Alumni pledge $2m for science building

The planned construction of an integrated sciences building received a major boost this week as two husband-wife alumni teams announced their pledge of $3 million for the project. The pledge was made by Kathleen and Robert Mahoney, both of whom graduated in 1970, and Barbara and Richard Mahoney, who graduated in 1955. Robert Mahoney is a University trustee and vice chairman of Citizens Financial Group. Richard Mahoney is a distinguished ex-officer of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis and retired chairman and chief executive officer of the Monsanto Company.

The gift, the first major private contribution for the science facility, highlighted the first day of a two-day celebration marking the inauguration of John Lombardi as the 27th chancellor of the Amherst campus.

“Like many of our fellow alumni, the Mahoney brothers are our family’s first generation to attend college,” Robert Mahoney said. “UMass was not just our first choice, it was our only hope for a college degree. As President Bulger says about UMass — ‘It’s all there.’ It was there for us then and through this gift I know it will continue to be there for young scientists in the years to come.”

“The integrated sciences building will place UMass in the forefront of research institutions that are making valuable discoveries by breaking down the artificially created barriers between chemistry and the life sciences,” added Richard Mahoney. “It is a sobering thought that we are now following a path and again, an appreciation of the educational opportunity that the University of Massachusetts provides to its students. This gift will create opportunities for a new generation. It is a fitting tribute on this day as we celebrate a day in the University’s proud history and call attention to the University’s role in the Commonwealth, nation and world.”

Search for Student Affairs vice chancellor announced

Sarah R. Buchholz, Chronicle Staff

A national search for a vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life is about to begin, Chancellor John V. Lombardi announced this week.

Jo-Anne Vanin, interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life, has chosen not to be a candidate for the position.

Lombardi said the campus will begin a search for a “rather long list” of nominations for the search committee to Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Charlena Seymour next week, he said, including nominations he receives through the Student Government Association.

The committee will begin screening applications March 15, according to the advertisement, and Lombardi said the committee will likely do a careful screening of “a long list” of candidates to present to the search committee.

Jo-Anne Vanin: Not a candidate

Lombardi vows immediate steps

Daniel J. Fitzgibbon, Chronicle Staff

Taking aim at a projected $650 million shortfall in this year’s state budget, Gov. Mitt Romney used his expanded budget authority last week to reduce spending by $343 million, including $6.2 million from the University system.

With the Amherst campus slated to absorb about half of the cutback, Chancellor John V. Lombardi said the administration would move “immediately” to meet our obligations while maintaining core teaching, research, outreach and other service programs and insuring the health and safety of the campus community.

“Because this action comes with only five months left in the fiscal year, we will first look to one-time readjustments to meet our requirements,” he said. “However, we also will incorporate this budget reduction into our FY04 budget planning that is underway and that will continue as we learn more about the status of the FY04 budget.”

Lombardi said the campus would look first to central commitments that can be safely deferred and then identify other expenses that can be eliminated for this year. “Once we have completed that exercise, we will allocate the remaining shortfall to each vice chancellor’s area, and they in turn will allocate the one-time reductions to the appropriate units.

The units will immediately submit plans to meet these one-time expenditure reductions for approval.”

Lombardi said a temporary hiring freeze for positions funded out of this year’s state budget would also be put into place immediately. “As we succeed in meeting our requirements, we may be able to relax the hiring freeze for essential positions,” he added.

“The state portion of the University’s total budget is approximately 37 percent, and while it is very difficult to reduce that portion this late in the budget year, we are confident that we will be able to do so.”

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As preparations wrap up for the inauguration of Chancellor John V. Lombardi, let me note some of my early observations of the chancellor, as well as sharing news of some of his actions to date with those among you who may not be aware of them.

”Let’s Face The Music and Dance” is one of the musical numbers scheduled for the inauguration dinner. No title could more accurately sum up the attitude with which Chancellor Lombardi faces his daily responsibilities as the leader of our campus. He arrives at the office early, fueling himself with coffee, and is prepared to handle whatever comes his way. Those who work with him for the first time find that his speech is eloquent, his knowledge base is formidable, and his energy is boundless. Learning the ropes of a new workplace while also leading is not an easy thing to do. If this has daunted Chancellor Lombardi, he has not shown it. Upon arriving on campus a few months ago, he lost no time in familiarizing himself with the University’s schools and colleges, and informing himself about the priorities of faculty members, their future vision for UMass Amherst, and the types of research in which they are engaged.

During fall semester, the chancellor met with faculty assemblies in the individual schools and colleges, and now plans to speak in clusters of faculty members from varied academic units, in order to do cross-checking among the disciplines. Faculty members attending these events to date have been pleased to find that Chancellor Lombardi typically does just as much listening as talking. He is clearly interested in making sure that as the incoming leader of our campus, he is familiar with faculty interests and priorities.

It is the firm belief of Chancellor Lombardi that the faculty is central to the success of the institution. In his vision, faculty members build the reputation of their departments through excellence in teaching and research. This performance attracts other faculty members and, in turn, attracts students. The crucial role of the faculty, then, actually goes far beyond individual teaching and research, to establishing a reputation and bringing visibility and recognition to the department, as well as to the institution. This model creates an atmosphere of mutually respectful partnership between the faculty and the administration.

Chancellor Lombardi gives the impression of being both a man of letters and a man of the people. He is highly personable, and maintains an open door policy. I have observed him to be remarkably astute at understanding the complexities of academic administration and academic life. While maintaining a highly competitive framework for performance measurement, he remains pragmatic in terms of his approach to dealing with issues — and, in fact, describes himself as a “romantic pragmatist.”

Chancellor Lombardi also connotes to us as a role model for exceptional academic achievement, communicating constantly by computer with colleagues worldwide. As a globally-reputed scholar of Latin American history, he has authored an impressive array of books and articles, and serves as co-editor of a nationwide project on the measurement of university performance. He is much in demand as a speaker and consultant on the topic of the state of the academy.

As a passionate teacher, Chancellor Lombardi has no intention of entirely abandoning the classroom due to his administrative responsibilities. During this initial year at UMass Amherst, he is teaching courses in the management of universities, and in the history of intercollegiate sports during the past century. Nor does the new chancellor forget the students when he leaves the classroom. He is a staunch proponent of student resources; attempts to attend every student function to which he is invited; and even went above and beyond the call of duty this fall when he played clarinet in the alumni homecoming band.

If the campus has gained a band member in Chancellor Lombardi, it has gained a modern-day cheerleader in his wife and collaborator, Cathryn. With her bright smile and endless enthusiasm, Cathryn has already shown herself to be a hardworking and hospitable partner in the new administration. Her face has quickly become familiar at athletic and cultural events. In only a few short months, under her direction, the Chancellor’s residence has become a gracious, warm, and welcoming place.

It is no secret that in accepting his position at UMass Amherst, Chancellor Lombardi took the helm of a campus that, like many state institutions of higher education, is under significant financial strain. Yet he has dealt with fiscal issues calmly, conveying a sense of hope that things will always get better. Chancellor Lombardi, himself, has already been working at fund-raising around the clock. As a former university president, he helped to double another campus’s research awards and to bring in $570 million in private funding. He has urged us to accept the reality that state institutions cannot expect to be solely dependent on state governmental funding in this day and age, but must reach beyond state borders to private and federal sources. And he has wasted no time at reaching outward, achieving some early successes, and setting the stage for continued financial growth.

Drawing from first impressions, Chancellor Lombardi appears to be a model of committed and charismatic leadership. I came upon an unattributed quote that seems to describe him well: The quote says, “Some people watch what happens, some don’t know what’s happening, and others make things happen.” There seems to be no doubt that Chancellor Lombardi falls into the latter category. If what he has made happen in a few short months can be taken as an example, we can only look forward to a period of increased resources, renewed vitality, and reaffirmation of the status of UMass Amherst as one of our country’s leading teaching and research institutions.

CHARLENE SEYMOUR
Interim senior vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost
New office helping researchers meet federal rules

Daniel J. Fitzgibbons

Over the past 75 years, the pantheon of life’s certainties has grown from just death and taxes to death, taxes and federal regulations. And as most people on campus know, the long arm of the government bureaucracy insinuates itself into nearly every aspect of university life. From privacy of student records to the use of animals in research to financial aid and foreign students, there are corresponding federal rules and reporting mandates.

One of the areas most keenly affected by federal regulation is research. Principal investigators often find themselves ensnared in a complex web of regulations governing how research is conducted, how money is spent and accounted for, and how the results are shared.

Concerned by the rising demands of federal regulatory agencies on campus researchers, interim Vice Chancellor for Research Fred Byron last summer created a new office to help faculty understand and negotiate governmental rules. Hilary Woodcock, who previously served as program administrator in Molecular and Cellular Biology, was appointed the campus’s first research compliance coordinator.

The need for the new post reflects the endless proliferation of federal regulations, said Byron. “We need to be more systematic about dealing with these matters. The time has come to have more professional by creating an office that is dedicated to helping researchers and students.”

Citing Woodcock’s familiarity with the science community, Byron said she will be an important resource to faculty and others involved in research activities.

“We need people to give the proper training to students, postdocs and faculty,” he said, “and to explain the regulations clearly.”

“At the end of the day, there are certain serious requirements that have to be met,” he added.

To that end, Woodcock has been working with campus committees and offices concerned with a range of issues regulated by federal agencies, such as radiosotopes, animal care, recombinant DNA research, and the use of vitamins and controlled substances.

Since coming on board last April, Woodcock has focused a lot of attention on the pending implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, whose regulations become effective April 14.

“It’s a very benign-sounding act,” said Woodcock, “intended to protect health record privacy.”

However, as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services crafted regulations to implement the legislation, it became apparent that HIPAA’s reach goes far beyond safeguarding records used by health care providers. The act also applies to all health information created or received by public health authorities, employers, schools and universities.

Woodcock said HIPAA has implications for campus researchers who use human subjects in their studies. For the approximately 12 departments and programs that employ human subjects, the legislation means extra work to ensure that informed consent is obtained from study participants and that additional safeguards are in place to protect the privacy of the volunteers.

Since many of the HIPAA regulations still have not been published, Woodcock also has been busy monitoring the latest information coming out of HHS. Last week, she attended a HIPAA workshop in Washington, D.C.

As the effective date for HIPAA draws closer, Woodcock said researchers who may be overwhelmed by the new requirements should remember that help is available. “My role is to deal with the wording on informed consent,” she said. “I’ll also go to people for information.”

“I’m as a resource for faculty and students,” said Byron. “We need to be ahead of the curve and be aware of what’s ahead and, unfortunately, it’s all going in one direction. We want to comply in as understanding a fashion as we possibly can and give training in a concise way so our researchers can focus on their work.”

Search for Student Affairs vice chancellor gearing up

Sarah R. Buchholz

The latest faculty member to receive a Fulbright Scholar Award, Howard Peelle, has been working as a visiting associate professor in Tomography and Education and Curriculum Studies, departed Feb. 4 for four months in Malaysia.

Peelle, who specializes in mathematics and science education, will be hosted by the Institute for Mathematical Research at the University of Science in Penang, Malaysia, where he will review computing in mathematics curricula in local Malaysian secondary schools and colleges. He also will consult for Malaysia’s ministry of education on possible changes in mathematics education in the nation’s secondary schools and colleges.

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AIMS gets new quarters as it makes way for others to move

Three departments to consolidate in Goodell Building, Munson Hall, Memorial Hall

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Chronicle Staff

Frequent users of Academic Instructional Media Services (AIMS) already may have noted that the offices it formerly occupied on the third floor of Goodell have been empty since Jan. 31. Training and Development will occupy the space after some renovations, according to Judith Steinkamp, director of Space Management, who helped to design a complex set of interconnected office moves that is taking place during the next few months.

The film and video-loan portion of AIMS has become part of the Du Bois Library, where it continues to be operated by librarian II Marcia Burkavage (5-2458) in the Reserve Area on the third floor. AIMS Equipment Loan and Technology has moved to 204-205 Goodell, where it continues to be staffed by audio visual equipment technicians Richard Guardien, Stephen Piealco, William Russell, and Donald Appleton. The loan staff can be reached at 5-5765 and technical support at 5-5768.

Director John Stacey and AIMS Video Production Services are now located in the Photo Center, where they continue to provide educational media production and consultation and to oversee the station’s web site, which can be found at the address www.umass.edu/aims. As the first domino in a row of moves planned to consolidate several departments, AIMS, which was undergoing reorganization, agreed to move to new quarters in order to allow for the other changes, according to Steinkamp.

“Training and Development is taking their space,” Steinkamp said of AIMS, “and [the vice chancellor for Research] is taking their space.”

Steinkamp said the impetus for the moves was two-fold: consolidating units that had been located in more than one building and creating more student-oriented space in Goodell.

“What we were trying to do is consolidate all of the groups under the vice chancellor for Research,” she said. “That was one of the driving forces. The other was to make Goodell a much more student-focused building, with more space for the Graduate School and Commonwealth College.”

Research area staff were scattered around Goodell and some were in Memorial Hall, which houses Development and Alumni Relations, she said. In turn, Development researchers were in Munson Hall, which houses Communications and Marketing (C&M) Photo Services, part of Communications and Marketing, was located in the Photo Center. In a circular dance, as C&M moved to consolidate in Munson, space in the Photo Center was freed for AIMS, which opened space for Training and Development, which is creating space for Research, which will allow the Development staff housed in Munson to move in with their colleagues in Memorial Hall. The upshot is that Research, C&M, and Development are or soon will be consolidated, Steinkamp said, and Training and Development and AIMS Video Production Services are getting spiffed-up quarters.

Parts of Goodell are being transformed as Research comes together on the fifth floor and space Research staff had occupied on the sixth floor now can be used for a student computer lounge and an expansion of Commonwealth College’s Office of Community Service Learning, as well as continuing to house the Undergraduate Advising and Academic Support Center.

“We wanted to use the sixth floor more effectively to serve students,” Steinkamp said.

Campus seal now preferred over logo for use on campus-specific items, publications

Sarah R. Buchholz  
Chronicle Staff

The campus has a new seal that’s been appearing on stationery, mugs, banners and other items over the past few months, yet it isn’t new at all.

Based on the seal that hangs in the Chancellor’s Office, which is a version of a faculty design from the mid-20th century, the seal is being used because it highlights the history, academic diversity, and unique contributions of the campus, according to Katherine Eldred, director of Marketing. Although the campus seal does not replace the now-familiar script U over a block M logo that Marketing designed and rolled out in 1995, if filmed the logos can not, Eldred said.

Soon after the logo was developed, the University system decided to adopt it, and the other four campuses applied colors to the design to make it their own. Eldred said the logo has come to be identified with the system as a whole, rather than the campus. As such, it remains appropriate for use on University documents for the very reason that the campus needed to have an additional, individual symbol, she said, but its use is more appropriate for identifying items of a systemwide nature.

The official Amherst seal is the preferred mark for identifying items related to the Amherst campus, she said. The campus seal should be used with the words “University of Massachusetts Amherst” or “UMass Amherst,” she added.

Eldred points out that the campus seal is different from the University seal, which can be used only at the discretion of the president or the chancellor. The University seal appears on official trustee documents, such as diplomas. The campus seal looks much like it, but has the word ‘Amherst’ in addition to ‘1863’ around the bottom.

Based on a 1940s design by John Robertson, a professor of Landscape Architecture, that was refined in the 1970s, the campus seal sports the same colors as the University seal: maroon, blue and gold. This week Eldred had maroon and gold banners placed at the campus entrances to replace the logo, but she cautions that the transition to using the campus seal everywhere will take some time.

“It’s the very beginning of this whole process,” she said. “We’re meeting with people like the campus print shop to go over the guidelines, and we will be putting together a mini-guide on the use of the seal for campus people very shortly. We really want to encourage people to work with us so we can maintain a consistent visual identity. “Money is a factor. We can’t just go out and redo everything, but we’re encouraging that new stuff carry the seal.”

“[The chancellor has pointed out that if it doesn’t say ‘Amherst,’ then people won’t know it was us. He wants the campus to get credit for its top teaching and research.”

Audio visual technician Chris Golas (left) and Thomas Zimnowski, coordinator of media production, unpack equipment as they move into the new quarters for AIMS Video Production Services in the Photo Center.
Women's studies center hosts talks

The Five College Women's Studies Research Center at Mount Holyoke College is hosting two talks and a reading in the coming weeks.

On Monday, Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m., Ilana Nash, a Five College Women's Studies research associate from Bowling Green, Ohio, will discuss “Nancy Drew Goes to Hollywood: Changing Meaning from Fiction to Film.” In her presentation, Nash will analyze the dramatic changes that took place when Nancy Drew, the popular fictional heroine for girls, was translated into the subject of four films produced by Warner Bros. in the late 1930s. Nash argues that Nancy Drew’s character was reinterpreted in response to anxieties about gender and class, which resulted in a radically diminished representation of the heroine.

Author Phyllis Chesler will read from her latest work, “Women’s Inhumanity to Women” on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Odyssey Bookshop. Chesler’s book offers a comprehensive and revolutionary investigation of the often-destructive relationships women have with other women and how they can be overcome. Karen Barad of Mount Holyoke College will give a talk entitled “Physics, Feminism and Poststructuralist Theory: Towards an Understanding of How Discursive Practices Matter” at the center on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The center is located at 83 Spring St. in South Hadley.

WebCT courses listed by Academic Computing

The Academic Computing unit of the Office of Information Technologies is offering several WebCT courses for faculty during the spring.

WebCT brings a variety of Web-based learning tools into a single online environment where students can find course content, check their progress, assess their knowledge, and share ideas with others. Faculty members can pick and choose the features that meet their course objectives.

The faculty member using WebCT simply provides the content and WebCT simplifies site construction and maintenance by arranging the site navigation and release dates. Readings, notes, and handouts can be posted as MS Word, PowerPoint, HTML, or PDF Files.

Each student has an individual login for WebCT which allows the faculty member to track site usage, release content to individuals or groups, and provide access to certain copyrighted materials within fair-use guidelines. In addition, areas of the WebCT site can be set up for students to post individual or group work.

Self-grading quizzes in WebCT can be created with random question pools, generated question data, timing limits, answer feedback, and other options. Communication tools such as internal email, simultaneous chat, and bulletin board discussions make it easy to extend student communications outside of class.

Register online (www.umass.edu/webct/faculty/workshops/). For information, come by A209 Lederle Graduate Research Center or call 7-0072. Break sessions are also scheduled. For information, call 7-0072 or visit the Web site listed above.

Student Management in WebCT, an exploration of the WebCT built-in student management features, such as gradebook and activity tracking.

Friday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Tuesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Adding Course Content to WebCT, a 2½-hour workshop combining group learning activities, individual exercises, and opportunities to explore and build WebCT quizzes.

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Brownbag lunches and Spring Break sessions are also scheduled. For information, call 7-0072 or visit the Web site listed above.

Isenberg School of Management goes wireless

The Isenberg School of Management (ISM) building is the latest building on campus to be equipped with wireless networking capabilities, according to the Office of Information Technologies. This new service allows users to access the UMass network and the Web from most areas in the building without having to plug in to an Ethernet jack.

For more news...


6 career fairs planned for February

Career Services will be hosting more than 130 employers at six separate events this month: the campus-wide Career Fair, Nursing Job Fair, ALANA Job Fair, Summer Camp Employment Day, the Co-op and Summer Job Fair and the Life Sciences and Environmental Careers Fair.

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Friday, Feb. 7

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Softball Cal. State Fullerton 1:30 p.m.

Hockey BU 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8

Softball Nebraska 9 a.m.

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Softball Texas Tech 11 a.m.

Indoor track Dartmouth 11 a.m.

M. basketball Temple noon

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Sports wrap-up

Men's basketball (8-12; 2-6 A-10)

L vs. La Salle 76-67

W vs. George Washington 75-70

L vs. Dayton 83-55

W vs. Fordham 76-66

Women's basketball (12-8; 4-5 A-10)

W vs. La Salle 66-51

L vs. Rhode Island 66-57

L vs. Dayton 68-60

W vs. Xavier 77-65

Hockey (14-13-1; 8-11-0 Hockey East)

L vs. Providence 5-3

L vs. Boston College 9-0

L vs. Northeastern 3-2

W vs. Northeastern 3-2

Upcoming schedule

Home games in bold

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Athletics

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Athletic Ticket Office

Mullins Center, 5-0851

Sports wrap-up

Skiers shine at Loon Mountain

Junior captain Beau Gibson placed first in both the giant slalom and slalom events to lead the UMass ski teams to first and second place finishes in the Brown/D’Conn Carnival held Feb. 1-2 at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, N.H.

With times of 1:13.75 in the slalom and 54.75 in the giant slalom, Gibson was almost a full second ahead of the second-place finisher in both races. His strong individual effort, coupled with solid finishes by junior Dave Pomeroy and graduate student Nick Kalkurni, led the Minutewomen to a first-place team finish in the giant slalom, and second-place as a team in the slalom. Pomeroy ended his weekend in sixth place in the giant slalom with a time of 55.81, after skiing to a time of 1:15.97 in the slalom, good enough for 13th the day before. Kalkurni finished ninth in the slalom and 12th in the giant slalom.

The women’s team also took top spots last weekend, winning the slalom and finishing second in the giant slalom. Leading the Minutewomen were senior Carolyn Lewenberg, sophomore Nikki Smith and freshman Caitlin Doughty. Lewenberg finished fourth in both events, while Smith placed second in the giant slalom. Doughty placed third in the slalom as well. Senior captain Molly Lyon also skied well, posting another top 15 finish in the slalom with a mark of 41.37, placing her 11th.

Halfway through the season, the women’s team is currently in first place in the MacConnell Cup standings. They are eight points ahead of second-place Boston College, and 11 points in front of third-place Colby-Sawyer. The men’s team finds itself in second, behind Colby-Sawyer by only four points.

Up next for the ski teams is the Boston College Carnival this weekend at Mount Ascutney in Brownsville, Vt. The races begin at 9:30 a.m., with the slalom taking place on Saturday and the giant slalom on Sunday.

Mauldin a finalist for Brown Award

Sophomore forward Greg Mauldin has been named a finalist for the 51st annual Walter Brown Award, given annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England. He is one of 12 players named, and one of seven playing in the Hockey East.

Mauldin leads the Minutemen with 32 points, 15 goals and 17 assists. He has been on a tear lately, scoring 26 points (11 g, 15 a) in his last 18 games. He currently ranks fifth in Hockey East in scoring in all games played, and is fourth among all players in conference games with 23 points. He has scored multiple points in 10 games, including three points six times. He scored UMass’ first hat trick in 215 games in a 7-2 win over Dartmouth on Nov. 30. He followed up that performance with three points each in wins over Princeton and Boston University to earn Hockey East Player of the Week for that week. He recently won the award again with a four-point weekend in a split against Northeastern.

He became the first UMass player since the 1999-2000 season to score 30 points in a year, and is already tied for 33rd on the school’s career scoring list with 56 points (27 g, 29 a). Mauldin led UMass in scoring last season with 24 points (12 g, 12 a).

Mauldin and his teammates host Boston University on Friday at 7 p.m.

Swim teams split meet with Fordham

The men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams recorded mixed results on last Saturday at Fordham, as the men’s team came away with a 179-112 victory and the Minutewomen fell to the Rams, 189-110.

The men were led by seniors Justin Houck and Ryan Zaucha, who both tallied two victories against the Rams. Houck finished first in both the 1,000-yard freestyle and 200-yard breaststroke, while Zaucha tied first place finishes in both the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard butterfly.

Zaucha was also a member of the first place 200-yard medley relay team, which includes sophomores Matt Woodward, Dylan Smith and Ryan Matthews.

Also recording victories were sophomore Brandon Duane, junior Peter Towczynski, junior Conner Townsend and Smith. Smith placed first in the 200-yard freestyle, while Towczynski won the 100-yard breaststroke and Townsend won the 200-yard butterfly. Doane finished first in the 1-meter and second in the 3-meter dive.

The Minutewomen were led by senior Kate Alley and junior Christen Dexter.

Allery finished first in the 1-meter dive and won the 3-meter dive. Dexter captured victories in both the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard breaststroke.

Indoor track squad finishes 14th in Hub

The women’s indoor track and field team finished 14th in the 15-team Husky Invitational held Jan. 31 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

Southern Florida finished in first place with 110.33 points. UMass tallied eight points in the meet.

Junior Brandy Green placed fifth in the 55-meter hurdles and junior Shannon Jackson finished in eighth place. Junior Chante Soares finished seventh in the long jump and freshman Elisabeth Budd placed eighth in the 400-meter dash.

The Minutewomen face Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. on Saturday.
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### Departmental UCards
The selling of departmental UCards has moved to the UCard Office from Printing Services. Departmental cards will be able to purchase Guest UCards that can only be used for making photocopies; they also may add value to their existing UCards through the UCard Office. The UCard Office is open weekdays 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and is located on the campus side of Franklin Dining Hall. For information, call 5-0197.

### Healthy women wanted to participate in nutrition study
Researchers in the Nutrition Department are looking for healthy postmenopausal women to participate in a study on the effects of dietary flavonoid consumption on hormone levels in blood and urine. Participants must have undergone a natural menopause, and not have taken any hormones, including estrogen replacement therapy, for the past six months; be non-smokers and have no prior medical history of cancer, diabetes or bowel disease. Qualified individuals need to plan to participate in the study for four months.

Anyone interested in being part of the study should contact research manager Sara Sabalewski at 7-4298 or by e-mail (sara@nutrition.umass.edu).

### Add-drop deadline
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### Faculty Senate meeting
The Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m in 227 Herter Hall.

**“W” period begins**
Undergraduate, Stockbridge and Continuing Education students may drop classes with a record of “W” from Feb. 11 to March 26.

### EWC Counseling Services
Counseling services are being offered by Everywoman’s Center Counseling Services. The groups meet for six weeks and are open to all students. Registration is required. Call 5-4982 for reservations.

### HomeSharing looking for participants
The HomeSharing program is seeking participants who are interested in sharing space in their home in exchange for services, as well as people who would like to provide services in exchange for an affordable place to live.

### Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology seminar
The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology at the Medical School in Worcester is hosting a seminar with Lara Weinstein Szewczak of Yale University on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon in the 8th floor seminar room of the Lazar Research Building.

### TIAA-CREF Counseling
TIAA-CREF is offering individual financial counseling sessions to University employees on Thursday, Feb. 20 and Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Treasurer’s Office, 100 Venture Way, 2nd Floor, Small Library.

### ESL workshops offered through Continuing Education
Three non-credit, 10-week English as a Second Language workshops are being offered during spring semester by the Division of Continuing Education. Not intended for beginners, the workshops aim at students seeking to improve their English skills.

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### Appointment system
TIAA-CREF will also be offering a financial counseling session to employees. To request an appointment, call 5-0331.

### Graduates and former students
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### Men needed for diabetes study
The Energy Metabolism Laboratory is currently seeking men over the age of 40 to participate in a study of screening and diagnosing people with either pre-diabetes or Type-2 diabetes.

### Second Language workshops
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### Honorary degrees
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Naked Ladies’ ‘Stimulus’ exhibit opens

Works by five artists from Montague, New Salem and Wendell will be displayed Feb. 9 through March 9 at the Central Gallery in Wheeler House.

In a twist on the medieval practice of the artist guild, the five artists meet weekly to motivate and support each other’s artistic growth and development. They sport the artistic response to the stimulus. The Central Gallery exhibition will feature several works by each member.

An opening reception will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, 2-5 p.m.

One month, it might be Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons” and the next, it could be random found objects that include clumps of dyed mohair or sheets of hydrophilic foam. The Naked Ladies have a month to craft an artistic response to the stimulus. The Central Gallery exhibition will feature several works by each member.

Lionheart at Bowker

Lionheart, a renowned early music ensem- ble, will perform music by medieval composer Guillaume de Machaut on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Bowker Auditorium.

The group is best known for its inter- pretation of medieval and Renaissance a cappella music, with the Gregorian chant as the keystone of its repertoire. Lionheart also collaborates with instrumental ensem- bles, dance companies and contempo- rary composers. During next week’s performance, Alexandria Montano will read poetry.

De Machaut was among the best known and most influential composers of the 14th century. Throughout his career, he enjoyed royal patronage and his works were written to honor and delight noble lords and ladies. Lionheart will perform selections from de Machaut’s repertorio and his “Remede,” or the cure for love.

Tickets are $25 and $15 public and $10 for age 17 and under; $10 and $7 for Five College students. Call the Fine Arts Center Box Office (5-2511) to order.

Marking its 10th year, the Massachusetts Multicultural Film Festival returns this semester with a variety of works focused on the theme of “Film and the Arts.” Sponsored by the Interdepartmental Program in Film Studies, the film festival continues through May 7.

This year, the free screenings have moved to a new state-of-the-art theater in 137 Isenberg School of Management.

Saluting both the subjective and the celebratory, “Film and the Arts” crosses boundaries of genre and discipline, splicing together individual and collective visions full of surprise, provocation and insight. The divergent experiences represented and the modes of cultural production deployed suggest the dimensions of the multilayered genre of cinema, inspired by the transna- tionality of filmmaking and spectatorship, and by the intersections of cinema with related modalities of image-making. The festival provides an extraordinary opportunity for cinephiles to discover distinguished new works, and offers Film Studies Certifi- cate students the valuable opportunity to enroll in a one-credit colloquium (COMM 290).

“Tosca,” director Benoit Jacquot’s vivid reinterpretation of Puccini’s opera starring Roberto Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu, will be shown Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

A gala screening of Julie Taymor’s “Frida” is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19 in honor of Chancellor John Lombardi’s inauguration. The movie stars Salma Hayek as Mexican painter and revolutionary Frida Kahlo.

Two events are planned in conjunction with “Such Sweet Thunder: Views on Black American Music,” a series of events being held on campus from Feb. 18 to March 14.

South African singer-filmmaker Tsidi Le Loka, ’98, returns to her alma mater on Thursday, Feb. 20, to present clips from a documentary she is making about per- former Ameline Malebo. Le Loka also will show footage of her stage and screen performances, including her Tony Award-win- ning role of Rafiki in “The Lion King.” The program will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Bezanson Recital Hall.

Voice teacher to lecture, lead classes

Emily Romney, chair of the voice department at Longy School of Music in Cambridge, will lecture and lead master classes on vocal pedagogy on Saturday, Feb. 8 and Friday, Feb. 14.

According to Romney, vocal pedagogy is best described as “teaching the teaching of singing.” Approaching the voice as a living instrument, Romney focuses on biolog- ical, anatomical and theoretical studies in her teaching.

In her presentations, Romney will offer an overview of vocal pedagogy in the 21st century. Students will learn about the voice, interact with professionals and try their hand at teaching.

The classes, which are free, will be held in 44 Fine Arts Center from 4-6 p.m. on Feb. 8 and 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Feb. 14.

Professor emeritus of Art John Townsend (left) and Herter Gallery director Trevor Richey examine during the creation of the Minuteman sculpture. Townsend sculpted the statue that stands near Old Chapel.

Exhibit highlights Minuteman statue

As part of the campus’s celebration marking this week’s inauguration of Chan- cellor John V. Lombardi, the Herter Art Gal- lery is featuring an exhibition tracing the creation of the Minuteman statue installed last fall near the Old Chapel.

“ ’In the Making: The Minuteman — A Sculp- ture by John Townsend,’” documents the various stages and processes involved in the creation of the life-sized bronze by professor emeritus of Art John Townsend. The work was commissioned by the Class of 1950 to honor World War II veterans.

The exhibit continues through Feb. 25.