public and Community Service, discussed women’s literacy and how adult literacy education is a vehicle for social change on WRBB Radio on February 29.

Debra Wein of the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education was interviewed for a segment on nutrition for WLVI-TV 56 on March 2.

CORRECTION

In regards to the March article on the new student trustee, **Omar Bukhari** reports that he missed one meeting while serving as student trustee.

WUMB Goes Digital

By **Darrell Penta**

Last month, WUMB-FM became one of the first stations in the country to adopt a technology thought to revolutionize radio broadcasting. High Definition (HD) Radio enables stations like WUMB to broadcast digital versions of their existing signal with CD-quality sound and the option of streaming text information such as song titles, weather, and traffic.

“This is definitely the future of radio,” said WUMB general manager **Patricia Monteith**. “It’s going to help us grow into the next century.”

Monteith believes stations will change over to digital format in the coming months for many reasons. For example, the “pop,” “hiss,” and fades associated with FM and AM broadcast will be virtually eliminated with digital radio, resulting in an overall improvement in sound. Also, stations will be able to add streams of content to their existing signals—basically increasing the amount of information they can transmit at once. This additional information may be sent as song and artist information, or weather and traffic reports, which

would appear on digital receivers like a news ticker. In some cases, the added streams will result in stations being able to simultaneously offer two different formats.

The cost of converting an average FM station to HD Radio typically ranges from \$50,000 to \$100,000; for smaller public radio stations like WUMB, therefore, cost is a large factor in the decision to go digital. Nonetheless, upwards of 300 stations across the country have applied for an HD broadcast license and the number is expected to increase dramatically as consumers respond to the technology. WUMB recently received a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to pay for 70 percent of the costs to convert to digital.

“The benefits of this conversion far outweigh the costs,” said **Monteith**. “Not only will we be able to deliver the highest-quality signal available to our listeners, but we’ll also strengthen our presence on the dial and leave room to expand our programming offerings to meet the needs of our community.”

ECOS in the Antarctic (cont.)

nutrients that sustain it.

Zhou and his team hope to improve understanding of iron’s role in the life cycle of Southern Ocean plankton communities—“to determine how much of the observed variability in phytoplankton biomass can be attributed to iron supply,” reads a mission statement posted on the project’s website. Specifically, they aim to identify the precise origin of iron in these waters—whether coastal erosion, upwelling water, wind, or some combination thereof—and the manner in which iron is circulated.

From the outset, the ECOS scientists were under no illusions about the dimensions of their assignment and the potential for mishap. One of their more daunting challenges was working within the project’s time constraints: As the physical oceanography component of the expedition, they were responsible for making sure the *Gould* did not remain too long at unproductive sites. “We are under pressure to process all data at nearly real time . . . to assist the



Bonaparte Point is one of the many beautiful landscapes the research team came upon in the Antarctic.

cruise planning,” **Zhou** reported soon after the *Gould* had reached the study site.

At other times nature herself seemed the biggest obstacle. Work of this kind involves measuring a host of oceanographic variables using an array of high-tech equipment that is apt to malfunction, especially under the extreme conditions encountered on the open seas. Indeed, the researchers’ daily website updates refer to numerous occasions when an equipment problem put one or more of the mission’s objectives in jeopardy.

It was enough to make even a veteran voyager to the Antarctic

wax philosophic about the tools of science. “When the ocean is in front of you, you realize that your symbols and equations mean so little. While our vessel was helplessly rolling and pitching, we seemed so insignificant before nature,” **Zhou** noted in an early-March dispatch.

Zhou’s observations serve as a cautionary tale about the power of nature. And they may help explain why some scientists see nothing unusual in enlisting spiritual guidance before venturing from the sanctuary of their labs to confront nature on its own terms.

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 May calendar listings by **Friday, April 16**. Submit calendar listings online at www.umb.edu/news/calendar/. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for calendar listings online.

WEDNESDAY 31

Student Campus Center Celebrations

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Campus Center. Welcome breakfast, faculty readings, hypnotist performance, movies. Student events run through Friday, April 2. See page 2 for full details.

THURSDAY 1

Student Campus Center Celebrations

1:00 – 9:00 p.m. Campus Center. UMass Boston jazz band performance, Campus Center Festival, giveaways with live music. Student events run through Friday, April 2. See page 2 for full details.

FRIDAY 2

Cut the Ribbon at the Campus Center

11:30 a.m., Campus Center. Ceremonial ribbon-cutting.

Student Campus Center Celebrations

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Campus Center. Pool and game tournament and "Celebration of the Stars" Gala Dancing and Entertainment (7:30 p.m.). See page 2 for full details.

Biology Friday Seminar Series: Role of Cdc 14-like Phosphatase Clp 1p in Coordinating Chromosome Segregation and Cytokinesis
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Dan McCollum of UMass Worcester Medical School. Refreshments. Contact: 7-6600 or diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 6

Department of Athletics: Massage Therapy

2:30 – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1-613. Massage therapy by licensed therapist. Cost is \$10 for ten minutes; \$20 for twenty minutes; \$30 for thirty minutes. Also on March 20. Contact: 781-354-3450.

WEDNESDAY 7

Social Theory Forum: Liberating Social Theory. Inspirations from Paulo Freire for Learning, Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in Applied Settings

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Healey Library, Provost Conference Room, 8th fl. Conference workshops by faculty and students. Presented by the Department of Sociology. Contact: jcapet@aol.com; mohammad.tamdgidi@umb.edu; or glenn.jacobs@umb.edu

Dangerous Intersections: Where Media and Public Policy Collide

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Campus Center. Events include Breakfast with George Stephanopoulos (8:30 – 10:00 a.m.); Ethnic and Community Journalism Session (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.); "What's on the Mind of the Massachusetts Voter?" Luncheon (12:00 – 2:00 p.m.); Media, History and Identity (2:30 – 4:00 p.m.). Sponsored by the new Center on Media and Society at the McCormack Graduate School for Policy Studies. Reservations required. Contact: 7-5544 or jamic.ennis@umb.edu.

Joiner Center Spring 2004 Film Series: 100 Days

2:30 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Part of "Images of War—A Series of International Films from Algeria to Vietnam." Contact: 7-5850.

ECOS Department Lecture Series: Science in the Public Eye: Conservation Research in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring David Wiley of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Contact: 7-7440.

CPCS Faculty Out in the World: Africa's Superpower in Transition, Recent Events in Nigeria

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Featuring Professor Darren Kew of the Program in Dispute Resolution. Contact: 7-7381.

THURSDAY 8

College of Management Senior Executive Forum: Challenges of Leadership

6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Featuring Elaine Ullian, president and CEO of Boston University Medical Center. Contact: 7-7734 or maryann.machanic@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 13

CPCS Faculty Out in the World: Poetry/Short Story Reading

3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Featuring Professor Susan Eisenberg and Interim Dean Connie Chan, who will read from their published works. Contact: 7-7381.

WEDNESDAY 14

Digital Classroom Seminar Series

12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11th fl. Monthly seminars to discuss emerging technologies that impact the classroom. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served. Contact: 7-3998 or eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu.

The Music of UMass Boston Faculty
7:30 p.m., Campus Center, University Dining Room, 2nd fl. Featuring the music of professors Gonzalez, Hamlin, Janson, Lairopoulos, and Patterson. Contact: 7-5640.

ECO-Tours of the Campus

3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Quinn Administration Building (service area), room 1, upper level. Held on Wednesdays. Learn about "green" efforts at UMass Boston. Bring a warm jacket for tour. Contact: 7-5083 or umbe.green@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 15

Blue Balloon Brown Bag Lunch Group

12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Cafeteria, 3rd fl. Monthly meeting for faculty to share their experiences with Prometheus. Bring your lunch! Contact: 7-3998 or eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 16

Biology Friday Seminar Series: Food-Web Structure, Succession, and Phylogenetics on Deep-Sea Whale Skeletons

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Amy Baco-Taylor of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Refreshments. Contact: 7-6600 or diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

Faculty Guitar Recital: Peter Janson
6:30 – 7:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st Floor. Contact: 7-5640.

MONDAY 19

Patriots Day
University closed.

TUESDAY 20

CPCS Faculty Out in the World: Media and Technology

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th Fl. Featuring Peter Miller, director of the CTC VISTA Project. Contact: 7-7381 or andrea.wight@umb.edu.

WEDNESDAY 21

Joiner Center Spring 2004 Film Series: No Man's Land

2:30 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Part of "Images of War—A Series of International Films from Algeria to Vietnam." Contact: 7-5850.

Vocal Master Class

7:00 – 8:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Vocal technique and interpretation presented by Marilyn Bulli, Suzanne Ehly, and David Giessow. Contact: 7-5640.

THURSDAY 22

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Faculty and staff are welcome to bring their children (between the ages of 8-12) to work. Contact: Denise McNair 7-5176 or denise.mcnaair@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 23

The Latino Public Policy Conference 2004: Advancing the Latino Agenda: Perspectives from Policymakers and the Community

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Policymakers and community members to exchange ideas on how to improve the status of Latinos in Massachusetts. Deadline for registration is April 9. Registration: \$45.00. Contact: 7-5791 or paloma.britt@umb.edu.

Biology Friday Seminar Series: Nori the Super Seaweed: Good for You and the Environment, or PUFAS to Phytoremediation

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Don Cheney of Northeastern University. Refreshments. Contact: 7-6600 or diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 27

CPCS Faculty Out in the World: From the Outside to the Inside, Getting Involved in Community Organizations

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Featuring Professor Richard Hung. Contact: 7-7381 or andrea.wight@umb.edu.

Faculty Vocal Recital: Suzanne Ehly, Soprano

7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring a program of African-American spirituals and art-songs with Hubert Walters as accompanist. Presented with the Africana Studies Department. Contact: 7-6985 or hubert.walters@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 30

Fifth Annual Graduate Academic Conference

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Campus Center. Features guest speakers, panel discussions, workshops, an early dinner event, and poster reception. Contact: 7-7975.

English Department Graduate Conference: Rethinking Literary Studies: Can Preservation and Progression Co-Exist?

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-047. Literary conference for English graduate students, including panel discussions chaired by graduate students, a plenary speaker, luncheon, and evening outing. Contact: davidrogersjr@yahoo.com.

Biology Friday Seminar Series

Featuring Biology Ph.D. Candidates
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Shirley Micallef presenting "Bacterial Community Fingerprinting of the Arabidopsis thaliana Rhizosphere" and Robert Miller presenting "Ecological Factors Structuring Subtidal Invertebrate Communities in the Gulf of Maine." Contact: 7-6600 or diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

UPCOMING

Second Annual Beacon Dash 5K Run/Walk

May 2, 10:00 a.m., Clark Athletic Center. 3.1 mile run/walk course that circles UMass Boston. Register before April 23: \$17.00. Day of event: \$20.00. A free fun run for kids will take place following the run/walk. All proceeds benefit the UMass Boston Early Learning Center. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu or 7-6788.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beacon Fitness Center

Offerings include plyometrics (Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.), pilates (Tuesdays, Thursdays, 11:30 am. – 12:30 p.m.), cardio-kickboxing (Wednesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.), step and tone (Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.), ab blast (Fridays, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.), muscle conditioning (Fridays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.). Open to all members. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Campus Ministry

Offerings include Interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, justice coalition workshops, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry/.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)

Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.itc.umb.edu or call 7-2990 for updated workshop information.

Intramural Clinics

Come join a free clinic to learn the rules, how to play, and/or to improve your game in: racquetball, squash, and Wally ball. Sign-up forms are at the Beacon Fitness Center. Contact: 7-7830.

Support UMass Boston Beacons!

Visit www.athletics.umb.edu/ for athletic schedule.

University Health Services: Yoga

Wednesdays, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m., Beacon Fitness Center, McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff \$5.00 per class following first free class. Contact: 7-5680.

USave Computer Discount Program

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