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News Briefs

Massachusetts Review radio program debuts

"MR²," a new, one-hour radio program produced by The Massachusetts Review, takes to the airwaves on Friday, Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. on WMUA, 91.1 FM.

Featuring interviews with artists, writers, artisans, scholars and notable personalities, each program will have two half-hour segments.

The debut program will include interviews with poet and English professor Dara Wier and Hans Teensma, creative director of Disney and Family Fun magazines, both based in Northampton.

Launch of EMS system planned

Campus administrators and state and federal environmental officials will kick off a pilot project designed to better protect the environment on Monday, Nov. 4 at noon in 1633-34 Lederle Graduate Research Center.

UMass is one of five New England schools selected to participate in the EPA-sponsored pilot program to voluntarily implement an Environmental Management System (EMS).

Lederle was chosen for the pilot because the large volume of research conducted there is representative of the type of research that occurs on campus.

"The tools and methods developed at Lederle in the pilot program can then be easily transferred to other areas of the campus," says Donald Robinson, director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Several environmentally friendly practices are already in place at Lederle, including a centralized stockroom for the receipt of chemicals, and an extensive program of waste recycling, he said.

Scholar discusses 'Blacks and Jews'

Professor Laurence Thomas of Syracuse University will speak on "Blacks and Jews: The Question of Group Autonomy and Narrative Identity" on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. in 301 Herter Hall.

An African-American and Sephardic Jew, Thomas is a professor of philosophy and political science at Syracuse, where he also is a member of the Judaic studies program.

In his lecture, Thomas will explore the role narrative identity and group autonomy play in African-American and Jewish communities, drawing on parts of his own life for illustration.



Stan Sherer photo

Taking over

A creeping plant envelops files at the Biological Sciences Library in Morrill Science Center.

Unions target trustees on contract funds

Daniel J. Fitzgibbons
CHRONICLE STAFF

The presidents of two campus unions will again raise the issue of unfunded contracts when the Board of Trustees meets at the Mullins Center next Wednesday. Ron Story, president of the Massachusetts Society of Professors, and Donna Johnson, president of the University Staff Association, are scheduled to address the

Bulger favors 'full funding'

board. Johnson is a clerical staffer in the English Department and Story is a History professor.

Campus unions, whose contract funding was vetoed by Acting Gov. Jane Swift earlier this year, are planning to demonstrate outside the arena as the trustees

arrive. The unions have been pressing President William M. Bulger and the trustees to press legislators to take up the contract issue. The unions are also appealing for a special legislative session to consider funding for the collective bargaining agreements.

During a trustee committee meeting in Boston last week, Bulger addressed the issue.

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Five College Library Depository opens for business this week

This Friday, the first of approximately 500,000 volumes will begin moving from the Five College campus libraries to a unique, off-site storage facility owned by Amherst College.

Known locally as "the bunker," the facility near the Notch on Route 116 in South Amherst formerly served as the headquarters

for the Strategic Air Command in the Northeast. Amherst College is leasing about 10,000 square feet of its property to the Five College Librarians Council to house the Five College Library Depository (FCLD).

The storehouse is expected to ease pressure on campus libraries by freeing up shelf space now oc-

cupied by lesser-used materials.

On hand to supervise the first phase of the transfer of selected materials will be the new project manager, David G. Spoolstra.

Spoolstra, who was selected by the council following a national search, is based at Amherst College, reporting to its librarian, Willis Bridegam. Spoolstra is re-

Research center wins \$12m grant

Elizabeth Luciano
NEWS OFFICE STAFF

The Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC), which conducts research in fields ranging from nanoscopic devices to biomaterials, has received a six-year, \$12.24 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

MRSEC is the only center of this type in the nation dedicated solely to the study of polymers. The University was one of 12 institutions chosen from a field of 100 contenders during this funding cycle, according to Thomas P. Russell, director of the center.

The grant represents a 33-percent increase in federal funding for the center.

"The awarding of such a considerable grant, especially considering the intense competition for external support, underscores the quality of the research that's conducted at the University. We appreciate the NSF's investment in our people and their research efforts," said Chancellor John Lombardi.

The center began as the Materials Research Laboratory in 1974, and evolved into MRSEC in 1994, with a \$7 million grant from the NSF. It is located in the Silvio O. Conte National Center for Polymer Research. Scientists from disciplines including polymer science and engineering, chemical engineering, chemistry, physics, and plant biology are among those conducting research at the center, Russell said.

"MRSEC at UMass exemplifies the interdisciplinary nature of research today," said Frederick W. Byron Jr., interim vice chancellor for Research. "I am particularly grateful for the exceptional leadership which Tom Russell has provided since he became MRSEC director."

"I am enormously proud of the faculty, staff, and students, who have continued to make MRSEC one of the most outstandingly successful research centers in our

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responsible for organizing, managing and furnishing services of the shelving facility.

Spoolstra earned a master's of library and information science last year at Simmons College. Prior to accepting the Five College post, he worked in a corporate library as an information specialist. SEE STOREHOUSE, PAGE 3

Letters

Grounds staff gearing up for winter's worst

Winter is here again (although it's a little earlier than usual)! Snow removal is one of Grounds Management's major responsibilities during the winter. Our employees work long hours in harsh conditions to ensure the safety of the campus community. Physical Plant Grounds Management and Academic Custodial employees — who do the lion's share of snow plowing and shoveling — and other Physical Plant workers, Housing Services employees, and many others, all respond quickly and efficiently to clean the campus of snow and ice.

They clear miles of roadways and sidewalks, and shovel and sand thousands of steps. They work nights and 16-hour shifts; many of our employees don't see their families for days during serious storms.

We clear snow from most walkways on campus, but some are what we term "three-season walkways" — stone, gravel, or narrow walks provided to the campus community for their convenience during the spring, summer, and fall. These walkways aren't cleared in the winter.

We will continue to experiment with an innovative, environmentally safe de-icing agent called Ice Ban Magic (now called Ice B'Gone). The main ingredient in Ice B'Gone is Ice Ban, a byproduct of distilling plants in the Midwest, which manufacture beer, other alcoholic beverages, and ethanol. It consists mainly of carbohydrates, protein, fat, and sugar, and is also used as a cattle feed substitute that looks and smells like molasses. Ice B'Gone, the product UMass Amherst is using, is a mixture of Ice Ban and magnesium chloride.

Snow removal is a significant and many times a thankless responsibility. It's easy to second-guess us; we're not perfect. But it's a complex task I believe we handle with the utmost professionalism and responsibility. Plowing miles of sidewalks and roadways is a challenging task. With snow flying, it's often difficult for our plow operators to see pedestrians. So for your own safety, please keep a safe distance from plows to allow our staff plenty of room to clear snow and ice.

Snow removal will take a little longer this year due to staff cutbacks, so please be patient. The next time you step out in to the harsh winter of New England — and after all, we do live in New England — remember we are doing all we can to ensure your safety.

Thank you for your understanding and patience again this winter.

LARRY SNYDER
acting assistant director,
Grounds Management,
Physical Plant

Letters policy

The Campus Chronicle welcomes letters from readers and may publish those which have a direct bearing on University of Massachusetts issues, except issues related to collective bargaining. Letters longer than 30 lines may be condensed or excerpted. To letters which raise questions of University policy, or which criticize individuals, the Chronicle will invite the appropriate party to respond in the issue scheduled to publish such letters. Letters must be signed and include a daytime telephone number. Open letters will not be published.



Stan Sherer photo

Yarde work

Christy Patrick (right), graduate assistant director, sophomore Andrew Harris (center), and senior Douglas Devaney prepare to hang Art professor Richard Yarde's 69-inch by 180-inch watercolor, "Coming and Going: the Walking Blues," in the Herter Gallery. Yarde's exhibition, "Recent Works on Paper," is on view through Dec. 1. The opening reception is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 4-6 p.m.

Donations sought for annual Fill-A-Bus drive

During the week of Nov 4-7, the annual Fill-A-Bus drive for the Amherst Survival Center will be held daily from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in front of the Student Union. Sponsored by the Office of Community Service Learning at Commonwealth College, the campaign's goal is to fill an entire PVT bus (donated by UMass Transit) with non-perishable food items, new toys, household and other non-food items (such as toiletries and paper products) and clothing. All collected donations will be delivered to the Amherst Survival Center on Nov 8.

Students can help by organizing to collect donations in dorms, Registered Student Organizations and other locations on campus. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to participate by organizing donation drives or dropping off individual donations. Recent years have yielded as much as 500 pounds of food alone, a figure organizers hope to top this year.

Alpha Phi Omega is helping to host the event and will staff the bus during the week. However, help is needed to deliver the donations to the Amherst Survival Center. Interested students should contact the

For more news...

The News Office Web site (www.umass.edu/newsoffice) features campus press releases and daily summaries of news coverage of the University and higher education issues.

The site also features links to off-campus media outlets and online reference sources.

CSL Office at 5-2015.

In order to encourage participation, organizers will be separating the residence life donations and Greek Affairs donations. Donations will be tallied to see which group has donated more.

The Survival Center provides food and clothing to needy families and individuals free of charge as well as a hot meal at noon weekdays and emergency boxes of food for families in need. Additionally, the center provides encouragement, information and referrals to social services, counseling, and assistance programs.

The Office of Community Service Learn-

ing serves as a resource to the entire campus community. Each year, it sponsors community service fairs, one-day service events, the Fill-A-Bus and the Chancellor's Community Service Awards. It also provides resources and opportunities for students and faculty interested in community service and service-learning programs on campus. During the 1998-99 academic year, more than 1,200 UMass students spent more than 150,000 hours contributing to local communities through CSL programs, Residence Life and Registered Student Organization initiatives, and Community Service Learning courses.

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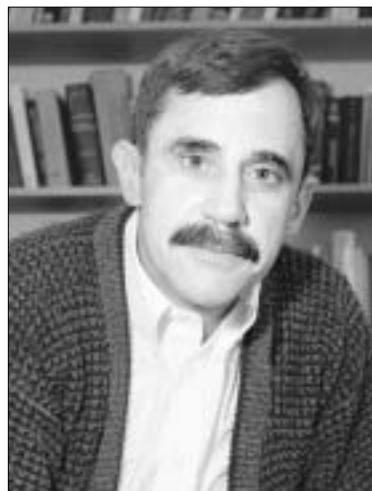
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NSF award strengthens research on polymers

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college and on our campus," said Leon Osterweil, interim dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. "It is thus both gratifying and fitting to learn that the National Science Foundation concurs, endorsing the efforts of MRSEC and its people with this very substantial vote of confidence."

Polymers are having significant impact in areas such as nanotechnology and biotechnology, Russell explained. "We're studying novel ways of combining polymer synthesis and processing, in order to tailor materials so that they have specific properties and functions. Those properties can range from media



MRSEC director Thomas P. Russell

storage to water repellency. What this center brings to the table is a tremendous strength in polymer science, and the expertise to use that strength in addressing key problems in science and technology across the spectrum."

Russell notes that the center has evolved greatly since its inception: "There's no question that MRSEC must address current, key issues of science and technology that will impact society. This is a fundamental criterion for such centers."

The center's research concen-

trates on three major areas of interdisciplinary research. One focuses on processing polymers using highly compressed carbon dioxide gas, rather than environmentally hazardous solvents. Another produces materials with very specific surface qualities, such as adhesion or water repellence. The third investigates the assembly of polymers in aqueous solutions, which is critical in the production of biomaterials. The center will also foster two "seed projects," providing support for emerging areas in polymer research. One will look at the use of synthetic chemistry to reinforce polymers that are organic/inorganic blends; the other will consider polymeric materials that are essentially networks, a topic that underpins fields ranging from rubber recycling to drug delivery.

Education is an integral component of MRSEC, Russell said. The center has established outreach programs with Mount Holyoke, Smith and Harvey Mudd colleges, and Howard University. These agreements are aimed at promoting women and minorities who are pursuing careers in science, Russell said. "As director of the center, I take education very seriously. If we're not inspiring the next generation of scientists, and actively including people from all communities, scientific progress simply isn't going to be made at the rate it's needed." In addition, other outreach efforts bring undergraduates, high school students, and middle- and high-school science teachers into the lab. UMass graduate students also visit grade schools and high schools to conduct workshops introducing K-12 students to polymers.

MRSEC works hand-in-hand with a sister program, the Center for UMass and Industry Research on Polymers (CUMIRP). The two associations work to transfer technology "from the workbench to industry," said Russell.

Bulger: Improved economy will allow contract funding

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"I understand that our unionized employees are disappointed by the fact that the Commonwealth, given the existence of a national and regional economic crisis, has been unable to appropriate the money needed to fund the various contracts," said Bulger. "I have previously sought the full funding of those contracts and that remains my position today.

"The University values the services provided by its employees. Without our faculty, staff and administrators, excellence at the University of Massachusetts would be a goal rather than a reality.

"I am confident that the Commonwealth — when its fiscal picture brightens — will be able to reward our employees, and I will

advocate for that. I have supported this cause in the past and will continue to do so in the future."

Bulger's comments came just days after the Graduate Employee Organization voted no confidence in Bulger. The University Staff Association previously adopted a no-confidence resolution.

The trustees will meet Nov. 6 at 9:15 a.m. in the Massachusetts Room of the Mullins Center. Campus-related agenda items include the appointment of a distinguished professor, an appointment with tenure and an award of tenure.

On Tuesday, the board will meet as a Committee of the Whole at 4 p.m. in the Massachusetts Room. Grace Fey, who chairs the board, and Bulger are scheduled to make reports. A presentation on "The Importance of Research at UMass Amherst" will follow.



Tangled web

Sarah R. Buchholz photo

A cyclist peddles across a spidery pattern of sealed cracks in the area between the Lincoln Campus Center and the parking garage.

Five Colleges organize architecture conference

Internationally renowned architects, architectural historians and scholars from a wide range of disciplines will participate next month in a Five Colleges-sponsored conference focused on analyzing the built environment and its implications for human activities.

Scheduled for Nov. 7-9, "Architecture Unbound" is the keystone of a yearlong planning effort aimed at developing a new model of architectural education. The conference and the curricular planning project are being led by a group of faculty, including Karen Koehler, Five College associate and lecturer in the art department at Smith College, and Ray Kinoshita, associate professor of Art. Both are serving as project coordinators.

According to Kinoshita, the undergraduate program she and her colleagues are working to design for the Five Colleges will offer a "highly interdisciplinary model for architectural studies" that builds on collaboration across disciplines and across the consortium. It is being designed to complement a new master's degree program in Architecture in the Art Department.

"This conference," said Koehler, "furnishes a timely and useful forum in which to raise and discuss some key questions about the role of architecture today from the perspective of the profession as well as the liberal arts." Scheduled participants, she noted, "include some of the most innovative and influential figures in the field today."

Conference participants will consider other questions and issues, including the role and impact of the built environment on

society, the complex ways existing buildings serve as historical documents and how fundamental issues of shelter are internalized.

The conference will open with a keynote address by architect Rafael Viñoly on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 4:15 p.m. in Fayerweather Hall, Amherst College. Assistant professor of Art Max Page will moderate the talk, which is entitled "Fill the Void With Beauty."

Sessions continue on Nov. 8 with an all-day series of workshops on the teaching of the built environment.

The day concludes with two public lectures. At 4:45 p.m. in Fayerweather Hall at Amherst, Barry Bergdoll of Columbia University will discuss "McKim, Mead and White: Reinventing the American Campus for a New Century." Moderating the talk will be Pulitzer Prize-winning architectural critic Blair Kamin of the Chicago Tribune.

James O'Gorman of Wellesley College discusses his most recent book, "Landscape, People, and Architecture of the New England Tobacco Fields" at 7 p.m. in Gamble Auditorium, Mount Holyoke College.

The conference concludes Nov. 9 with a symposium on "Building and Thinking," from 9 a.m. to noon in Gamble Auditorium at Mount Holyoke.

Alice Friedman will give the conference's closing address at 5 p.m. in Graham Hall, Brown Fine Arts Center, Smith College. Her talk is entitled "New (and Old) Directions in Architectural History."

Attendance is free but pre-registration is required by Nov. 4. To register, contact Anita Licis (anita@acad.umass.edu).

Transfers to library depository set to begin

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During the next three years, when the major portion of transfers are expected, FCLD staffing will consist of Spoolstra and two full-time support staff. In subsequent years, as the level of transfers diminishes, staff will be re-

duced to a half-time manager and 1.5 full-time equivalent staff.

As project manager, Spoolstra will evaluate the physical condition of materials and develop and administer an effective preservation and duplicate distribution program. He will also develop a process for responding promptly and accurately to requests from

Adrion talks about NSF grant process

Sarah R. Buchholz
CHRONICLE STAFF

Faculty, staff and students interested in learning about how the National Science Foundation chooses funding recipients can hear about it from an insider Wednesday, Nov. 13 when Computer Science professor Rick Adrion will offer a talk.

Adrion, who served as director of the NSF's computer science division from 2000-2002, is scheduled to speak about "Funding Your Research from the National Science Foundation" in 101 Lincoln Campus Center from 2-4 p.m.

While full-time at NSF, he was responsible for a \$125 million budget. Adrion continues to work for the NSF on a quarter-time appointment as a senior advisor to the head of the computer science and engineering directorate.

"Of the federally sponsored research dollars coming into campus, NSF currently funds 43 percent — \$29 million in 2002 — so they are an important sponsor," said Margaret Burggren, associate director of Research Affairs.

"The NSF has changed a lot over the last 20 years, even over the last five years," Adrion said. "I'm going to try to offer some insight into how it has changed and how to find opportunities and to improve one's chances [of receiving funding]."

The NSF has shifted its style significantly, said Adrion, no longer focusing on sub-disciplines in traditional academic categories, but expending 50 percent of its resources on multi-disciplinary initiatives, called "priority areas." This impacts how one can be competitive for grants, he said.

Adrion has witnessed the evolution of the NSF over the last quarter-century, having worked there twice before, in the '70s and '80s, as well as recently.

"There is a lot of coordination across departments [now]," he said. "These priority areas are different than the regular programs. I'll talk about how to get a fair review." Some types of proposals have a 90 percent chance of being funded, he said, while others are highly competitive, so it is important to know where the money is and what it takes to qualify for it.

Burggren said the talk will be important for young faculty working in areas funded by NSF, as well as those in mid-career who want an accurate picture of how the NSF is changing.

Five College researchers for copies of materials housed at the depository. To aid in the delivery of materials, FCLD will be added to the route currently used for inter-library loans.

FCLD also will provide space for researchers who wish to consult original materials on site.

'War Letters' reading honors veterans

Sarah R. Buchholz
CHRONICLE STAFF

A dramatic reading of selections from the best seller "War Letters" will include writing from a former University employee during the performance Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. The readings, part of the Veterans Education Project's 20th anniversary Veterans Day Event, will be performed in the Flavin Family Auditorium, 137 Isenberg School of Management.

Writing by the late Leo Lessard, a University employee for 22 years who served as a custodian at the School of Management and who ran the curtain at Bowker Auditorium, is among the letters to be read. Lessard's daughter, Theater typist Denise Wagner, will be among the readers. Spanning conflicts from the Revolutionary War through recent military efforts in Bosnia, the letters reveal the feelings and experiences of men and women engaged in war.

"Whether they deal with everyday happenings, profess devotion to spouses, mourn lost comrades, display incred-

ible courage, denounce tyrants, or reveal the humanity of a once-hated enemy, these letters provide pure and eye-opening insights into the realities, sacrifices and emotional costs of war, as they highlight the remarkable challenges faced by the men and women who must endure it," said Rob Wilson, director of the Veterans Education Project. "It ... will be a very engaging and very moving learning experience, regardless of one's political perspective or gender, [and] the audience... will have an opportunity for lively dialogue during [the] discussion."

Three veterans whose letters appear in the book will be on hand to share personal stories related to the letters. Fritz Schnaittacher, who fled Nazi Germany in the 1930s, returned as a soldier during World War II and participated in the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp. George Williams served in the U.S. Army Infantry in the Iron Triangle region during the Vietnam War. And Angela Atchison, '85, who was in ROTC while at the University, worked in chemical/biological weapons protection for the U.S. Army during Desert Storm.

The volume's editor, Andrew Carroll, will provide commentary on the readings and will be available for book signing at a reception following the readings.

Other readers include students Chad Cabaniol and Devon McArdle and Emmy-nominated screenwriter Daniel Giat, who wrote the HBO film "Path to War." A discussion will follow the readings and commentary.

The event is sponsored by the Theater and History departments and the Isenberg School of Management. The readings are free, and a donation is requested of reception attendees. For more information, call 253-4947.



Leo Lessard

Grain&Chaff

Polymer prize

Helmut Strey, assistant professor of Polymer Science and Engineering, has been selected to receive the John H. Dillon Medal by the American Physical Society for contributing significantly to the understanding of the physics of biopolymers and polyelectrolytes.

The medal is awarded annually to one person for "outstanding accomplishment and unusual promise in research in polymer physics," according to the society. The medal will be awarded to Strey at the society's meeting in Austin, Texas in March.

The award consists of \$2,000, up to \$1,000 allowance for travel to the meeting, a bronze medal and a certificate.

The medal was established in 1983 by the American Physical Society and the Division of Polymer Physics. Beginning in 1997, sponsorship was assumed by Elsevier Science, Oxford, UK, publishers of the journal Polymer.



To sir with love



Stan Sherer photo

Lynn Margulis, Distinguished University Professor in Geosciences, autographs a copy of her book, "Acquiring Genomes: A Theory of the Origins of Species," for Sir Crispin Tickell, former British ambassador to the United Nations. Tickell visited campus last week to give a talk on "Environmental and Environmentalism" to a Commonwealth College Biology class.

Witch.com

The campus's Center for Computer-Based Instructional Technology built a Web site for Historic Northampton's new exhibit centering on a witchcraft case that preceded the Salem witch trials by more than 20 years.

The exhibit opened last weekend at the historic Parsons House. Mary Parsons was the subject of two and possibly three separate witchcraft-related trials.

The site was funded by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. It includes histories, timelines, family trees, and historic documents, images, and maps. A prototype version of the site can be viewed online (<http://ccbit.cs.umass.edu/parsons/>).

The site will be expanded to include interactive, standards-based curriculum activities developed by local teachers.

He's got chemistry



Stan Sherer photo

Assistant professor of Chemistry Justin Ferman (left) helps University of Wisconsin professor Bassam Shakhshiri set up for his "Science is Fun" presentation on Oct. 17. The talk was part of the William E. Mahoney Annual Seminar series in the Chemistry Department.

COMECC supports Clarke School for the Deaf

Sandy Soderberg
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

When Erik Betjemann was 3 months old, a case of spinal meningitis stole his hearing. By 11 months, the smiling toddler of Peter and Doris Betjemann, living then in West Germany, was diagnosed as profoundly deaf. It was questionable if he would ever speak.

Erik's parents looked across the U.S. for a program to help him. What his parents discovered shocked them.

"We saw deaf children at the age of five who didn't know their names or their colors," said Doris, now of Pelham. "That's when in me the determination started. That wasn't going to happen to my son."

Their search ended when they enrolled Erik in the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton. The 135-year-old world-renowned school uses its pioneering auditory/oral approach to teach deaf children how to listen and talk. With the help of dedicated teachers, Erik thrived. At 12, he chose to undergo surgery to receive a cochlear implant to give him better access to sound.

Erik took advantage of Clarke's numerous extracurricular activities. He served as editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper and frequently wrote for the Daily Hampshire Gazette's high school Spotlight section while a middle school student. After graduating from Clarke in 1993, Erik went on to Amherst Regional High School.

Now 24, Erik is a student at UMass with an associate's degree in computer science from Springfield Technical Community College. As a senior majoring in Psychology, he attributes his success to his experiences and friendships at Clarke School and his supportive family.

"I wouldn't have survived without Clarke School," said Erik. "Clarke gave me the opportunity to develop English language skills and practice listening. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to talk with hearing people. Clarke School contributed a great deal to my life."

At UMass, Erik has found support through the Students with Disabilities Support Services where he uses assistive devices, such as C-Print, to help him receive all the information in class. He plans to attend graduate school in clinical social work to obtain a master's degree.

"The professors are wonderful here. They go out of their way to accommodate people with disabilities, even though they often teach large classes," he said.

He loves the excellent resources, the friendly people and they way the campus is laid out, he says. He likes "getting his exercise" moving between classes. Erik's favorite spot to study is the Campus Center Reading Room.

"I am a people person and I like to study with people around me," he said. Last semester Erik achieved a 4.0 grade point average.

Outside of school, Erik has many other interests. A talented magician who performs at schools, birthday parties, community gatherings and local events, he guesses he knows about 500 tricks. He also is a roller coaster enthusiast, having traveled to several cities to ride some of the biggest roller coasters ever constructed.

Now Erik is giving back to other deaf children through an internship program by helping young students with their homework, soccer practice and every day activities.

He also has shared his experience and interests with Clarke School, returning repeatedly during

the last three years to participate in events on campus, discussing assistive technology at Clarke's Mainstream Center conference, performing his magic act at Clarke's Family Weekend and taking part in its summer professional training programs.

The early education Erik received at the Clarke School helped shape a life of independence. Erik's future is bright thanks to a solid education at the Clarke School and the University.

The Clarke School is a new participant in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees Charitable Campaign (COMECC). It was recommended to COMECC's agency listing by Environmental Health and Safety radiation safety services manager Jim Tocci. University employees may support The Clarke School for the Deaf through COMECC contributions, using code 685611. To recommend your favorite charity or for more information, contact Gloria Fox at 7-1101 or by e-mail (gfox@urd.umass.edu).

Sandy Soderberg is director of public relations at Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton.

Caring
and
Sharing

'Subjects of Economy' conference is Nov. 8-9

Drawing upon the insights of Marxism, overdetermination, poststructuralism and psychoanalysis, scholars from around the world will meet on campus next week to explore the relationship between economics and a host of socio-political issues.

Scheduled for Nov. 8-9, the conference, entitled "Subjects of Economy," will focus on the oft-neglected intersection between theories of subject and theories of economy. The meeting is sponsored by Rethinking Marxism, a campus-based journal of economics, culture and society.

All sessions take place in 101 Lincoln Campus Center and are free and open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

Session 1: "Economic Representations," Friday, 2-4 p.m., chaired by Stephen Cullenberg. David F. Ruccio department of economics, University of Notre Dame, "Subjects of Everyday Economics"; Dwight Billings, department of sociology, University of Kentucky Lexington, and Matt McCourt, department of geography, University of Kentucky Lexington, "Representing Class and Economy in Appalachia"; Julie Graham, Department of Geosciences, "Politics of Empire/Politics of Place"; Harriet Fraad, psychoanalyst/psychotherapist, and Rick Wolff, Department of Economics, "Subjects of Exploitation."

Session 2: "Class, Hegemony, and the Unconscious," Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m., chaired by Julie Graham. Ceren Özselçuk, Department of Economics, "The (Non)place of Class in Radical Democracy"; Yahya Madra, Department of Economics, "Sublime Surplus of Communism"; Ken Byrne, Center for International Education, and Stephen Healy, Department of Geosciences, "Left Fantasy Left: Disharmony, Drive, and the Communal Economic Subject"; Anjan Chakrabarti, department of economics, Calcutta University and Anup Kumar Dhar, department of philosophy, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, "The Nodal Possibility of Entry Point: Theorizing the End of Capitalism."

Session 3: "Subjects of the Ethico-political," Saturday 10 a.m.-noon, chaired by Yahya Madra. Zeynep Çağlayan-Gambetti, department of political science and international relations, Bogazici University, Istanbul, "Action Without a Subject? Reintroducing

Agency into Discourse Theory"; Alex Betancourt-Serrano, Department of Political Science, "Between Freud and Benjamin: The Dream of History"; Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, Department of Political Science, "Adorno, Responsibility, and the 'Scene of the Other'"; Abdul-Karim Mustapha, department of political philosophy, University of Paris Sorbonne, "Constitution of Flight in the Economy."

Session 4: "Re Orient," Saturday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., chaired by David Ruccio. Anjan Chakrabarti, department of economics, Calcutta University, Ajit Chaudhury, department of economics, Calcutta University, and Stephen Cullenberg, department of economics, University of California, Riverside, "Global Order and the New Economic Policy in India"; Maliha Safri Department of Economics, "Communism: the Obscene Supplement of Feudalism"; Kenan Erçel department of economics, "Orientalization of Exploitation: A Class Analysis of the Anti-Sweatshop Movement"; Nessim Watson, department of communication, Westfield State College, "Globalization and the Cultural War on Terrorism: The Value of Arab Stereotypes in the Accumulation of Scarce Energy Resources."

Session 5: "Subjects of Development," Saturday, 4-6 p.m., chaired by Sangeeta Kamat. Peter Tamas, Center for International Education (CIE), "The Impossibility of Participation: Consequences of Sub/objectification through Development"; Chizu Sato, CIE, "Subjects of Structural Adjustment Policies"; Gabriela Delgadillo, CIE, "Producing Subjects on the Assembly Line: Third World Women Workers."

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For more information, visit the Rethinking Marxism Web site (www.rethinkingmarxism.org) or contact Stephen Healy (shealy@geo.umass.edu) or Yahya Madra ([ymadra@econs.umass.edu](mailto:yamadra@econs.umass.edu)).



Stan Sherer photo

Power trip

Seniors Han Xo and Chris Callahan use the graphing software Origin to view the exponential decay of voltage across a resistor during Physics 154, "General Physics Lab II," taught by professor Kenneth Langley.

Intercollegiate E-Democracy Project to meet

More than 100 students from across the region are expected to attend the New England conference of the Intercollegiate E-Democracy Project to be held on campus Friday, Nov. 15. The project involves students from across the country who discuss social and political issues in Internet-based forums.

Sponsored by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the English Department, the conference will focus on the theme "Active Citizenship in the 21st Century."

During morning and afternoon roundtable discussions, the students will examine their experiences on the multi-class network and focus on ways in which they

can participate and help shape civic discourse and the political process.

Ed Fouhy, executive director of the Pew Center for the States, will deliver the luncheon address. A 1956 UMass Amherst graduate, Fouhy was a reporter, producer and bureau chief for CBS before going on to serve as president of news operations at both ABC and CBS. He also was senior news producer at NBC and executive producer of the presidential debates in 1988 and 1992. Fouhy was the founder and, for five years, the executive director of the Pew Center for Civic Journalism, whose goals are to develop responsible ways of reporting the news that re-engage people with

public life and the democratic process.

Founded in 1996, the Intercollegiate E-Democracy Project connects classes from across the country for semester-long discussions. This fall, students in two Writing Program classes are linked electronically with their counterparts at Bradley University in Illinois, California State University, Fitchburg State College, North Dakota State University, Oklahoma City University, Trinity College in Hartford, University of Rhode Island, University of Wyoming and Worcester State College.

For information about the conference, contact Heidi McKee (hmckee@english.umass.edu).

Stress reduction workshops offered to employees

A five-session stress reduction workshop for faculty and staff is being offered Nov. 1-5 by the Art of Living Club, a graduate student organization.

Participants will learn about breathing techniques, gentle yoga, meditation and knowledge for deep relaxation and mental clarity, relief from stress and anxiety, restoration of normal sleep patterns and alleviation of depression.

"During my three-year old involvement with the Art of Living

at the University," says associate professor of Finance Atul Sheel, "I have observed its benefits unfold within the local student body and campus community. The Art of Living courses on campus have no doubt contributed effectively and positively towards an improved quality of life on campus. The practical techniques taught in these courses have successfully helped participating students, faculty and staff eliminate day-to-day stress, improve stamina, mental clarity and focus, and above all,

have given them a healthy and positive perspective of life."

The workshop schedule is as follows:

Friday, Nov. 1, 6:30-9 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30-9 p.m.

All sessions take place in 1033 Lederer Graduate Research Center.

The cost is \$150. Information and registration are available by calling 367-9682 or via e-mail (umass_yoga@yahoo.com).

Doctoral exams

Graduate faculty are invited to attend the final oral examination for the doctoral candidates scheduled as follows.

Ethan R. Colton, Ph.D., Philosophy, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 4 p.m., 356 Bartlett Hall. Dissertation: "Advancing the Counterfactual Analysis of Causation." Phillip Bricker, chr.

Darryll McCall, Ed.D., Education, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m., 21C Furcolo Hall. Dissertation: "Principals' Perceptions of the MCAS: How Public Education has Changed in Massa-

chusetts." Preston Green, chr.

Yasin I. Magan, Ed.D., Education, Friday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m., 273 Hills South. Dissertation: "Famine and Ideology; The Precipitating Factors and Educational Implications: The Case of Somalia." Robert Miltz, chr.

Marcin Morzycki, Ph.D., Linguistics, Friday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m., 116 Herter. Dissertation: "Modifier Interpretation and Functional Structure." Angelika Kratzer, chr.

Srinivas S. Ravela, Ph.D., Computer Science, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3 p.m., 303 Computer Science Building. Dis-

sertation: "On Multi-Scale Differential Features and their Representations for Image Retrieval and Recognition." Allen R. Hanson, chr.

Jean-Paul Vessel, Ph.D., Philosophy, Friday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m., 356 Bartlett Hall. Dissertation: "Open Questions and Consequentialist Conditionals: Central Puzzles in Moorean Moral Philosophy." Fred Feldman, chr.

Bryan D. Vogt, Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, Thursday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m., Chemistry Conference Room, 703A LGRT. Dissertation: "Diblock Copolymers Swollen with Compressible Fluids: Fundamentals and Applications."

James J. Watkins, chr.

New courses

The following new course proposals have been submitted to the Faculty Senate office for review and approval, and are listed here for faculty review and comment.

NUTR 630, "Nutrition and Chronic Diseases," 3 credits

Metabolic roles of dietary components in cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis, protein-energy malnutrition, anemia, and cancer. Metabolism of nutrients associated with each and the influence of

dietary composition. Prerequisites: Human Physiology, General Biochemistry, and Nutritional Biochemistry.

COMDIS 646, "Assessment and Management of Balance Disorders and Tinnitus," 3 credits

Anatomy, physiology, and assessment of the vestibular system. Rehabilitation of individuals with vestibular disorders. Current theories of tinnitus mechanisms and contributing factors to problematic tinnitus. Comprehensive assessment of tinnitus and remediation techniques. Prerequisite: ComDis 640.



Sports wrap-up

Field hockey (3-16, 3-2 A-10)

L vs. Dartmouth	1-0 (OT)
W vs. St. Joseph's	2-1
L vs. Temple	3-2

Football (6-2; 4-1 A-10)

W vs. James Madison	14-7
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Men's soccer (11-4-1, 7-0-1 A-10)

W vs. Temple	3-0
W vs. St. Joseph's	3-1

Women's soccer (5-9-0; 4-4-0 A-10)

W vs. Temple	6-1
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Hockey (1-2-0; 0-1-0 Big East)

L vs. Nebraska-Omaha	3-2
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Upcoming schedule

Home games in bold

Friday, Nov. 1

W. soccer	George Washington	1 p.m.
M. soccer	George Washington	2 p.m.
Hockey	Providence	7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2

W. cross country	Atlantic 10 Championships	10 a.m.
M. cross country	Atlantic 10 Championships	10 a.m.
Football	Delaware	noon
Field hockey	Rhode Island	noon
M. swimming	Brown-URI	1 p.m.
W. swimming	Brown-URI	1 p.m.
Hockey	Northeastern	7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3

M. soccer	Richmond	1 p.m.
W. soccer	Richmond	1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 7

M. basketball	Nike All-Stars (exh)	7 p.m.
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Friday, Nov. 8

W. soccer	Atlantic 10 semifinals	TBA
Field hockey	Atlantic 10 semifinals	TBA
W. basketball	Nor-easter Storm (exh)	7:30 p.m.

Athletics

www.umassathletics.com

Athletic Ticket Office

Mullins Center, 5-0851

Delaware game radio broadcasts

This Saturday's home football game versus Delaware can be heard at noon on WRNX, 100.9 FM with announcers Bob Behler and Bob Pickett.

The game also airs on student-operated station WMUA, 91.1 FM.



Courtesy of Media Relations

Enzo Altomare: Conference co-Player of the Week.

Minutemen defeat James Madison, tune up for home game vs. Delaware

Redshirt freshman free safety Shannon James rushed 48 yards for a touchdown and UMass held on to beat James Madison 14-7 last Saturday in Harrisonburg, Va.

Raunny Rosario also scored for the Minutemen (6-2, 4-1 Atlantic 10) on a 5-yard run in the third quarter. Massachusetts' Jeff Krohn finished 13-of-22 for 128 yards, with two interceptions.

James' performance, which also included six tackles, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery late in the fourth quarter, earned him A-10 Rookie of the Week

Field hockey squad picks up third win

The Minutewomen split two contests in the Philadelphia area last weekend, losing to Temple and squeaking past St. Joseph's.

Sophomore Adrienne Monaco had a goal and an assist as the Minutewomen beat the Hawks 2-1 on Saturday. Senior Sarah Bohonowicz scored the other goal for the Minutewomen on a penalty corner, with

10-game unbeaten streak puts Minutemen in A-10's top spot

Stretching its unbeaten streak to 10 games with a 3-1 win over St. Joseph's last Sunday, the men's soccer team took sole possession of first place in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Key to the victory was goalkeeper Enzo Altomare, who stopped six shots and allowed only one goal by the Hawks. The senior, who posted a career-high seven saves in a 3-0 win over Temple two days earlier, earned Atlantic 10 Conference co-Player of the Week honors.

Altomare is 10-1-1 on the season and hasn't lost since Sept. 6 against Boston University. For the season, he has a .754 save percentage and a goals against average of 1.24. He has four shutouts on the season and his 10 wins ranks tied for fifth on the UMass single-season chart. He has been especially solid in the Atlantic 10

honors.

The Minutemen host the Delaware Blue Hens (5-4, 3-3 A-10) on Saturday at noon. Delaware holds a 21-3 lead in the all-time series, which began in 1958. The Blue Hens won the first 14 games of the series, but the Minutemen have come back to win three of the last 10. Delaware holds a 10-1 lead over UMass for games played in Amherst, with a 9-1 record at McGuirk Alumni Stadium. The lone UMass win over the Blue Hens in Amherst came in 1993, by a score of 43-29.

Field hockey squad picks up third win

senior Sue Jackson and Monaco getting assists.

On Sunday, UMass fell 3-2 to Temple. Ashley Egland had nine saves in goal.

The loss dropped UMass to 3-16, 3-2 in the Atlantic 10. The Minutewomen conclude the regular season on Saturday against Rhode Island.

Conference, posting a 7-0-1 record, a GAA of 0.87 and a save percentage of .811.

In the St. Joseph's game, senior defenseman Derek Rhodes tallied his second goal of the year with a 40-yard blast on a free kick and Yuri Morales found the net with an assist from Ptah Myers for his eighth goal of the season. Senior Jeff Deren tied the single-season goals scored mark with his 17th goal of the season. The goal was assisted by Dan Colwell.

The Minutemen are 11-4-1 overall and 7-0-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference. The Minutemen are ranked third in the latest Adidas/NSCAA New England Regional poll and are 28th in the College Soccer News' top 30 poll.

UMass continues its quest for an Atlantic 10 Conference title this weekend with a pair of games in the Washington, D.C. area. The Minutemen face George Washington on Friday and Richmond on Sunday.



Erin Lilly

Courtesy of Media Relations

Lilly's 5 goals key weekend wins

Junior forward Erin Lilly was named the Atlantic 10 women's soccer player of the week on Monday after scoring five goals and adding an assist to help the Minutewomen to a pair of weekend wins over Temple and Saint Joseph's.

"I am so pleased to see Erin finally have a break-out weekend," said coach Jim Rudy. "I didn't think a player of her quality could be kept out of the net any longer."

In Friday's 6-1 win over the Owls, Lilly scored four goals, including the game-winner. She tied the school's single-game goals record set by Nancy Feldman against Cortland in 1980. Her eight points in the game also tied Feldman and Carolyn Micheel for the most in a single-game. Micheel had two goals and four assists in a game against Keene State in 1985.

On Sunday, Lilly assisted on the game-winning goal and scored another as the Minutewomen shut out Saint Joseph's, 3-0. She now leads the team with 15 points on five goals and five assists.

The Minutewomen play a pair of games at Rudd Field this weekend to close out the regular season. On Friday, George Washington comes to town for a 2 p.m. game.

Then on Sunday, Richmond invades Amherst for Senior Day, the traditional last game for fourth-year players. The Minutewomen trail George Washington by one win for the fourth and final spot in the Atlantic 10 Championship, Nov. 8-10, in Dayton, Ohio.



Stan Sherer photo

High hopes

Basketball coach Steve Lappas stresses defense during a recent workout in the Cage.

Nominations open for Outstanding Academic Advisor Awards

Each year, the University recognizes Outstanding Academic Advisors on campus. This year, two individuals will be honored with the prize. One of the two awards is reserved for a faculty advisor; the second may be given to a faculty member or a staff member.

The Nominating Committee for the 2002-2003 Outstanding Academic Advisor Award invites all students, faculty, staff and alumni to nominate academic advisors whose practices distinguish them from other advisors. The characteristics of an outstanding advisor include but are not limited to:

Building strong relationships with students; monitoring students' progress toward academic and career goals; making appropriate referrals; knowing and understanding institutional regulations, policies and procedures.

The winners of the Outstanding Academic Advisor Awards will receive \$3,000. The winners will be announced and the awards presented in May.

Nominations of faculty and staff who advise undergraduate students should be submitted to Outstanding Academic Advisor Award Committee, Office of the Provost, 362 Whitmore Administration Building.

Nominations may be made in writing, by phone (5-2554), or by e-mail (gjones@provost.umass.edu) by Friday, Nov. 15.

When a nomination is received, the nominee's department head will be notified. If the department head supports the nomination, a package of materials will be requested for submission to the committee. Supporting materials are due on or before Dec. 20.

Retirement reception for Kevin Aiken

A reception honoring Kevin Aiken, who retired in June as director of the Division of Continuing Education, will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, 4-6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Alford Management Center, Isenberg School.

All members of the University community are invited to attend the event and thank Aiken for his 22 years of campus service.

Sabbatical leave applications

Applications for sabbatical leaves for the 2003-04 academic year are due in department offices by Friday, Nov. 8.

Pre-registration alert issued by Pre-Major Advising Services

All faculty and advisors are asked to remind undergraduates in their classes and departments that pre-registration for spring 2003 will take place between Nov. 14 and Dec. 3.

With the new SPIRE System, pre-registration for spring semester courses will be confirmed and online. If students have not received their logon information (username and password) in the mail by now, they should go in person with a photo ID to the OIT Help Desk in A107 Lederle.

Pre-Major Advising Services recommends that students make appointments to meet with their advisors early to discuss their spring schedules. Registering for courses at the beginning of their access period is advised to assure the best course selection.

Healthy women wanted for Nutrition study

The Nutrition Department is looking for healthy postmenopausal women to participate in a study on the effects of dietary flaxseed consumption on hormone levels in blood and urine.

To be eligible, participants must have undergone a natural menopause, and not have taken any hormones, including estrogen replacement therapy, for the past six months. Subjects also should be non-smokers with no prior medical history of cancer, diabetes or bowel disease.

Qualified individuals need to plan on participating in the study for four months. Financial compensation will be provided. Those interested in being part of the study should contact Sara Sabelawski, R.D., project manager, at 7-4298 or by e-mail (sara@nutrition.umass.edu).

Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology seminar

Daniel J. Leahy, of Johns Hopkins University's department of biophysics and biophysical chemistry will present a Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology seminar on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at noon in the 8th floor seminar room of the Lazare Medical Research Building at the Worcester campus.

Leahy's talk is entitled "Crystal Structures of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptors Reveal New Twists in Signal Transduction."

University Without Walls schedules information sessions

The University Without Walls program is hosting on-campus information sessions for prospective students through the end of December.

The sessions will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.; and Thursday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. The information sessions are free and open to the public and usually last for about one hour. Anyone interested in attending may reserve a seat by calling the UWW office at 5-1378.

UWW is a degree program designed to enable adult students to complete a bachelor's degree through a combination of traditional course work, independent study, and credit for prior learning. The program offers solid academic advising services to all students and provides three foundation courses for students to design individualized degree plans and earn college credit for life experience.

Courses required by the program are generally offered on weekday evenings, as well as during weekday hours, to accommodate working adults. There is also a week-ends program offered each fall semester which enables new students to complete the first two required courses by attending classes one weekend a month, using the Internet to communicate and do research in between class meetings.

The next application deadline is April 15 for fall 2003 admission. Arrangements for an individual session may be made by calling the UWW office if the dates and times given here are inconvenient.

Retirement reception for Norman Aitken

A retirement reception for Norman Aitken will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, 4-6 p.m. at the University Club.

Aitken joined the Economic Department faculty in 1964. He has served as chair of the Economics Department, deputy provost and most recently as vice provost for Instructional Technology. Among the programs developed under his leadership are the Lilly Teaching Fellows, Center For Teaching, Learning Support Services and Commonwealth College.

There will be a cash bar at the reception. Donations may be made payable to the Norman Aitken Gift Fund and forwarded to Kathy Godek, Provost's Office, 362 Whitmore, by Nov. 1.

Asian American Studies hosts film, information session

The Asian American Studies Event Series will screen the film "Yellow Apparel: When the Coolie Becomes Cool" on Monday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. in 601 Herter Hall. The film will be followed by discussion and a brief information session about the Asian and Asian American Studies Certificate Program.

Free pizza will be served.

Franklin County Publications Archives indexers lead workshop

Librarian Barbara Stewart and Web application developer Michael Muller will present a workshop entitled "Indexing the Franklin County Publications Archive Index: or How to Combine a Love of Old Newspapers, Local History, Full-Text Indexing and the World Wide Web" on Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Calipari Room of the Du Bois Library.

A humorous look at the process of creating a full-text index of the Greenfield Gazette and Courier, starting in 1870, the workshop will include an actual indexing session led by Stewart, who will explain the selection of index terms, the use of a text editor and the submission of the selected terms to the archive.

Muller will then demonstrate the search capabilities of the database, as well as other features of the site, including the interactive possibilities between site visitors. Historians and genealogists may be especially interested in this presentation.

RSVP to Barbara Stewart (stew@library.umass.edu) or 7-2634 by Nov. 15.

Breast-feeding and bone density study

A research project is recruiting women for a study on breast-feeding and bone density. If you are breast-feeding or pregnant and planning to breast-feed, and want to know more about your bone density, contact Karen Pearce at 374-3091 (days), 367-9742 (evenings), or via e-mail (klp@anthro.umass.edu).

Eyeglasses found

A pair of wire-rimmed prescription eyeglasses was found Friday in Lot 32. If you believe they are yours, please contact Joan or Rita at 5-0123 to identify them.

Seminars & Colloquia

Environmental Engineering seminar, "UV Disinfection," Doug Owen, Malcolm Pirnie; Friday, Nov. 1, 12:20 p.m., 220 Marston Hall.

Organismic and Evolutionary Biology seminar, "Myoglobin in the Hemoglobinless Antarctic Icefishes: Now you see it, now you don't," Bruce Sidell, department of biology, University of Maine; Friday, Nov. 1, 3 p.m., 319 Morrill South.

Polymer Science and Engineering seminar, "The Modification of Metal Oxide Surfaces with Silane Coupling Agents," Carl Tripp, chemistry, University of Maine Orono; Friday, Nov. 1, 3:35 p.m., A110-111 Conte Polymer Research Center.

Valley Geometry seminar, "Bounding Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity using approximation," Jessica Sidman, MSRI; Friday, Nov. 1, 4-5 p.m., 1634 Lederle

Graduate Research Tower. Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.

Center for Public Policy and Administration colloquium, "Childhood Asthma and Family Life: Implications for Health Policy," Sylvia Brandt, Resource Economics; Monday, Nov. 4, noon-1 p.m., 620 Thompson.

HRTA Distinguished Guest Lecture Series presents John D. Murtha, CHA, vice president and general manager, Royal Sonesta Hotel, Boston; Monday, Nov. 4, 1:25-2:15 p.m., Bowker Auditorium, Stockbridge Hall.

Entomology seminar, "Biocontrol in the Galapagos Islands - Current Activities and Long-term Goals," Charlotte Causton, Darwin Research Station, Ecuador; Monday, Nov. 4, 3:30 p.m., Alexander Conference Room, 2nd floor, Fernald Hall.

Molecular and Cellular Biology Program seminar, "The Role of the Thyroid Axis in Energy Balance," Eduardo A. Nillni, Brown Medical School, Brown University; Tuesday, Nov. 5, 4 p.m., 319 Morrill

Science Center South. Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Institute colloquium, "Teaching to the Whole College Student: Alternative Teaching Strategies for Computer Science," William Joel, mathematics and computer science, Western Connecticut State University; Tuesday, Nov. 5, 4 p.m., 138 Hasbrouck Lab. Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.

Mechanical and Industrial Engineering seminar, "Flow Control and Multiple-Loop, Finite Buffer Network Analysis," Stanley B. Gershwin, associate director of MIT laboratory for manufacturing and productivity, department of mechanical engineering, MIT; Wednesday, Nov. 6, 4 p.m., Gunness Student Center, Marcus Hall. Refreshments at 3:30 p.m.

Economic Development and Economic History workshop, "Power Inequality, the Environment, and Human Health: An International Analysis," Mariano Torras, Adelphi University; Wednesday, Nov. 6, 4 p.m., 9th floor lounge, Thompson Hall.

Chemistry seminar, "Bacterial Non-heme Iron Proteins that Combat Oxidative Stress," Donald M. Kurtz, department of chemistry, University of Georgia; Thursday, Nov. 7, 11:15 a.m., 1634 Lederle Graduate Research Tower. Refreshments at 10:45 a.m.

Judaic and Near Eastern Studies seminar, "Blacks and Jews: The Question of Group Autonomy and Narrative Identity," Laurence Thomas, Syracuse University; Thursday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m., 301 Herter Hall. Cosponsored by the Department of Afro-American Studies, Office of Jewish Affairs and UMass Hillel.

Organismic and Evolutionary Biology seminar, "Towards a Robust Phylogeny of Eukaryotes," Andrew Roger, department of biochemistry and molecular biology, Dalhousie University; Friday, Nov. 8, 3 p.m., 319 Morrill South.

Polymer Science and Engineering seminar, "Responsive Electronic Polymers," Tim Swager, chemistry, MIT; Friday, Nov. 8, 3:35 p.m., A110-111 Conte Polymer Research Center.

Galleries

Augusta Savage Gallery
New Africa House
5-5177
Mon. & Tues. 1-7 p.m.
Wed.-Fri., 1-5 p.m.

"Islamic Art: Peace & Beauty,"
Arabic calligraphy
by M.J. Alhabeeb
through Nov. 22

Central Gallery
Wheeler House
5-0680
Monday-Thursday, 3-6 p.m.
Sun., 2-5 p.m.

"Jeff Slomba: Stilted,"
through Nov. 7
Reception, Wednesday,
Nov. 6, 5-7 p.m.

Hampden Gallery
Southwest Residential Area
5-0680
Mon.-Thurs., noon-6 p.m.
Sun., 2-5 p.m.

"Abstraction as Indicator,"
by Rita Edelman, Mary
Sherman and Jennifer Tibbets
through Nov. 7

INCUBATOR PROJECT:
"Claimed Baggage,"
sculpture by
Amy Margaret Corey

"Hair Trigger,"
sculpture by
Sally Curcio

"The Journey,"
by Nora Valdez
through Dec. 8

Herter Gallery
5-0976
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun. 1-4 p.m.

"Richard Yarde: Paintings"
through Dec. 1
"Connie Fox: Recent
Paintings"
through Dec. 1

Student Union Gallery
5-0792
Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

BFA exhibition by
Elizabeth Rankin
Nov. 4-8
Opening reception, Nov. 5,
4-6 p.m.

University Gallery
Fine Arts Center
5-3670
Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sat. & Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Helmut Newton/Garry
Winogrand: Two Portfolios
Nov. 2 through Dec. 13

"Private Eyes: Image and
Identity,"
with photos by Barbara Ess
and Ann Hamilton,
video of Derek Jarman's film
"Blue,"
computer-generated portrait
sculpture by Karin Sander,
video installation
by Israeli artist Miri Segal
Nov. 2 through Dec. 13

For more information, visit the
Fine Arts Center's Web site
([www.umass.edu/fac/
calendar/centerwide](http://www.umass.edu/fac/calendar/centerwide)).



Lois Greenfield photo

STOMP returns to the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall for performances on Tuesday, Nov. 5 and Wednesday, Nov. 6, both at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45, \$35 and \$15 general public; \$15 for Five College students and age 17 and under. Call the FAC Box Office (5-2511).

Renaissance Feast planned at University Club

If, as diarist Samuel Pepys noted, "a good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody," the crowd at the second annual Renaissance Feast at the University Club on Saturday, Nov. 9 will be the best of friends by dessert.

Revelry and games begin at 6 p.m. ("quaffing and baudiness anytime after breakfast"), with the feast getting underway after 6:30.

Diners are requested to wear period costumes, but it is not required.

The buffet menu starts with cheeses, fruits, nuts and pickled eggs, followed by a second course of cabbage soup. The third course consists of chickens in mousse, stuffed goose, roast salmon, stuffed pig shank and leg of lamb. Other dishes include

parsnips, creamed leeks, fava beans, sweet potatoes and old world breads, all washed down with fruit wines and ale. Dessert choices are fruit tarts, gingerbread and rice pudding.

The cost is \$35 per person plus tax and a 10 percent gratuity; \$10 per person will be donated to the Renaissance Center.

RSVP by calling 5-2551.

Pianist David Berkman pays a visit

Acclaimed pianist David Berkman comes to campus next week for three days of seminars, workshops and jazz jams, culminating with a Nov. 7 concert with Jazz Ensemble I in Bowker Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Considered one of jazz's most evocative and intelligent songwriters, Berkman has established an impressive reputation defined by a risk-taking and rhythmically-driven piano style.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Berkman began playing piano in grade school, gravitating towards jazz. After studying at the Berklee School of Music and the University of Michigan, Berkman gigged around Cleveland for a while before moving to New York City in 1985, quickly establishing himself in bands led by Tom Harrell and bassist Cecil McBee, while also



David Berkman

playing with the Village Vanguard Orchestra. After years of serving as one of jazz's most sought-after accompanists, Berkman released "Handmade," his debut as a leader on Palmetto in 1998. Featuring performances from a group that boasted Harrell, saxophonist Steve Wilson and drummer Brian Blade, "Handmade" was extolled

especially for Berkman's inventive compositions, with critics from Jazz Times and Jazziz magazines citing the album as one of the year's best. Berkman continued to progress on his most recent work, "Communication Theory," which according to him, was founded on "constant rhythms and relentless patterns of notes."

Tickets to the Thursday performance are \$12 general public and \$5 for students, children under 18 and seniors citizens. Call the Fine Arts Center Box Office (5-2511).

The First Light Jazz Residency is a collaborative project with Lively Arts and the Department of Music and Dance Jazz Studies Program. Residential Arts, a program of the FAC, is supported in part by grants from the UMass Arts Council and the Student Affairs Cultural Enrichment Fund.

Sarina Jain demonstrates new workout at Masala Dance Party

A dance party with Sarina Jain, one of the fitness industry's rising stars, will be held Friday, Nov. 8, 6-10 p.m. in the Lincoln Campus Center Auditorium.

Jain has created Masala Bhangra, a fun workout choreo-

graphed to a unique mix of music using Bhangra, traditional lively music from Punjab, India, along with hip hop and techno music. Called "one of the hottest new dance classes around" by Mode magazine, Jain's moves are catch-

ing on in both the fitness world and in dance clubs.

Jain will demonstrate her high energy dance moves and then hold an informal class with the audience. An India buffet will follow before the dance party begins.

Theater stages Marivaux play in English

"Love in Disguise," the English-language version of Marivaux's 18th-century comedy, "Le Prince Travesti," will be presented Nov. 7-9 and 12-16 by the Department of Theater.

When dramaturg Dan Smith first read the title of Marivaux's play, he thought he was dealing with a work about a prince in drag ("travesti" means transvestite in modern French). The meaning of the word in Marivaux's time, however, is more akin to "disguise."

The soap opera-ish comedy, which plumbs the depths of the relationship between the sexes and its attendant power plays, also deals with mistaken identity of a different kind. And though there would be no men in dresses in this production, "I still liked it," said Smith, whose translation of the play, using the title "Love in Disguise," is his MFA thesis.

The play has a long history in France. Originally produced in 1724 by the Comedie Italienne in Paris, it has been numerous times on the French stage and has been part of the repertory of the Comedie Française since 1949. But while other plays by Marivaux have crossed the ocean and the language barrier to the U.S., this month's production is thought to be the first in English.

Smith happened upon the play during his first semester at UMass and has been working on it ever since. He has revised the piece numerous times along the way, learning to strike a balance between translating literally what Marivaux is saying and adapting it for a more modern audience.

"I learned a lot about what sounds good on stage as dialogue and I learned to trust myself as a translator and playwright," Smith said.

Along the way, he found a valuable collaborator in professor Ed Golden, who will direct the play as his farewell production for the department. Golden became a fan of the piece after Smith prevailed upon him to direct a staged reading last year.

Golden has been with the department since 1978. Although he officially retired last year, he returned this fall to teach several of his popular acting classes and direct "Love in Disguise."

All shows are at 8 p.m. in the Curtain Theater. Matinee performances are scheduled for Nov. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. A talkback with the artists follows the Nov. 8 performance.

Tickets are \$10 general public and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Call the Fine Arts Center Box Office (5-2511).

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Proceeds benefit the Asian Dance and Music Program, which is presenting the event with the Indian Student Association.