News Briefs

Selection opens for student BHE member

During the 2003-04 academic year, the rotating student seat on the Board of Higher Education will be filled by a representative of the University of Massachusetts students. The board is currently accepting applications from undergraduates interested in filling the vacancy.

The student representative is selected by the governor, based upon the recommendations of the Student Advisory Committee, a panel comprised of student trustees from the community and state colleges and UMass system.

Application materials should be submitted by April 11 to Claitha Carrigan McCurdy, Associate Vice Chancellor, Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance, 454 Broadway, Suite 200, Revere MA 02151.

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Delegation from Hokkaido to visit

Four officials from the Hokkaido Prefecture governor’s office in Japan will visit campus March 26 for meetings with faculty, International Programs staff and Chancellor John V. Lombardi. During their visit, the Hokkaido officials also will tour the Conte Polymer Research Center and the Basketball Hall of Fame. In addition, the group will pay a call at Springfield’s Baystate Medical Center for a briefing on the Life Sciences and Medical Research Initiative.

Voices of dissent

Nearly 1,000 UMass and local high school students called for peace during the Student Strike for Books Not Bombs held in the Student Union Ballroom on March 5. This week, about 50 faculty and librarians signed a resolutio against the war. Story, page 3.

Romney favors pension system changes

Among the myriad proposals for revamping state government floated in recent weeks by Gov. Mitt Romney is a bid to overhaul the Massachusetts pension system and replace it with a 401(k)-style plan. Aimed at reducing future state spending, the proposed phasing out of the state retirement system will be submitted later this spring, according to Romney administration officials. There are currently more than 166,000 state employees and teachers enrolled in the retirement system, which bases pensions on years of service and earnings.

The main thrust of the proposed reform is to reduce the state’s unfunded pension liability, which has grown from $4.8 billion to an estimated $12.5 billion this year.

Under the Romney plan, the existing system would be replaced by a plan through which public employees would be required to contribute to a pension plan that would be invested in stocks and bonds. Such plans are subject to market fluctuations, but are essentially self-funded by individual employees.

Student fees hiked 20+%

Voting 21-1 Wednesday, the Board of Trustees approved a mandatory fee hike for fiscal year 2003-2004 for students throughout the University system.

On the Amherst campus, the fee increase for in-state undergraduates is $1,000, raising the rate to $5,768 for next year, a nearly 21 percent increase. A $2,000 hike for out-of-state undergraduates will raise their fees 37 percent to $7,398.

Amherst graduate student fees also were raised. Residents will see a 23.7 percent increase from $4,113 to $5,113, and out-of-state students a nearly 40 percent hike to $7,018.

The board did not raise tuition, which goes to the state’s general fund. Fees are retained on the campuses.

The dissenting vote was cast by William Powers, the student trustee from Amherst campus.

The fee hikes throughout the system will raise an estimated $40 million, according to the President’s Office.

Bulger derides Romney proposals for higher ed

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Reorganize states, not higher education

When reading Gov. Romney’s proposals for reorganizing higher education in Massachusetts, I realized that the New England states (total population about 15 million; land area 63,000 square miles) might save considerably by having one governor and legislature instead of six. After all, other states, such as Texas (population 21 million; land area 262,000 square miles) and California (population 35 million; land area 156,000 square miles), are much larger and have only one governor.

Another possibility is to duplicate the Dakotas and Carolinas with North New England (3.3 million people in Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire; 49,000 square miles) and South New England (11 million in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; 14,000 square miles).

Of course, seats (and clout) would be lost in the U.S. Senate and other disadvantages are likely. But if tax cuts and budget reductions are the highest priority, then merging small states seems a possible solution for savings rather than cutting essential services in education, health care, human services, infrastructure, and other areas. My preference is to pay my share of taxes for these services.

Inez Sturz
Amherst

Equinox to be marked at sunwheel

The vernal equinox will be marked at the campus’ sunwheel March 20-21 with sunrise and sunset presentations by Astronomy professor Judith Young. The public is invited to visit the site and observe the sun rise and set over the standing stones of the sunwheel.

The exact instant of the equinox is 8 p.m. on March 20. On that day any observer on the equator will see the sun pass directly overhead at noon. At that moment, the observer will not cast a shadow. For observ- ers elsewhere around the globe, the sun is up for 12 hours and down for 12 hours on the equinox.

From the sunwheel, says Young, the equinox sun will be seen rising and setting through the stone portals in the east and west.

Visitors should arrive for the sunrise viewings at 5:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the sunset observations. Young will discuss the cause of the seasons, the sun’s path in the sky, the phases of the moon and the story of the sunwheel.

Participants are advised to wear warm clothing suitable for standing on frozen or soggy ground. In the event of rain, the programs will be canceled.

A $3 donation is requested. Sunwheel T-shirts and sweatshirts will be on sale with proceeds going toward the future installation of stone paths at the site.

The sunwheel is located south of McGuirk Alumni Stadium, just off Rocky Hill Road. For information visit the sunwheel web site (www.umass.edu/sunwheel/index2.htm) or call Judy Young at 5-4311.

Class or group visits can also be arranged by contacting her by phone or e-mail (young@astro.umass.edu).

Getting in shape

Sophomore Sara Labb (front), junior Kelly Grasso, sophomore Rachna Rao, senior Kelly Weeks, instructor George Sotiropoulos and junior Andy Sucharewicz perform floor exercises during a “Jogging and Conditioning” class in the Cage.

OIT offers thesis formatting workshop

The Office of Information Technologies is offering its quarterly workshop on formatting a thesis to meet University requirements Monday, March 31, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The workshop provides detailed instructions on how to format a thesis to fulfill the requirements of the Graduate School with Microsoft Word for Windows. The workshop includes margins, footnotes, bibliographies, page numbering, headings, table of contents, and more. The workshop is offered once each semester and once during Intersemester and summer.

Although OIT reports that there is no longer sufficient demand for similar courses for Word on the Macintosh, older versions of Word on Windows, and WordPerfect on Windows, materials from those courses are still available for students who need them on the Web (www.oit.umass.edu/bds/docs) or by purchasing them from OIT.

Materials for the course being offered also are available to students who are unable to attend the workshop.

Pre-registration is required. Students should go to the Administrative Desk in A118 Lederle GRC (5-9730) to register. The course fee is $10.

The course covers Microsoft Word 2000, Word XP, or Word 97 on Windows 95/98. Students need to report which version they are using when pre-registering so OIT will have the appropriate course materials for them.

Working knowledge of the student’s version of Microsoft Word for Windows and Windows is a prerequisite for the workshop.

For information, contact Elissa Campbell at 5-1853 or by e-mail (campbell@oit.umass.edu).
Bulger slams governor’s stance on public colleges

Henry Pamuk

Bulger also assaulted the administration for blocking a $371 million bond sale intended to fund campus construction projects. Approved in the final days of Acting Gov. Jane Swift’s administration, the bond issue was stopped at the last minute by Romney, who said the funding plan had not been reviewed fully. Among the projects to be funded by the bonds are two residence halls at UMass Boston and the integrated sciences building in Amherst.

But Secretary of Administration and Finance Eric Kriss said the bonds covered several projects not included in the University’s five-year capital plan, including a $19.2 million dining hall at UMass Boston, a $9 million parking garage at UMass Lowell and $1.4 million for athletic fields at Dartmouth.

The President’s Office conceded that the bond issue was expanded to include projects on a previously approved 10-year capital plan after investment advisors said the move would capitalize on more favorable interest rates. Bulger’s office also said that a representative of Salomon Smith Barney, the bond agency, had contacted Kriss and Romney administration advisor Peter Nessen about the planned sale.

After Kriss put a hold on the sale, a Bulger spokesman said the bond issue was dead.

At Monday’s hearing, Bulger blasted the action by the governor.

“Tand this disruption as a stark statement of what every public campus in Massachusetts could expect under the proposed corporate model — unilateral and omnipresent control over all aspects of higher education,” he said.

“This experience raises the question as to whether we should consider eliminating this power from the administration in cases where there are no state funds involved in University projects. That, in fact, is the practice in many other states.”

Bulger also told lawmakers that Romney’s budget proposal will cut state support for the University by $65 million, including $80 million from the Amherst campus, and lead to as many as 1,500 layoffs across the UMass system.

“The administration has said it wants to privatize UMass Amherst and UMass Medical within four years,” said Bulger. “The lieutenant governor (Kerry Healey) has said that UMass Amherst — and I quote — will over the next four years become self-sufficient.”

“I fear that this administration is setting us on a path that would lead to soaring tuition bills — leaving behind the many thousands who cannot afford to pay the $25,000 charged at private research universities in Massachusetts.”

“Let us not privatize the American Dream.”

In later testimony, Romney’s pick for education secretary, Peter Nessen, offered the first details of Romney’s plan to trim $100 million from public higher education. According to Nessen, the cuts include:

- $30.1 million from the $69.4 million currently allocated for academic support services, libraries, audiovisual services, academic centers and clerical support;
- $23.4 million from $79.6 million for students services, such as athletics, admissions and financial aid offices, new student orientation, health services and career advising;
- $32.9 million from $89.1 million for business offices, public safety, human resources, computing services, public relations and alumni services.

According to Nessen, another $14 million will be saved by eliminating Bulger’s office, while tuition hikes will generate $50 million in new revenue.

Nessen, who was sharply criticized for not providing the figures to lawmakers prior to the hearing, said campus-by-campus cuts have not been finalized.

Legislators on the Ways and Means panels also took Romney to task for using Bain and Co. to develop a restructuring plan with out consulting campus officials. A representative of Bain, who attended the hearing to assist Nessen in answering questions, was not allowed to address the lawmakers.

SGA backs Romney plan

The Undergraduate Student Senate of the Student Government Association this week gave cautious approval to Gov. Mitt Romney’s plan to preserve the flagship status of the Amherst campus.

The resolution, which expresses confidence in Romney administration advisor Peter Nessen, passed by a vote of 31-10. An ad hoc SGA committee on members to express their opinions on the impending war with Iraq.

Professor of Philosophy and Women’s Studies Ann Ferguson proposed the anti-war resolution from the faculty.

“We faculty and librarians at the University of Massachusetts oppose the U.S. government’s proposed war against Iraq as unnecessary and unjustified,” the resolution began. Ferguson cited the recent passage of similar anti-war resolutions by faculty at Mount Holyoke and Hampshire colleges as further reasons for University faculty to take political action.

30 faculty sign anti-war letter to Bush

First-year student Paul Schunk offered an opposing view on the Iraq crisis during last week’s anti-war demonstration at the Student Union.

“I am really impatient with the ambiguity of the phrase ‘weapons of mass destruction’ and with the media saying that U.S. soldiers will be protected and we will sustain little collateral damage,” said associate professor of Communication Lisa Henderson. “We know from the Gulf War that there will be extensive damage and that U.S. soldiers will not be protected. There were massive injures to soldiers from exposure to chemical weapons and uranium that were not tabulated.”

Despite what the media say, protesting does have an effect on our leaders,” said sociology professor Dan Clawson. “Further, this war will cost the taxpayers of Massachusetts approximately $4.5 billion, which is equal to our current state deficit. So we have no money for education, but $4.5 billion to spend on this war.”

He added that France’s threatened veto in the United Nations Security Council and Turkey’s refusal to admit U.S. troops are further evidence of international opposition to the war.

After a unanimous vote to send out the anti-war resolution, attendants discussed the possibility of e-mailing the resolution to absent faculty through the Massachusetts Society of Professors in order to gain additional support.

Field hockey fans have something to cheer about as the NCAA last week selected the campus to host the Division I Final Four next November. The championship tourney will be played Nov. 21-23 at Garber Field.

It will be the first time the University has hosted the championship.

“We’re really pleased to be able to bring a national championship to Amherst and to the North-east where there is widespread interest in field hockey at both the high school and collegiate level,” said Elaine Sortino, associate athletic director and senior women’s administrator. “We’re looking forward to embracing this championship and hope that many people will come to support it.”
Angelou tops ‘Women of Color Week’ guests

Several well-known artists, writers and activists, including Maya Angelou and Bettia Martinez, will visit campus March 24-30 as part of “A History We Call Our Own: Women of Color Week,” an event celebrating Women’s History Month.

A first-of-its-kind event on campus, the week will highlight the contributions and transformative visions of women of color.

On Tuesday, March 25, Chicana activist, author and educator Elizabeth (Bettia) Martinez will speak on “Where is the Black in Black Power Movement?” at 7:30 p.m. in 174-176 Lincoln Center. Martinez also will discuss prospects for building a multiracial movement for peace and justice. She was a founding member of the 1960s. Martinez served full-time with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the South and as its New York office coordinator. In 1968, she joined the Chicano movement in New Mexico, where she edited the movement newspaper, El Grito del Norte. In 1997, she co-founded the Institute for MultiRacial Justice in San Francisco, which she currently directs. She is also an editor of the national bilinguial newspaper, War Times.

As part of her job she advised traditional communities and private companies on the sustainable production of agricultural crops, ecosystem, ecotourism, and similar environmentally sensitive activities.

Now in her second year of graduate study, she plans in her Ph.D. research to look at ways to encourage members of rural communities to adopt environmentally sound management practices. On completion, she intends to return to Colombia, where she hopes to find a job that will let her teach and have an influence on government policy.

The awards were presented March 7 by Cleve Willis, dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment, who wishes to express his gratitude to all those who were invited to continue this work.

Currently she is in the second year of her master’s program and working on her thesis titled “The Curse of Natural Resources: A Re-examination.”

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Dinner with Friends

The Friends of the Library will host its first fund-raising event, a festive, four-course dinner with four local authors at the University Club on Saturday, April 5. The guest authors are mystery writer Jane Isenberg, journalist Bruce Watson, poet and English professor Dara Wier and children’s author Nancy Hope Wilson.

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Tickets for the event are $105 per person or $175 per couple. The tax-deductible donation is $65 per person or $105 per couple ($55 per person covers the expenses of the evening and is not deductible). For more information or to make reservations, contact Susan McBride at 5-3974. The reservation deadline is March 24.

Two share Carolyn Harper Fellowship

Two graduate students in Resource Economics — Ning Ding and Maria Alejandra Vélez — are sharing this year’s Carolyn Harper Fellowship, according to department chair Geoff Allen.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the fellowship established in memory of Carolyn Harper, an associate professor of Resource Economics, who died in 1983. According to Allen, Harper was a brilliant teacher and an award-winning scholar who published widely on the economics of pesticide regulation, groundwater protection and worker safety. Her work balanced a desire for activism on behalf of environmental protection, racial and gender justice, with rigorous intellectual work. The fellowship is awarded to graduate students who exemplify her ideas.

Ding was born and educated in Yunnan province, People’s Republic of China. She notes that the province has the greatest biodiversity and largest number of ethnic minorities in all of China. After graduating from Yunnan University, she worked on two international technical assistance projects aimed at simultaneously reducing poverty and managing the environment. She hopes to return to Yunnan province to continue this work.

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Committee assignment

Lisa Sullivan-Werner, interim head of Extension’s Nutrition Education Program and Family Nutrition Program team leader, was recently appointed to the National Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program Planning and Coordination Team. The panel will help shape priorities for food stamp nutrition education programs across the country and advise state policies on making, said Sullivan-Werner.

Raising the Bard high

English professor Arthur F. Kinney presented an invited lecture at the Université de Sorbonne in Paris last week on the “Interiority of Shakespeare.”

Talking the talk

Corey Stofflofs page on the National Public Radio features a photo of a journalist taken by our own Stan Sherer.

In the news

Political Science professor Sheldon Goldman, an expert on foreign and national judicial affairs, was interviewed on the Boston Globe (March 27) on Democratic attempts to block the nomination of Miguel Estrada to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The Washington Post (March 2) cited Goldman’s data in a feature on the average age of appeals court nominees broken down by president. ... Psychology professor Daniel R. Anderson commented in a St. Petersburg Times story (Feb. 28) about the death of Fred Rogers and the impact of the long-running children’s show on PBS.

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“Talk by Sister Souljah” will be presented on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. A hip-hop artist and community activist, Sister Souljah’s musical accomplishments include her debut album “960 Degrees of Power” and her work with Public Enemy. She also is the author of the nonfiction book “No Disrespect” and the novel “The Coldest Winter Ever.” Souljah has been a political commentator on New York City radio station KISS-FM and made her acting debut in the sitcom “A Different World.” She is currently executive director of Daddy’s House, a not-for-profit corporation for urban youth, financed by Sean “Puffy” Combs and Bad Boy Entertainment. Daddy’s House educates and prepares youth, ages 10-16, to be in control of their academic, cultural and financial lives. The program is free and open to the public.

The week concludes March 29-30 with a Women of Color Conference. Workshop topics include “Color Com-plex,” “Life After College,” “’Portrayal of Women in the Media,” “Women’s Health Issues” and “What is Sister- hood?” Brunch and dinner will be provided. Performances with dance, poetry, and singing also will be featured during the weekend.

The conference is free and open to all women of color. Registration at the Black Student Union office, 407 Student Union.
Daly made permanent head of Physical Plant
Sarah R. Buchholz  CHRONICLE STAFF

Patricia Daly was appointed director of Physical Plant of UMass Amherst, effective on Feb. 2, by Joyce Hatch, interim vice chancellor for Administration and Finance. Daly had been serving as director of Maintenance and Operations, associate director for Utilities, and associate director for Utilities and Building Maintenance. Hatch said she was “lighted” to make the appointment. “I am confident that her leadership style and in-depth knowledge of the campus will greatly enhance the services delivered by the Physical Plant,” Hatch said.

Daly said he is “looking forward to participating in the new central heating plant” project and that the position will be interesting. “It’s a challenging time because we don’t know what the budget’s going to do, he said. He’s also looking forward to coordinating efforts among staff. “I look for cooperation and facilitation among my staff and with Facilities Planning, Environmental Health (and Safety), Space Management and other people we work with,” he said. Prior to his stint at the University of Connecticut, Daly said he worked in engineering and facilities at Rhode Island College and at the University of New Hampshire before joining the University of Sydney in Australia. Daly said he plans to be on campus at least half-days for the foreseeable future, with the rest of the time spent on tasks to be determined.

Two fires prompt power plant alterations
Sarah R. Buchholz  CHRONICLE STAFF

Two fires in the central heating plant March 7 and 9 have resulted in alterations to parts of the plant’s exhaust-cleaning system, according to Physical Plant director Pat- rick Daly. Between clean-up and preventative measures, the epis-odes cost about $30,000, he said. An operating engineer who inhaled soot was treated and released on Sunday, Daly said.

Both fires occurred in the bag house of the plant, where soot in the exhaust from burning coal is filtered out using long fiberglass bags. Daly said the soot is so fine that it clogs the filters, necessitating pulses of air to shake it loose into hoppers that then feed into a silo. On its way through, it can get packed much like espresso-ground coffee and requires being poked through various ports to break it loose and send it on its way.

The fires were caused by soot and 500-degree embers falling outside the designated exhaust conduit when the pulses of air forced a port open, spewing the waste products into an area where clean bags were being stored. By Sunday’s fire, the bags had been removed, but burning ash blew into the room when a second port was opened to use a second set of air pulses.

The air pulses are routine, happening roughly five times per day, Daly said, and PVC pipes in the ports, which had replaced corroded steel pipes, had been in place for several years without incident. There were separate and distinct fires, but the cause of both fires was found to be the same,” said Lindsay Strongren, assistant fire chief in the Amherst Fire Department. “After Sun- day’s fire, we made it clear that we didn’t want it to go back on line,” until changes had been made, he said.

“There wasn’t a lot of damage, we had some melted wires and we lost some soot bags,” Daly said. “But we did have the repairs and we had to have a clean-up.”

In addition to clean-up and repairs to the plant removed the PVC replacements and returned the ports to their original steel pipe configuration. Daly said the steel pipes tend to corrode in about five or six years and would need to be replaced; however, the campus is slated to have a new central heating plant on line in 2006.

Online campus calendar slated for fall debut
Sarah R. Buchholz  CHRONICLE STAFF

As part of a new gateway to the campus’s Web site, the University will get a dynamic online calendar this fall, according to Nina Sossen, Web communication manager in Web Development. The gateway itself, formerly known as the “front door,” “will have a whole new look and feel” and will highlight a few events and provide a link to the fall cal- endar, which can be searched by date or by keyword (e.g., “dance” or “hockey”), Sossen said. Because the dates for some events are known months in advance, the calendar will be searchable well into the future, she said. As a date approaches, it likely will accumu- late more events.

Instead of events that know of upcoming events that aren’t yet listed on the calendar will be able to submit them to Web Development through an online form on the calendar page, according to Kathryn Eldred, direc- tor of Marketing. After getting the submission, Web Development will post the event on the calendar.

“A more important feature is that ‘regular’ contributors to the calendar will be able to sign up with Web Development and get authority to post their events, in- cluding images, directly [to the site],” she said.

The success of the calendar will depend on thorough particip- ation from those responsible for publicizing events.

Sossen hopes that the central role of the calendar will encourage people to submit events — lectures, work- shops, performances, exhibit open- ings and athletic events — to keep it complete and accurate.

“Because the calendar will become the central source for event informa- tion on campus and hopefully in itself will encourage groups from across campus from post their events automatically,” she said.

“We have already spoken to several groups on campus to get their thoughts and feedback and will continue to do so throughout the spring. Overall, I think it’s a great service that we can offer and an important step in improving the University’s ability to communicate about the vast array of events that take place on campus,” said Eldred.

Eldred said her office will be working with the Five College Calen- dar group on feeding the cam- pus calendar directly into theirs. “The whole point of this thing is we want people to see UMans as a vibrant place where there are always new things happening, be- cause there are,” Sossen said.

Although she stressed that it’s still at the early planning stages, Sossen said anyone with ques- tions about the calendar may con- tact her (774-471).

University Advancement announced this week that Susan Matei is no longer serving as assistant vice chancellor for Alumni Relations and executive director of the Alumni Associa- tion as of March 4. Matei has been the assistant vice chancel- lor for Alumni Relations since 1999, and previously held positions in alumni relations, public relations, and marketing in the College of Engineering from 1990-97.

Dale stated that a national search will begin shortly for a perma- nent replacement for Matei.

Mattei departs Alumni Relations, Association

Student found dead in room

Although the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees Charitable Campaign failed to meet its goals on campus this year, the fifth consecutive year the campus raised the most funds in the state for COMECC, according to campus campaign chair George Parks.

The campaign’s completion was celebrated at a breakfast Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007. The traditional breakfast marks the close of the active campaign, although donations through COMECC are accepted year round.

This year 35 percent of campus employees donated at total of $357,775 to local state agencies. Campaign organizers had hoped to raise $380,000 and involve 50 percent of campus employees. The goal was lower this year than in recent years, when more than $400,000 has been raised, because the campus has hundreds of fewer employees than it did last year, according to Gloria Fox, the campaign’s coordinator on campus.

The COMECC celebration breakfast is a thank you to department coordinators and volunteers for their work in raising funds through their colleagues.

“UMass employees care about life quality issues,” Fox said. “Their willingness to share, even in these economically challenging times, reflects their caring and concern for others.”

At the breakfast, Thomas O’Brien, chair of the Leader’s Circle Committee, recognized those who volunteered to invite colleagues to donate at the leadership level, $500 or more per year. Leadership level contribu- tors represented 68 percent of the campus total.

Jazz quartet to do latest show in Magic Triangle Series

Charles Tolliver and Music, Inc. take the stage March 27 in the Northampton Center for the Arts’ Magic Triangle Jazz Series continues.

Tolliver has played with a number of jazz greats over the last four decades, including Max Roach, Jackie McLean, and Art Blakey.

Tickets — $12, $7 for students — are available through the Fine Arts Center Box Office (5-2511). The Magic Triangle Jazz Series is a production of Residential Arts and WMUA-FM and is funded by the UMass Arts Council, Student Government Association, the Alumni Association, Commuter Area Government, the FAC, and the New England Foundation for the Arts, with additional support from 88.5 WFCR and the Campus Center Hotel.

The final performance in the series will be by David Murray and the Gwo-ka Masters April 11.
Daniel J. Fitzgibbons
Chronicle staff

Though Gov. Mitt Romney’s plan to reorganize higher education was sistema
celed by many as a step backward, the plan could be seen as one of the
coupled in state history. Here is a capsule history of those changes.

1947: Massachusetts State College becomes the University of Massa-

1958: Community colleges are established by an 11-member Board of

1960: The first community college, Berkshire Community College, opens in

downtown Pittsfield.

1962: University is given fiscal au-

1964: University of Massachusetts at Amherst is established.

1965: A board is born

1966: University of Massachusetts

1969: UMass reorganizes

1970: President Kevin Harrington calls for the University to be organized into a

1978: Furcolo, the Board of Higher Education chair, announces a plan to

1979: The commission quietly expires before

1980: UMass’ aspirations to become a “world class university” begin to

1983: President of the University of

1984: University of Massachusetts at Amherst established.

1985: A board is born

1986: UMass launches its first master’s degree program.

1989: weld creates an 11-member com-

1990: UMass President Robert Duff

1991: Bromery quits in protest

1992: Bromery, a professor at Boston University, law professor on Weld’s
cabinet, plans to close 250 Stuart St. offices and

1993: Carlin proposes eliminating


1996: September 1996: Weld taps James Carlin to head HECC.

1997: Sanford familiar? UMass President David Knox says a


1999: November 1999: UMass fees go up by $350 as the trustees approve a

2000: March 2000: Shuffling the deck

2001: September 2001: Regional approach

2002: April 2002: Adjustments


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The Millikan Oil Drop Experiment

It's an old experiment by the standards of modern Physics. But it's a venerated one, named for Robert H. Millikan, who won a Nobel Prize for his 1909 measurement of electronic charge, the first quantum mechanical numerical value actually physically measured.

A few years ago, Physics staff built a better mousetrap, or at least a better Millikan Oil Drop. Lab director Anthony Papirio, retired professor Hajime Sakai, and professor Claude Penchina published the results of the innovation in January 2000 in The Physics Teacher.

Earlier this year, Papirio and technical specialist Jeff Kmetz gave Chronicle photographer Stan Sherer a tour of the device.

"The apparatus consists of a closed chamber in which tiny oil drops can fall in a calm air environment," Papirio said. "The drops move up and down in a specific electric field, repelled upward or attracted downward depending on their charge and the polarity of the E field.

"The chamber has glass windows at the front for viewing drops and the back for accommodating an illuminating laser beam."

Papirio said viewing originally was done with a "telemicroscope," which was difficult to do.

"My improved version replaces the microscope eyepiece with a small CCD video camera, allowing much easier observation of the drop’s motion on a TV monitor," Papirio said. "The time it takes a drop to move a certain distance is measured by a stopwatch timer. The visual reflection of a grid of precisely spaced 20 micron wires is seen by the CCD camera, allowing precise measurement of how far a rising or falling oil drop has traveled.

"The experiment works because the movements of the drops are controlled by the interaction of the electric charge of the drop and the electric field. As the field is reversed, the direction of the drop’s motion is also reversed. Because of the air friction, the motion is not a free fall, but slow. Thus the flight of one oil drop can be controlled upward and downward. Knowing the mass of the drop by the difference of the upward and downward velocities, we can determine the electric charge on the drop. Then we find that the observed value of charge is discrete, that is to say, an integer times the specific charge of one electron."

Papirio said he used several ready-made items to build the new instrument.

"The telemicroscope is of very high quality, and made in Germany," he said. "The CCD camera was purchased very reasonably at an electronics surplus company. The mounting and electronics for the video camera and the reversing switch were made in the Physics Lab Prep with parts from electronic supply houses and Radio Shack, as was the battery eliminator power supply for the laser. The wire optical grid was made and assembled by technical specialist Jeff Kmetz. The laser is a common $10 laser pointer mounted in a special mount built by the Physics Department machine shop.

"The basic structure of the apparatus was made of some prefabricated parts and the rest manufactured, fitted and assembled by Physics Department machinists."

The experiment is scheduled to be taught this semester in Physics 286 by assistant professor Carlo Dallapiccola and in Physics 262 by professor Donald Candela, according to Papirio.
The careers of two distinguished former UMass professors, Reuben E. Trippensee and David Rozman, have been documented by Gerald F. Vaughn, a natural resource management specialist, retired from the University of Delaware.

Trippensee, the first UMass faculty member in wildlife biology in what is now the Department of Natural Resources Conservation, was appointed in 1936, retired in 1960 and died in 1997 in his home state of Michigan at the age of 81.

Rozman first studied at the University of Moscow, fled strife-torn Russia with his family in 1922, and completed his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. Writing in the Winter 2003 issue of the Historical Journal of Massachusetts, Vaughn records that while at UMass, Rozman “conducted some of the most insigthful historical and economic studies of population, industrial and land-use changes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.” In the late 1920s Massachusetts’ agriculture was experiencing a rapid shift from full to part-time farms. The state had more than 60,000 part-time farms, mostly on land sub-marginal for agriculture.

Rozman’s work demonstrated that much of the land in Massachusetts was best suited to forests and pointed up the need for the state to shift from agriculture to more suitable uses of about two-thirds of its land area. His work and pointed up the need for the Department of Resource Economics. He was a Russian immigrant, appointed in 1927, retired in 1961, and died in Amherst in 1997 at the age of 81.

The research efforts of Reuben E. Trippensee (above) and David Rozman have been documented by Gerald F. Vaughn, a retired natural resource management specialist at the University of Delaware.

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Cutting edge art

Senior Meghan Meghan cuts metal rods in the welding studio during Art 363, “3-D Studies: Welding.” She is creating a sculpture using different kinds of metal and glass and will attach Polaroid transfers to the glass.

New auditorium projectors to be installed during break

New video/data projectors will be installed in four campus auditoriums during spring break, according to John W. Stacey, director of Academic Instructional Media Services, which is overseeing the project.

Stacey said the new projectors will be significantly brighter and accommodate native 1024 x 768 resolution (computer data projection) and project a larger image than the old projectors.

The equipment is going into 64 Bartlett, 104 Thompson, 227 Herter and 20 Hasbrouck, he said.

Funding for the new projectors comes from the Provost’s Office. The cost is approximately $23,000 per room, Stacey said.

“It would be easy for us to lose sight of those rooms were really quite at risk for not working, which would be a problem for faculty and students who rely on that (equipment),” he said.

In addition, AIMS will also be upgrading projection systems in 133 School of Management, 18 Skinner Hall and 20 Geossman Lab to include DVD/CD/CDR/MP3 players.

“If you are an instructor in any of these locations please be aware that you and your TAs will need retraining to operate the new upgraded systems,” said Stacey.

Contact Steve Pielock or Bill Russell at 5-5768 to set up a time to demonstrate the new equipment.

Nutrition is the name of the game

Food Services is celebrating National Nutrition Month by presenting “Do You Want to Be a Meat Liar?” at two dining halls later this month to help students learn how to make healthy food choices.

Contestants are eligible to win prizes such as pens, movie passes or a pizza package. The grand prize will be a DVD player.

This event will be held on Tuesday, March 25 in the Hampshire Dining Commons and on Wednesday, March 26 in Worcester Dining Commons.
The women’s ski team won the USCSA National Championship in Truckee, Calif., March 7 with a third-place finish in the slalom event. Combined with their team victory in the giant slalom two days earlier, the Minutewomen clinched first place overall. Leading the Minutewomen was senior Carolyn Lewenborn who posted a fifth place finish. Sophomore Nikki Smith was ninth and senior captain Molly Lyon placed 12th.

“I am so proud of this team” said coach Igor Vanovac. “They have been so dedicated and willing to work hard at every aspect of training all year and in the pre-season, and it is really showing. It was pretty amazing for us as we were facing teams like Sierra Nevada who were near the top in the country every year. It is really just a great feeling for the athletes, the coaches, everyone is so excited.”

At the giant slalom event, Smith led the way for the Minutewomen, finishing in third place. Lewenborn亲友到 at a seventh-place finish, followed by Lyon in 10th. Caitlin Doughty registered an 11th place time.

Leavell contends for Tewaaraton

Senior midfielder Kevin Leavell was one of 16 players selected March 5 as a candidate for the third annual Tewaaraton Award, the most coveted and prestigious award a varsity lacrosse player can receive and a symbol of excellence in college lacrosse.

“Kevin is more than worthy of being nominated for the Tewaaraton Award,” coach Greg Camanella said. “The Tewaaraton Award not only represents the nation’s best college lacrosse player, but it also is given to a person with great character. Not only is Kevin a great player, but he’s a tremendous person, one of the best we’ve ever had in the program.”

The Tewaaraton Trophy is presented annually following the collegiate season to the top male and female varsity collegiate lacrosse players in the United States. Scholarship money is given to the recipient’s college or university general scholarship fund. The foundation committee honors Native American heritage with the name “Tewaaraton,” the name the Mohawk nation gave to their game and the progenitor of present-day lacrosse, and has received approval from the Mohawk Council of Rensselaer.

The 2003 preseason ECAC Player of the Year, Leavell had a career-day in last Saturday’s 17-7 win over Stony Brook. He led the Minutemen with a career-best 10 points on career highs of seven goals and three assists. He had six points by halftime (5 g, 1 a) and added two goals and an assist in the third and an assist in the fourth for 10 points.

Leavell became the first UMass player since Jim McAleavy scored 11 points in a win over Boston College in 1990 to reach double-figures in a single game. He now has 120 career points, just 14 points out of the top 15. So far on the season, Leavell leads the Minutemen with 12 points (9 g, 3 a).

Minutewomen finish season at 14-14

Despite 29 points and 23 rebounds from senior Jennifer Butler, the women’s basketball team fell to La Salle, 67-62, in the first round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament on March 6. With the loss, first-year coach Marnie Dacko ended the season 14-14. Butler finished with 29 points and 23 rebounds in her final game as a Minutewoman.

The Minutemen closed out a disappointing basketball season, losing to George Washington 85-74 in the opening round of the Atlantic 10 tournament. The Minutemen opened an early 14-7 lead behind 11 points from senior Jackie Rogers, who finished with 19 in his final college game. But the Colonials battled back behind Chris Monroe to take the lead before a 3-pointer by Mike Lasme at the first-half buzzer and tied the game at 45-45.

Monroe hit two free throws to open the second half, giving GW the lead for good. The Minutemen struggled shooting in the second half as the Colonials pulled away, winning 10 of 11 games after an 0-4 start for the season. They finished the season 11-14, 7-11 in the A-10.

First-year student Elisabeth Budd runs banana hops during a recent track team practice in Curry Hicks Cage. The exercise is a plyometric routine designed to improve speed and strength. The outdoor track season opens April 5 in New Haven.

Tennis team loses to Cornell, UMBC

The tennis team dropped a 4-3 decision over non-conference rival Cornell last Sunday. The loss placed UMass 3-6 in the spring portion of its schedule.

The two singles points came from Stephanie Price at No. 1 and Susan Hyams at No. 6. In doubles action, junior Jafra Deponte and Price posted a 9-7 victory and freshman Dorothy Ivanovszczik and Edelestein won at No. 2 doubles.

The team also lost to University of Maryland-Baltimore County 4-3 and beat Binghamton 6-1 on March 8. Both matches were held at Cornell.

The Minutewomen will next compete on March 17 when they travel to Florida.

Tennis

The main events for the week were the annual Tewaaraton Award ceremony and the first home game for the Minutemen in the 2003 season.

The Tewaaraton Award is presented annually to the most outstanding male and female lacrosse players in the nation. The award is named after the Mohawk language word for stick, and is given to the top male and female varsity collegiate lacrosse players in the United States. The award is presented annually by the Mohawk Council of Rensselaer, and is considered the most prestigious award in college lacrosse.

The Minutemen lost to the University of Notre Dame 10-9 on March 15, and defeated the University of Maine 5-3 on March 16. The Minutemen are currently ranked 14th in the nation.

The Minutewomen lost to the University of Delaware 12-7 on March 15, and defeated the University of Maine 5-3 on March 16. The Minutewomen are currently ranked 30th in the nation.

The Minutemen will next compete on March 17 when they travel to Florida.
Subjects needed for Nutrition study

Subjects are needed for a Nutrition Department study on zinc depletion and repletion on zinc status, resting metabolic rate and thyroid hormones. Participants must be 18-35 years old.

Contact Christopher Theberge by e-mail (cstheberge@hotmail.com) or phone at 253-3439.

Blood drive

The Hampshire County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive on Wednesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in 174 Lincoln Campus Center.

Subjects needed for Psychology study

Earn $15 by participating in a simple project on people’s beliefs about social issues. The time commitment is one hour. Individually interested in taking part should call 7-6508 and leave a message with a contact phone number.

Molecular Genetics and Microbiology seminars

Professor Matthias Reddehase of Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany will speak on “Antigens and Immunoregulators: opponents in cytotoxic regulatory immune surveillance” on Friday, March 14.

Steven J. Norris of the University of Texas Medical School at Houston will speak on “Pharmac-encoded virulence determinants of Borrelia burgdorferi” on Friday, March 21.

Both seminars begin at 12:15 p.m. in the MCM Seminar Room, S3-310 of the Medical Sciences Building.

Big Friday

Paychecks for the period of Feb. 23 to March 8 will be issued on Friday, March 14.

Evacuation Day

Evacuation Day will be observed as a legal state holiday on Monday, March 17. According to the Division of Human Resources, since the campus must remain open and function as usual, employees who are not scheduled to work March 17, but whose usual work week is five days or more are also entitled to a day off with pay in lieu of the holiday. Those who work on that day are entitled to another day off with pay in lieu of the holiday.

In addition, employees who are not scheduled to work March 17, but whose usual work week is five days or more are also entitled to a day off with pay in lieu of the holiday. Those who work on that day may be paid time and a half for the employee with the approval of the department head within 120 days of the holiday unless other provisions exist in current collective bargaining agreements.

“W” deadline is March 26

All faculty and advisors are asked to remind undergraduates in their classes and departments that they have until Wednesday, March 26 to drop a class with a record of “W.”

“Doing so will have no adverse impact on their cumulative average. A “W” on one’s transcript is nearly always preferable to an “F,”” according to Pamela Marsh-Wil- liams, associate dean and director of the Undergraduate Advising and Academic Support Center.

“If you have not already done so, I urge you to provide some feedback to students on their performance in advance of this date,” says Marsh-Williams.

Such information would encourage those who need it to get additional help in time to make a difference in their performance as well as enable students to make a more informed deci- sion on whether to continue in a course beyond the March 26 deadline.

For more information, students should contact the office of their academic dean.

Home sharing 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. If your home has extra space and you would like someone to have an overnight presence, childcare, elder care, yard work, or if you would like to offer such services in someone’s home, the call HomeSharing con- tact, Paulie Scurlock (773-5555), organizes elder care, and Ashleigh Sullivan (5- 4488) makes child-care matches. Either can answer general questions about the program.

HomeSharing is funded in part by the town of Amherst, Franklin County Home Care Corp., Highland Valley Elder Services, and undergraduate trust funds.

Judges needed for regional science fair

Organizers of the Regional Science Fair to be held on campus Tuesday, March 25, are seeking additional judges, particularly in the areas of behavioral/social and envi- ronmental sciences. About 150 to 160 projects will be displayed by middle and high school students from Western Massa- chusetts.

The science fair, sponsored by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the School of Education, will be held in the Student Union Ballroom and exhibit buildings. Judges will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until noon.

Professors, postdoctorals, professional staff and advanced graduate students from the University and the Five Colleges are asked to participate. Area scientists working in government or industry, doctors, and veterinarians are also encouraged to volun- teer. Contact Ananda Lennox at 1-7785 or by e-mail (dean@nsm.umass.edu).

Credit union’s annual meeting

The UMass Five College Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting Thursday, March 20, at the credit union’s main office, 200 West Center Dr in Hadley.

A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. and the business meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

The meeting will include the results of the election of the board of directors. In addi- tion, the three student nominees for the Credit Union Leadership Scholarship Award will also be announced.

Established in 1967, the credit union has approximately 24,500 members and as- sets of $172 million.

New course proposal

The following new course proposal has been submitted to the Faculty Sen- ate office for review and approval, and is listed here for faculty review and comment.

NUTRITION 585, “Practical Skills in Nutrition Counseling” 3 credits

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**Noted musicologist to visit Five Colleges**

Richard Crawford, an authority on American music, will visit classes and deliver two public lectures during a visit as Five College musicologist-in-residence from March 24-28.

Currently the Hans T. David Distinguished University professor of Music at the University of Michigan, where he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees, Crawford is the author of two seminal works on American music: “America’s Musical Life: A History” and “An Introduction to America’s Musical Life,” both published by W.W. Norton.

Crawford began his musicological work in early American sacred music, publishing book-length studies of psalmists Andrew Law and William Billings of Boston. His book on Billings, co-authored with David P. McKay, won an award for scholarly excellence from the American Musicological Society (AMS). Another of his books, “The Cure Repertory of Early American Psalmody,” captured the Sonneck Society’s Irving Lowens Award in 1986. The subjects of his many articles include George Gershwin, Edward MacDowell, popular song of the 19th and 20th centuries and black music and jazz. He currently serves as editor-in-chief of Music of the United States of America, a national series of scholarly editions sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and AMS. Lectures that he delivered in 1985 as the Bloch Professor of Music at the University of California at Berkeley were published in 1993 as “The American Musical Landscape.” In 1999, Crawford was elected to honorary membership in the American Musicology Society and last year he received a lifetime achievement award from the Society for American Music.

During his residency, Crawford will give a lecture entitled “Musicology and The Jazz Voice: A Personal Inquiry” on Tuesday, March 25 at 8 p.m. in Earle Recital Hall, Sage Hall, Smith College. He will offer his own reflections on “growing up playing jazz and how attitudes gleaned from that experience haveRubin. Call Renee Fall at 256-8316 for location.

More information about Crawford’s activities are available online (www.fivecolleges.edu/crawford.html).

**Musical showcase to be presented in Springfield**

Advanced UMass musicians and talented 5th and 6th graders from the Springfield public schools will perform in a free concert on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Chestnut Accelerated Middle School, 355 Plainfield St. in Springfield.

The concert will focus on jazz and percussion music and feature the UMass Jazz Ensemble I, Chapel Jazz Ensemble and the Percussion Ensemble. The ensembles will be conducted by Music faculty members Jeffrey Holmes, David Sponny and Eduardo Leandro. The concert is presented in collaboration with Mayor Michael Albiano’s office, the Department of Music and Dance, and the Springfield public schools. It is part of a larger collaborative effort, “Connecting Through Music,” between the music departments of the Springfield schools and UMass that has been ongoing since 1998.

“We are delighted to be working with the UMass faculty and students,” said Vera Baker, director of fine arts for the Springfield public schools. “Our students and teachers benefit from attending classes and concerts at UMass, from teacher workshops, and from the many ensembles and soloists who come into our classrooms to share their knowledge and love of music.”

The concert has a special component designed for younger students. Approximately 100 students from 10 elementary and middle schools will perform intensely on March 28 with Lawrence Fisher, who will prepare them for the concert. Fisher completed his master’s in choral conducting at the University of Oregon and has been in the Springfield public schools for six years.

The Percussion Ensemble is among several student performing groups that will entertain in Springfield on March 28.

**Miró Quartet collaborates with Haimovitz on Schubert recital**

Cellist Matt Haimovitz of the Department of Music and Dance will perform with the Miró String Quartet on Wednesday, March 26 at 8 p.m. in Bezanson Recital Hall. They will perform Schubert’s “String Quintet, D 956” which the quartet and Haimovitz are preparing to record.

The Miró String Quartet, named after the Spanish artist Joan Miró, was formed in 1995 by four Oberlin College musicians. They are the quintet-in-residence at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Recipients of many awards, the quartet won first prize at the 1998 Banff International String Quartet Competition and later won the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 2000.

In collaboration with the Grand Canyon Music Festival, the quartet formed the National American Composers Apprentice Project, which teaches Native American students to read and write music.

The quartet will offer a master class on Tuesday, March 25 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Bezanson Recital Hall. The concert and master class are free to the public.

**Lecturer to discuss Chinese opera**

Elizabeth Wichmann-Walczyn will present a talk entitled “Beauty in Jingju: Chinese Opera” on Tuesday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m. in 231 Heman Hall.

As the first non-Chinese award-winning performer and director of Asian Theatre at Howard University, Wichmann-Walczyn will speak about the major characteristics of a Jingju performance that creates beauty for both performers and audiences in China. She will discuss the essentials of stylization, convention and syntheses along with the four performance skills of the actor: song, dance-acting and combat in her talk illustrating her points through personal demonstrations.

Professor and director of Asian Theatre at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Wichmann-Walczyn writes on the aesthetics of Jingju and its evolution and she translates, produces and directs English language Jingju productions. She is the first honorary non-Chinese member of National Zaizi Institute and the Jiangsu and Shanghai branches of the Chinese Theatre Artists Association.

The talk is sponsored by the Asian Dance and Music Program.

**Festival celebrates Chinese culture**

A festival of Chinese arts and culture will be held Tuesday, March 25 through Thursday, March 27 in Bowker Auditorium. The festival will exhibit the traditions and connections between the art forms, highlighting the culture and history of China.

The closing performance, an evening dance concert, will feature the Nai Ni Chen Dancers in “Passage to the Silk River.” They will perform dances inspired by the spiritual and elegant tradition of Chinese and Zen calligraphy and contemporary dance, connecting the bridge between East and West.

Tickets are $20, $15 general public, $10 17 and under, $10, $7 for Five-College students. For information, call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at 5-2511.

**Baseball stadium panoramic photos displayed**

Opening day at Fenway Park is still a month away, but baseball fans can get a fix early later this month when a display of panoramic photos of major league stadiums by Jim Dow opens at the University Gallery. Taken from the campus’s permanent collection, the photos examine the miniscule but precise details of the architectural personalities of the stadiums, some of which are no longer standing.

Dow, who is a member of the visual and critical studies faculty at Tufts University at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, began the project in 1980. “Jim Dow: American and National League Baseball Stadiums” will be on exhibit March 25 to May 16 at the University Gallery in the Fine Arts Center.