Meeting scheduled with VC candidate
An open meeting with Njeri Nuru-Holm, a candidate for vice chancellor for Stu-
dent Affairs and Campus Life will be held Wednesday, May 7, 4-5 p.m. in the Cape
Cod Lounge of the Student Union.
Nuru-Holm is vice presi-
dent for student affairs and
minority affairs at Cleveland
State University.

Trustees to meet
May 6-7 at Dartmouth
The Board of Trustees will meet
Wednesday, May 7 at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference
Dining Room at UMass
Dartmouth.

The board is scheduled to vote on several Amherst
campus items, including an appointment to a named pro-
fessorship, parking services regulations, an appointment
with tenure and awards of tenure.

On Tuesday, May 6, the
Committee of the Whole will meet at 4 p.m.
Iat the Advanced
Technology and
Manufacturing Center, 151
Martine St, in Fall River.

Discussion will center on a per-
formance measurement sys-
tem and economic develop-
ment and outreach.

Lombardi to address
Faculty Senate
Chancellor John V. Lomb-
ardi will address the Fac-
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May 8 at 3:30 p.m. in 227
Herter Hall with questions
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The University will change its
grading systems from the current
whole- and mid-point measures
(A, AB, B, BC, etc.) to a more
widely used plus and minus sys-
tem (A, A-, B+, B, B-, etc.) in the
fall of 2004. The Faculty Senate
approved the change at its April
10 meeting.

The current system is used at
very few Research I and Research
II universities, according to
to Ernest May, secretary of the Fac-
ulty Senate.

And it places our students at
at a tiny, but noticeable disadvan-
tage when those grades are con-
verted to the other system, for ex-
ample, when they apply to gradu-
ate school,” he said. “So there is
actually a reason other than just
certainty to do this.”

Values in the new system will
be at the 0.7 mark for minuses
(e.g., B- will be worth 2.7 points
per credit hour) and the 0.3 mark
for pluses (e.g., B+ will be worth
3.3 points per credit hour).

When asked whether having
more than one grading system on
a given student’s transcript
would cause him or her difficulty,
registrar Elizabeth Pyle told the
senate that the University already
regularly deals with this when
students take Five College
classes or transfer credits from
other schools.

The system will conform more
with the other campuses in the
Five Colleges and the UMass
system.

Implementation of the new
grades must wait until 2004 in or-
der to honor the description of
grading offered in the most recent
version of the catalog, which dic-
tates grading for academic year
2003-04, deputy provost John
Cunningham said.

The new system will not make
use of A+ nor of D-. Pluses and
minuses between A and D will be
used, as will F.

In addition, new rules govern
the SAT/F and P/F options.
The latter will be available for under-

Prospects for the future
With her script in hand in the Theater Department lobby, sophomore Courtney Roy reviews
information about fellowships offered by the Chesterfield Writer’s Film Project, a 12-month
professional workshop in Santa Monica, Calif.

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ships are put forth by department
heads or their respective deans
with final selections made by
the committee of the Faculty Senate’s
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and scholarly or creative activity.

Freezes on hiring and
spending ordered
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In response to the approxi-
mately $40 million cut to the cam-
pus contained in the House of
Representatives’ proposed bud-
get for fiscal 2004, Chancellor
John V. Lombardi issued hiring
and spending freezes last week.
He also asked for support from
friends of higher education in
Massachusetts and announc-
ed that a significant restructuring
of the campus is likely on the
way.

The freezes
As of April 25, non-temporary
positions funded by state, gen-
eral operating and research over-
head funds have been frozen. Ex-
isting offers and positions
deemed critical will be reviewed
and must be approved by the ap-
propriate upper-level administra-
tor before a hire could take place.

On April 28, spending for non-
payroll, and non-recharge items
on research trust fund (RTF) re-
turns funds managed by deans
and department heads also were
frozen. Budgets will temporarily
show negative amounts to pre-
vent spending, but revenue re-
ports will continue to show ac-
count accruals and the negative
budget will be reversed before
the end of the fiscal year.

This action does not apply to
the principal investigator funds,”
interim Vice Chancellor for Ad-
m inistration and Finance Joyce
Hatch wrote in an April 28 memo.

See budget, page 3
Regional bioscience development effort to kick off

The Bio Economic Technology Alliance (BETA), a new initiative aimed at fostering the growth and development of bioscience and bioengineering firms in the region, will be launched next week in Springfield. The inaugural event will focus on “Current and Emerging Life Science Trends & Technologies: Perspectives from the Field.”

As an affiliated network of the Regional Technology Alliance (RTA), BETA mission is to create regional business opportunities for organizations involved with the life sciences — such as biotech, medical devices, biomedical technologies, bioengineering, clinical trials or pharmaceutical development activities.

“We are excited about the formal launching of BETA,” said K. Francis Lee, director of biomedical technology development for Baystate Medical Center and Chair of the BETA Steering Committee.

“We have a committed group of leaders who have put countless hours into the development of this new network. BETA exists to serve entrepreneurs, scientists and service providers in the life sciences arena.

Letters policy

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

Corrections

Misidentified: Due to a reporting error, a story about the burning of an Art building in the April 25 issue of the Chronicle conflated the Foundry with Marshall Annex. The Foundry burned; the annex still stands.

Bridge work: Due to incorrect information supplied to the Chronicle, the April 25 story about the building of a bridge misconstrued the historical commission which donated one of the bridges. The commission is from the town of Windsor.

Commemeration Ball tickets on sale

The annual Commencement Ball, sponsored by the Student Alumni Relations Society (STARS) and the Alumni Association, will take place on Friday, May 23 in the Student Union from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

After partaking of pasta and carving stations, hors d’oeuvres and dessert, seniors can dance the night away, take a carriage ride around the Campus Pond and celebrate their success with friends one more time before Commencement.

Tickets are $50 each and may be purchased online (www.umassalumni.com/seniors) or by calling the Alumni Relations Office at 5-2317.

Tickets also can be obtained at the STARS table on the Lincoln Campus Center concourse this week on May 5 and May 12 or at cap and gown pickup during the week of May 19.

Police sponsoring auto glass etching

The UMass Police Department, in conjunction with the Governor’s Auto Theft Strike Force, is offering an auto glass etching program on Wednesday, May 7 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Mullins Center Loading Dock on Mullins Way.

Drivers who have their car windows etched will receive a certificate entitling the owner to a discount of up to 15 percent on their auto insurance.

The chemical etching also serves to deter auto theft, according to law enforcement officials.

No appointments are necessary, but drivers must provide a valid vehicle registration and $10 cash for the etching.

Herbfest to feature natural products

Herbal items, ranging from candles and stews to skin care products will be displayed and demonstrated at the 16th annual Herbfest on Tuesday, May 6 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Organized by students in the “Herbs, Spices and Medicinal Plants” class taught by Plant and Soil Sciences professor Lyle E. Craker, Herbfest also will feature presentations on a variety of subjects, highlighting the ways that plants enhance everyday life. Along with the student displays, attendees can sample foods, participate in workshops and purchase plants.

Craker’s course covers the physiology, chemistry and cultivation of herbs, spices and medicinal plants and their global importance to medicine, cuisine and the economy.

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Lombardi orders freezes on hiring and spending

**BUDGET PROGRESS 1**

Hatch said emergency expenditure of such funds should be discussed with Fred Byron, interim Vice Chancellor for Research.

In addition, current balances in all units will be held centrally in a contingency account until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

“Whenever more information and budget decisions are known, these funds may be reallocated to the areas or, if necessary, used to buffer next year’s shortfall,” Hatch said. “Balances under review are those in general operating funds and research overhead funds.”

**The call**

Lombardi urged the friends of higher education in the state to contact their representatives in the legislature to “express their profound disappointment that this Commonwealth could not find a better way of addressing our state’s fiscal crisis.” Citing plans of many higher education supporters to visit legislators and discuss “this dramatic withdrawal of support,” Lombardi said the campus expects that an increased understanding of the effects of such a withdrawal would lead senators and representatives to “find a better way to address the fiscal crisis.”

“We cannot allow this proposal to become a reality,” he said.

**The changes**

“The past two years the University has already suffered significant budget reductions that we met with effective programs of efficient management, higher productivity by faculty and staff, and increased economies in services,” Lombardi wrote in a statement read by Deputy Chancellor John Dubach at the Faculty Senate on April 24.

“All of us will need to find ways to increase our effectiveness and readjust our programs to meet the reasonable fiscal requirements of the state,” Lombardi said. “We … know that this campus must sustain the quality of its programs and support its facilities and staff. Whatever the final result of the state’s complex budget problems, we must be ready to take the actions that will preserve our effectiveness and sustain our commitment to the exceptional quality of our university.”

Lombardi said the size of the reduction being proposed necessitates a consideration of options for restructuring.

“This is a complex, critical, and difficult process,” he said.

“Over the next few weeks I will engage a conversation with the Faculty Senate to solicit advice on the alternatives to create a continuing conversation that will help guide us as the actual circumstances of next year’s budget become clear.”

Lombardi said he also would consult graduate students, undergraduates and other segments of the campus community.

“Once [the Legislature’s] process has reached a stage where we know what level of aid we must take, we can then, in consultation with our constituencies, take the appropriate actions that will almost surely require major changes in the structure of our institution to ensure our continued quality.”

**Opposed to cuts**

Rachel MacKintosh, a laboratory technician at The Environmental Institute, holds aloft a sign while chatting with Douglas Devaney, a senior government major, during an April 28 campus rally to protest proposed state budget cuts.

“Some 400 faculty, staff and students gathered outside the Student Union to hear speakers before marching to the Whitmore Administration Building to voice their opposition to funding cuts for the university. The rally was a prelude to a larger protest the following day at the State House in Boston, where about 3,000 people rallied in support of public higher education.

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**Senior pens top entry in essay contest**

Patrick J. Callahan

**NEWS OFFICE STAFF**

Senior Sarah R. Buchholz has received top honors in this year’s Prize in Ethics Essay Contest of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. Her essay, “Tatiana’s Glory; or The Birth Pangs of a Civil Society: The Elie Wiesel Foundation in Present-day Russia,” was selected from 433 entries submitted by students from more than 400 colleges, universities and high schools throughout the United States and Canada.

The foundation will honor Buchholz at a reception in New York City later this year.

Since 1988, the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity has sponsored the essay contest to encourage college students to examine and analyze ethical issues confronting them in today’s society.

Buchholz receives $5,000 for her winning essay.

“I am very grateful to the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity for recognizing my essay and, consequently, the issues I raised in it. I hope that somehow this recognition will spotlight the difficult situation in Russia which goes largely unnoticed in the West,” Buchholz said.

“I am also very honored by the upcoming opportunity to meet Elie Wiesel. As always, I am thankful to all my professors for teaching me how to think critically and treat material seriously, and especially to [Judacil and Near Eastern Studies chair] James E. Young for working with me on this essay and for nominating it for the competition.”

“In my essay, I reflected on the difficult situation of the ‘Wiesel Institute’ taking place in the former Soviet Union after nearly eight decades of Communist rule,” Buchholz said. “I became interested in writing this essay when I read in the papers in May 2002 about a case of a young woman, Tatiana Sapunova, who stopped her car on a side of a busy Moscow highway in order to remove a violent anti-Semitic poster, and the woman exploded (the woman sustained minor injuries).”

“I understood the situation as representative of numerous issues in post-Soviet Russia. Indifference of other motorists on a busy road during that entire day that the sign stood there, a failure to remove the sign by police despite the fact that a police station was located not more than a thousand meters away, and the convoluted Soviet-style language used by officials to disguise the situation. Alongside these minor issues in the Soviet system, I reflected on Tatiana’s action as the first step of its kind on the road of Russia’s failing attempts to build a civil society.”

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Fencers shine at national championships

After months of competition against both varsity and club opposition, the fencing team capped its year with the men’s and women’s squads finishing as co-champions and runners-up respectively at the National Collegiate Club Fencing Championships held April 5-6 at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

“I’m really proud of the entire team,” said coach Brad Baker. “This is something which they have been working towards the entire season and to see it all come together so spectacularly is almost beyond description.”

The men share the title of national champions along with Northwestern University. The Minutemen led by a strong, first-place performance in epee, featuring an experienced squad of Jesper Smith, Clemson, Texas, New Hampshire, Maryland, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wisconsin, Army, South Carolina, Northwestern, Texas A&M, and Michigan State. The National Collegiate Club Championship is the top intercollegiate competition for non-varsity (NCAA) teams.

Earlier this year, UMass was named the top club team in the latest New England Poll position. The UMass club team also represent the University in United States Fencing Association collegiate competition for non-varsity (NCAA) teams.

UMass Fencing is a registered student organization at the University of Massachusetts. The team also competes at the New England Intercollegiate Club Fencing League, New England Intercollegiate Fencing Conference and the New England Collegiate Women’s Fencing Association. Members of the team also represent the University in United States Fencing Association competitions at the local, regional, and national level.

Research of note

The work of assistant professor of Political Science Laura S. Jensen on the contracting of public functions to private entities drew praise in the April 4 issue of PA Times, the monthly newspaper of the American Society for Public Administration. Columnist George Frederickson called attention to an “excellent and under-appreciated article” in the Public Administration Review by Jensen and Robert S. Gilmour that reviewed the state of the law regarding whether public functions delegated by contract or grant are still public functions and a form of state action.

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Poll position

The men’s crew club is ranked first in the varsity eight for a second consecutive season in the latest New England Rowing Championship polls. The UMass club moved into first place two weeks ago after defeating top-ranked Holy Cross, which dropped to third place in the standings. Trinity College is ranked second among the 15 competing schools.

Grain & Chaff

Leading roles

Karl Ryavec, professor emeritus of Political Science, has been elected to the executive council of the Society for Slovene Studies, an international association of scholars interested in Slovenia. ... Psychology professor Susan Krauss Whitbourne is the new chair-elect of the Society for the Study of Human Development, a professional society representing multiple disciplines which takes an integrative, interdisciplinary approach to ages/stages across the life span, generational and ecological contexts of human development, and research and applications to human development policies and programs. After two years as chair-elect, Whitbourne will become chair of the society in 2005.

Tiny subjects spawn big story

Campus research on zeolites was featured on the cover of the April 18 issue of the journal Science (www.sciencemag.org/content/vol300/issue5618/index.shtml). The article, “Microbial Optimization of a Zeolite Membrane for Organic Vapor Separation,” was written by Chemical Engineering graduate students Zhiping Lai, Griselda Bonilla and Kristyina Sujaoti, postdoctoral associates Isabel Dibble and Jose Geraldo-Nery, assistant professor Efrosini Kokkoli, professor Michael Tsapatsis, adjunct professor Dionisios G. Vlachos, Osamu Terasaki of Tohoku University in Japan and Robert W. Thompson of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The cover photograph was contributed by Tsapatsis.

Zeolites are crystalline aluminosilicates that have very regular, nanometer-sized pores. In principle, zeolites can be used to separate molecules exquisitely well by size, but defects in their structures cause poor performance. The work in the Science article describes a method for creating zeolites with very low numbers of defects. An oriented seed layer is used, and key additives keep growth proceeding along the right direction.
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Comparative Literature
Laxwomen beat St. Joseph’s in OT

The women’s lacrosse team finished out the regular season on Sunday with an 8-6 overtime win over St. Joseph’s at Garber Field. The victory lifted UMass to a 10-6 overall record and 6-1 in the Atlantic 10.

Senior Judy Dixon led the fourth-seeded Minutewomen to the championship round of the Atlantic 10 tournament, was selected this week as the conference’s Coach of the Year. “I wouldn’t have been voted Coach of the Year if the team didn’t perform well,” said Dixon. “One of the nicest rewards I’ve received is Coach of the Year. It’s not about me, it’s a reflection on the team, and I of course share this with [assistant coach] Celeste [Pryor].”

This is the third time Dixon has received Coach of the Year honors. She previously won the award in 1998 and 2001. Also receiving conference honors on Monday were junior Jafra Depontes and sophomore Stephanie Price. While playing together at No. 1 doubles the duo posted an 11-5 record. In singles Price won 18-11 for the year while playing at No. 1 and No. 2 singles.

“Stephanie had a terrific year,” said Dixon. “She has an excellent record and she had some outstanding wins against big-time teams. She performed under pressure very well all year.”

Depontes, who sat out the fall portion of the season, was voted to the second team Academic All-American, while graduate student Nick Kulkarni received Academic Honorable Mention.

Seven members of the ski team have been voted to the ECAC’s Academic honors. Among the students selected were seniors Andrew Winter and John Redmond, who are both second team All-Conference honorees. Also included were juniors Christopher Lathrop and Andrew Tsakiris, who are both second team Academic All-Americans. The Minutewomen won the ECAC title.

Bball beats St. Bonaventure

The Minutemen ranked No. 3 in lacrosse standings

UMass beats Syracuse for first time since ’81

An overtime win against reigning champion Syracuse last Saturday pushed the men’s lacrosse team to third place in the national rankings released this week by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

The Minutemen (12-1) have the best record in Division I, but still rank behind perennial powers Johns Hopkins (10-1) and Virginia (10-2). The win over Syracuse at Garber Field marked the first time UMass has beaten the Orangemen since 1981, a span of 21 games.

Coach to lead pro team this summer

Women’s tennis coach Judy Dixon will serve this summer as head coach of the Philadelphia Freedom, part of the World Team Tennis league. By accepting the position, Dixon becomes one of two female coaches in the 12-team league.

The WTT, which is owned by Dixon’s former doubles partner at Southern California, Billie Jean King, consists of a three-week season that stretches from July 5-27, with the league finals taking place Aug. 23-24.

“As a friend of Billie Jean’s, she is a person who inspires people to get on the bandwagon,” Dixon said. “I am pleased to be able to play a part in her achieving her life-long dream.”

Playing for Dixon on the Philadelphia Freedom will be tennis legend Martina Navratilova.

Little girls keep eye on Ivy

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As 2,362 rain-soaked fans looked on, Jeff Zywicky cinched the victory with a goal at the 1:10 mark in overtime.

Three Minutemen — Chris Doyle, Chris Fiore and Kevin Leiveille — had hat tricks while goalie Bill Schell stopped a season-high 16 shots as Syracuse outshot UMass 45-38.

The Minutemen continue their run through the nation’s top-10 teams on Saturday, traveling to New Jersey to face eighth-ranked Rutgers. A victory will give the Minutemen their second straight ECAC title.

A-10 picks Dixon as top coach

Judy Dixon, who led the fourth-seeded women’s tennis team to the championship round of the Atlantic 10 tournament, was selected this week as the conference’s Coach of the Year.

Lorine Jada Emery led UMass attack overall record and 6-1 in the Atlantic 10. Senior Cyndi Doyle had eight singles in the spring.

“Jafra came from playing no tennis April to January after having surgery and put herself in a position where she can play,” said Dixon. “She is one of the most talented players we have ever had.”

For the year, UMass posted a 9-13 overall record, going 3-1 against conference opponents.

Crew wins 8th straight A-10 title

The women’s crew won its eighth title in as many years last Friday on the Cooper River in Collingswood, N.J.

“It has been a slow start to the year, with the river flowing early on, but today I thought we really gave a good effort,” said coach Jim Dietz, who was named A-10 Coach of the Year for the fifth time in eight seasons. At No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No 4 races in posting 45 total points. George Washington and Rhode Island tied for second with 35 points. Saint Joseph’s finished in fourth, followed by Dayton, Fordham, La Salle, Temple, and Duquesne. UMass won gold in the quad, light, weight eight, second varsity eight, and varsity eight en route to the team title. It marked the seventh time in eight championships that the Minutewomen won the varsity eight title.

The Minutewomen return to the water May 3 at Syracuse in a meet that also includes Villanova.

7 skiers receive All-American honors

Seven members of the ski team have been named All-Americans by the U.S. Collegiate Skiing Association.

Named to the first team were junior captain Beant Gibson, senior Carolyn Lowenberg and sophomore Nikki Smith. Second team honors were awarded to senior captain Molly Lyon and freshman Caitlyn Doughty.

Freshman Pat Bachant was named a second team Academic All-American, while graduate student Nick Kulkarni received Academic Honorable Mention. “I am very happy for all of these athletes,” said coach Igor Vanovac. “They all worked really hard and earned these awards.”
Subjects needed for Psychology study
Earn $15 by participating in a simple procedure on people’s beliefs about social issues. The time commitment is one hour. Individuals interested in taking part should call 7-6508 and leave a message with a contact phone number.

Rep. Story schedules district office hours
State Rep. Ellen Story (D-Amherst) is holding district office hours on Friday, May 9 in Amherst and Granby.
Story will be available at the Granby Council on Aging from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and the Amherst Council on Aging from 11 a.m. to noon.
The hours are set for residents to discuss ideas or concerns about state government matters. No appointments are necessary.

Story can be reached locally at 265-6300 and her district aide, Jan Klauser-Wise, can be contacted at 233-3690. Story also can be reached in Boston at (617) 722-2692 or by e-mail (Rep.EllenStory@hou.stat.ma.us) with the mailing address is Room 187, State House, Boston MA 02113.

Blood drive
The Hampshire County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive on Tuesday, May 6 from 2-8 p.m. in Webster dorm, Orchard Hill and 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in 174 Lincoln Campus Center.

Whipple, Cannella and Sortino to address Sports Luncheon
Football coach Mark Whipple, men’s lacrosse coach Greg Cannella and softball coach Elaine Sortino will be the featured speakers at the Weekly Sports Luncheon on Wednesday, May 7 at noon in 1009 Lincoln Campus Center.

The buffet lunch is $6.50. Call 5-4289 for reservations.

Disaster child care training offered
Disaster Child Care, a national organization that provides special care for young children impacted by catastrophes, is holding a level I (introductory) training workshop in Winchester, N.H. on May 30-31.
Operated by the Church of the Brethren, Disaster Child Care trains volunteers from any faith, background or profession to work with groups of children aftershock.

Many of the child care programs are set up in American Red Cross assistance centers to help parents while they are being interviewed.
The training will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 30 and end by 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 31. The training is open to all interested persons over the age of 18 who genuinely care for children.

For information, call Maryanne Gallagher at 5-6907 or visit the Disaster Child Care website (www.disasterchildcare.org).

TIAA-CREF offers financial counseling
TIAA-CREF is offering individual counseling sessions on May 14-15 and June 19-20 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Treasurer’s Office, 100 Venture Way, 2nd Floor.
To reserve an appointment through the TIAA-CREF Web Center by typing in www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call Kathleen Maida at (800) 842-2004. Space is limited.

Molecular Genetics and Microbiology seminar
Mark Peeples, professor of immunology and microbiology at Rush Medical College, will speak on “The Flow of Fluorescent Respiratory Syncytial Virus Through the Human Respiratory Tract” on Friday, May 9 from 1:15-2 p.m. in the MGM Seminar Room, SS-310 of the Medical School in Worcester.

Business Reply Mail permit available to departments
Office 2 Office Mail Services maintains a Business Reply Mail permit that is available for use by all University departments.
Business Reply Mail is an easy to use service that lets customers reply to department mailings using pre-printed envelopes that require no postage. Business Reply Mail is ideal for surveys and other mailings seeking a high response.

Departments are recharged only for the actual replies received at the U.S. Postal Service rate of 60 cents each for regular letters or post cards up to one ounce.
Prior approval is required for all Business Reply Mail to assure that the piece meets the strict USPS guidelines and addressing conventions required to use the Mail Services’ permit.

Postal Service offers seminar for non-profits
The Postal Customer Council of Western Massachusetts will hold a seminar for non-profit organizations interested in using the mail to increase fund-raising and communication. The seminar will cover rules for using the mail and a demonstration of the Postal Service’s new Mailing Evaluation, Readability Lookup Instrument (MERLI).

The seminar is being held Wednesday, May 14, 8:30 a.m.-noon at the USP Process and Distribution Center, 190 Field St. in Springfield.
Pre-registration is required. The fee is $10 per person, which includes a continental breakfast.
Register by mail to P.O. Box 855, Springfield MA 01101-9723, by fax (731-0330) or online (www.pcnwma.com).

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


Isha Sharma, Ph.D., Sociology, Wednesday, May 7, 2 p.m., 704 Thompson. Dissertation: “Developmental States and Serendipitous Outcomes: A Comparative Study of Economic Growth, Income Inequality, and Human Well Being in Mexico and South Korea.” Randall Stokes, chr.


An Innovative Partnership to Teach and Inspire Tomorrow’s Scientists and Engineers,” Robert Bertram, department of education, Springfield College; Tuesday, May 6, 4 p.m., 138 Hasbrouck Lab. Receptions at 3:30 p.m. For information call (5-0455) or (http://www.umasscs.12.net) e-mail.

Plant Biology Graduate Program seminar, “Development of Regenerating Shoots for Woody Plant In Vitro.” Jeffrey McQueen, UConn; Friday, May 9, 3:30 p.m., 217 Stockbridge Hall.

Polymer Science and Engineering seminar, “Current Research Trends in Polymer for Total Joint Replacements,” Lisa Prutt, department of mechanical engineering and bioengineering, UCAL, Berkley, Friday, May 9, 3:30 p.m., A110-111 Conte.

Documentary films
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Daniel J. Duffy, Ph.D., Chemistry. Friday, May 9, 9 a.m., 1101 Conte. Dissertation: “Role of Molecular and Electron Dynamics in Reactive Polymer Blends.” Shaw Ling Hu, Howard D. Statham, co-chrs.
Kaplan lecturer to examine ‘politics of diversity’

Matthew Frye Jacobson, professor of American studies and history at Yale University, will present the English Department’s eighth annual Sidney Kaplan Lecture on Tuesday, May 6 at 4 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Jacobson’s talk is entitled “Hyphen Nation: The Politics of Diversity in a Nation of Immigrants.”

In his talk, Jacobson will explore the genesis and arc of the concept “multiculturalism,” and what has been at stake po-
litically in its definition.

Jacobson is noted for his scholarly work on race and immigration in American politics and culture. His books include “Special Sorrows: the Diasporic Imagina-
tion of Irish, Polish, and Jewish Immigrants in the United States,” “Whiteness of a Dif-
f erent Color: European Immigrants and the Alchemy of Race and Culture,” and “Bar-
barian Virtues: The United States Encoun-
ters Foreign Peoples at Home and Abroad, 1876-1917.”

The annual lecture honors the late Sidney Kaplan, a professor of English from 1949-78 and a co-founder of Massachu-
setts Review. Through his scholarship, teaching, and program development, he made significant contributions to ethnic

Vocal jazz concert bids seniors adieu

Catherine Jensen-Hole will direct the Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz majors in a concert on Wednesday, May 7 at 8 p.m. in Bezanson Recital Hall.

“This concert is special because we will saying goodbye to a couple of students who have been in the ensemble for a num-
ber of years and who are graduating,” says Jensen-Hole.

The ensemble will perform in a variety of jazz styles, including straight-ahead swing, funk, samba and ballad. Arrange-
ments of the music are by diverse groups such as Blood, Sweat and Tears, Take 6, New York Voices and The Real Group.

The repertoire will include the premiere of Jensen-Hole’s arrangement of “I’ve Got the World on a String” as well as “Spinning Wheel,” “It Don’t Mean a Thing,” “Round Midnight” and “Born to be Blue.” Graduate student compositions and arrangements also will be premiered.

Discussing her arrangement of a John Lewis tune, Jensen-Hole says, “Afternoon in Paris” is a jazz tune that is a stan-
dard. The singers will perform it in an in-

public talks help mark national Preservation Week

Two lectures will be presented on cam-

pus next week in conjunction with the Na-

tional Trust for Historic Preservation’s an-

nual Preservation Week, whose theme this

year is “Cities, Suburbs and Countryside.”

Wendy Nicholas, director of the North-
east Office of the National Trust, will speak on “Rebuilding Community: Best Practices for Historic Preservation-Based Community Revitalization” on Wednesday, May 7 at 4 p.m. in Lincoln Campus Center.

On Thursday, May 8 at 4 p.m., Roger Kennedy, former director of the National Park Service and the National Museum of American History, will discuss “Sprawling into Danger: Reflections on National Fire Policy in an Age of Sprawl” in 904-08 Cam-

pus Center.

The lectures are sponsored by the Inte-

rior Design and Architectural Studies Pro-

gram in the Art Department, the History

Department’s Buckley Recital Hall.

Roundell returns as guest conductor

Malcolm W. Rowell, Jr., who retired last year after serving as director of bands and professor of music for more than 20 years, will return to the podium as guest conduc-
tor of the Symphony Band on Friday, May 9 at 8 p.m. in the Arts Center Concert Hall.

The concert also will feature the Youth

Wind Ensemble, directed by Steven Den-
nis Bodner.

Tickets are available at the FAC Box Of-
fice (5-2511) for $10 general public, $5 for students, senior citizens and children under

under 18 and $3 for UMass stu-

ents.

Chamber Choir performs at Amherst

The Chamber Choir will present a con-
cert entitled “Sounds of Genius,” on Sunday, May 4 at 3 p.m. at Amherst Col-
lege’s Buckley Recital Hall.

With accompanist Kathleen Bartkowski, the choir will perform Heinrich Schütz’s “Selig sind die Toten,” J. S. Bach’s “Der Geist hilft unsre Schwachheit auf (Motet II))”, Benjamin Britten’s “Hymn to St Cecilia, op 2.4”, Moses Hogan’s arrange-
ment “Elijah Rock” and Eric Whitacre’s “Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Ma-

chine.”

Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Center Box Office (5-2511) for $10 general public, $5 for students, senior citizens and children under 18 and $3 for UMass stu-

dents.

Bowker hosts Wire Monkey Dance

The multidimensional dance troupe Wire Monkey brings its aerial choreogra-
phy to the Bowker Auditorium stage on Thursday and Friday, May 8-9 at 8 p.m.

Now in its third season, Wire Monkey swings, flips and dives through three-di-
mensional space inside and around con-
truction scaffolding. Accompanied by

video projection, the company also uses original commissioned scores by musical direc-
tor Stephen Katz.

The performances are sponsored by Residential Arts.

Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Center Box Office (5-2511) for $12 general public and $5 for Five College students.