News Briefs

Open meetings set with dean candidate
The search committee for a new dean of the School of Pulsation Science at UMass has scheduled several open meetings next week with one of the candidates for the post, Steven John Allegante.

Allegante, who is professor of health education at Columbia University, will participate in an open meeting with faculty and staff on Monday, May 12, 2-3 p.m., in 165-169 Lincoln Campus Center. A session for students will follow at 3 p.m. in the same room.

On Tuesday, May 13, Allegrante will make an academic presentation, “How Many Behavioral Scientists Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb?” Lessons Learned from Two Decades of Collaborative Research in Chronic Disease Management,” from 10-11 a.m. in 917 Campus Center.

Lacrosse and softball tourney tickets on sale
Tickets for this weekend’s NCAA lacrosse match against Hofstra and the Atlantic 10 softball championship tournament are on sale through the Athletic Ticket Office (5-0101).

General admission tickets to the lacrosse game on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Garber Field are $5 adults and $3 for students, senior citizens and children.

Softball fans can buy a single-day ($5 adults, $3 for others) or a three-day ($10 adults, $7 others) pass. Game times are online (http://umassathletics.ocsn.com).

Library hours extended for finals
The Du Bois Library will extend its hours starting Sunday, May 11, when the building will be open from 1 p.m.-2 a.m. From May 12-22, the library will be open 7 a.m.-2 a.m. on May 23, the hours will be 7 a.m.-5 p.m., and on May 24, the building will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with circulation services only.

The UMass Police Department’s walking escort service will coincide with the extended hours. Call 5-2123 (Escort Service) or 5-2121 (Police Dispatch) to request a walking escort.

For hours at other libraries, call 5-0414.

Athletics studies changes in visual image, mascot
Athletics is moving forward in considering a new visual identity, according to its director Ian McCaw. A campus steering committee was scheduled to meet this week with representatives from a design firm that has been working on the new look for several months, he said.

Athletics determined it needed help because color and font use among teams is inconsistent, the mascot design is 30 years old, some constituents are unhappy with a white male mascot that carries a firearm and licensing and merchandising revenue have dropped, McCaw said.

The committee, comprised of departmental staff, Licensing director David Curley and Jay Gladchen, assistant professor of Sport Management, hired Phoenix Design Works, a New York firm, to review the department’s visual identity and make recommendations.

“We asked them to look at our current logos and identifiers and update them,” McCaw said. “We wanted them to take a look at our whole identity system: colors, fonts, script, mascot. We have consistency issues, and we just need some updating and modernization in that area.”

Another goal, McCaw said, is to generate more revenue from selling UMass products.

“Our licensing royalties in the early ‘90s were upwards of about $400,000 a year,” he said. “Now they’re about $100,000 a year. “Our goal would be to double our licensing revenues and increase our merchandise sales, as well.”

The department has spent about $10,000 so far, and the firm has run some preliminary ideas by eight focus groups, covering a specific gender and ethnicity and whether the mascot didn’t fully represent students and alumni, McCaw said. The groups saw an updated minuteman, as well as an alternative mascot suggestion, the gray wolf. The firm said that the minuteman didn’t fully represent student athletes because of its specific gender and ethnicity and that it had illustration limitations.

“And it has a firearm, whether you want one or don’t want one,” McCaw said.

The Collegian reported student response to the gray wolf included a concern that it looked too much like the UConn Husky. The committee was scheduled to meet May 9.

Stress relief
Gordon Ploite, a subcontractor for Tufts Health Plan, administered an on-campus chair massage to senior Arthur Hunt during the Employee Benefit Fair sponsored April 30 by the Group Insurance Commission and the Division of Human Resources. GIC’s annual open enrollment period for health insurance ends May 9.

Romney aide revokes $371m bond package
Trustees seek compromise
Sarah R. Buchholz
CHRONICLE STAFF

Two days after Eric Kris, secretary for Administration and Finance, canceled a $371 million bond package proposed by the UMass Building Authority, the Board of Trustees reassessed the need for the funding package.

After an hour-long deliberation behind closed doors Wednesday at UMass Dartmouth, the trustees reaffirmed President William M. Bulger’s authority to prioritize capital projects in negotiating a bond issue with Gov. Mitt Romney’s administration. Board chair Grace Fey said Bulger already had such authority but that the trustees wished to clarify and reaffirm his position in light of the need for the University to respond to the governor’s “misunderstandings” about financial details of the bond issue.

“We’ve been told … and we believe that we have, great debt coverage,” Fey said. “We would like to float a bond.”

The bond issue would have financed a number of projects, including the integrated science facility on the Amherst campus and renovation of new dormitories at UMass Boston. Some of the buildings were scheduled to begin construction in the near future, so the cancellation may force the science center and other projects to stall.

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Action called a ‘setback’ by Lombardi
Daniel J. Fitzgibbon
CHRONICLE STAFF

This week’s cancellation of a $371 million bond issue for the University system, by the Romney administration poses a “setback” for campus efforts to address a serious deferred maintenance problem, according to Chancellor John V. Lombardi.

Lombardi said a number of projects affected by the cancellation of $82.9 million in funding for the campus are already in progress or scheduled to start by the end of this year or in early 2004.

The biggest project impacted by state Secretary of Administration and Finance Eric Kris’ revocation of the UMass Building Authority bond sale is the planned integrated science facility, an $80 million building needed to replace deteriorated student laboratories, according to the chancellor.

The bond package included $26.28 million for the facility, which had a projected start date of November.

The bond sale would also have provided $13.8 million for an art building and $10 million to renovate Skinner Hall as the new home of the School of Art.

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Student Commencement speaker has prior experience
Barbara Pintanak
NEWS OFFICE STAFF

Matt Dunphy, of Cambridge, is a dual-degree candidate majoring in Theater and English, has been selected the student speaker for the 133rd Commencement on May 25.

“It’s really exciting to be selected student speaker,” says Dunphy, who is a veteran at delivering Commencement speeches. He spoke at his eighth-grade graduation, and was also the speaker at his graduation from Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School in 1999. “My father encouraged me to apply to be this year’s student speaker. I thought my chances were pretty slim, with so many students in the class. So it was a real surprise when they called me to let me know I was a finalist, and I’m thrilled to be selected.”

Dunphy has been a clarinetist with the Minuteman Marching Band for four years. He was also selected.

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MacCombie’s orchestral work to be played in Russia, page 5

Racing kinetic sculptures battle for bragging rights, page 7
Graduate student Heather Vinskey contemplates a display placed on the Campus Pond lawn last week as part of Holocaust Memorial Week. Each of the small flags represents 5,000 people who were killed by the Nazis.

### Benefit dinner raised more than $4,000 for Library

**Sarah R. Buchholz**

The Friends of the UMass Amherst Library raised 105 percent of their $4,000 goal at their debut fund-raising dinner April 5 at the University Club. The event, dubbed Dinner with Friends, brought together faculty, staff, administrators and community members for a “three martini” meal, a book swap, remarks and readings by local authors, and a silent book auction.

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“Everyone was smiling all evening,” said Emily Silverman, reference librarian and a member of the event planning committee, organization’s board of trustees and a member of the event planning committee, who served as emcee at the dinner.

“The group also recognized graduating student Library assistants and the retired Library staff members. The annual celebration honors those who “work to make the Library great.”

### Tuthill receives Feller Award

The Friends of the UMass Amherst Library presented Robert W. Tuthill, ’56, retired professor of Epidemiology, with the 2003 Siegfried Feller Award at its fifth annual Recognition Awards Luncheon held April 26 on the garden level of the Du Bois Library.

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### Summer session registration open

Regeneration has begun for Continuing Education’s Summer Session. Students who stay in Amherst this summer will be able to complete up to 14 credits during the two sessions. Credit courses are being offered through more than 50 departments. Many students may want to fulfill a general education requirement over the summer, and there will be more than 70 General Education courses offered covering every category. Many introductory-level courses are offered, but students who wish to work on their upper-level courses will find more than 80 courses at the 300-level and above.

Accademic departments and the Division of Continuing Education are working to make Summer Session a valuable and viable avenue for students who want to get ahead in their studies as well as those who need to catch up.

For students who are unable to remain in Amherst for the summer, the division is expanding their online offerings. There will be more than 30 online undergraduate course offerings this summer including six courses with General Education designations.

Summer Session also offers graduate-level courses, many of which are designed for practitioners. Most online graduate degree and certificate programs also are offering courses this summer.

Call 5-2441 for a Summer Session catalog, or visit the Continuing Education website (www.umass.edu/ce) for more information.

### Phi Beta Kappa chapter elects 197

The campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected 39 juniors and 158 seniors from the arts and sciences to membership in the honor society.

Entry into the Phi Beta Kappa chapter was more selective this year, according to President David Grose, as the minimum grade point average raised was increased to 3.9 for juniors and 3.85 for seniors.

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society in the liberal arts. Only 257 colleges and universities nationwide have accredited chapters.

This year’s induction ceremony will be held May 24 at 2:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Campus Tucker Auditorium. Computer Science professor James Kurose will give the keynote address and English professor Ron Welburn will serve as the occasional poet. All members of the campus community are invited to attend the ceremony and reception.
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Bulger given go-ahead to try to save bond issue

TRUSTEES FORMALLY APPROVE BOND ISSUE

State Sen. Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) met with state officials after the bond’s demise to facilitate moving the noncontroversial projects forward without delay. Fey said Bulger will be free to negotiate for the entire package or for parts of it, as he sees fit.

That amendment was offered after Bulger, in the face of strong legislative opposition, withdrew a state government reorganization plan that required an all-or-nothing vote. Romney said portions of the plan, including an overhaul of higher education, will be put forth one at a time.

Fey said Tuesday that eliminating Bulger’s office would not save the $14 million the Romney administration has claimed and would cripple the entire University system.

In addition to the canceled bond and the attempted ouster of Bulger, the University is dealing with a dismal funding package from the state that in fiscal year ’04 would put the system nearly 30 percent behind its state dollars from fiscal ’01, according to trustee Edward Dubois, who chairs the Administration, Finance and Audit committee.

“Such a cut is not sustainable without a major impact,” he said.

Bulger renewed his call for Romney to consider raising taxes. “The Commonwealth of Massachusetts needs more money if it’s going to fulfill its obligations (including) investment in public higher education,” he said.

“Cuts in real services are inevitable if the proposed budget reductions go into effect. We don’t embrace this budget,” Dubois also reported that, although the University is still in relatively good fiscal shape, it is “losing ground to peer institutions.”

Lombardi: Killed bonds affect imminent projects

John V. Lombardi

The main access roads to campus. The elevator repairs were scheduled for November, with the fire alarm program to start a month later along with $3.8 million in general deferred maintenance projects. Both the South West and University Drive projects were slated for January.

Lombardi also noted that three other projects to be funded through general obligation bonds issued by the state have been postponed by the Romney administration. Those projects include replacement of the leaking Du Bois Library deck ($4.7 million), upgrades of fire alarms in Morrill and Geessmann Laboratory ($2.1 million) and the installation of handicapped accessible elevators in Tetterman gym and the Student Union ($1.38 million). All three projects were ready to bid this month, according to Lombardi.

McGaw said that the group is considering adding a tertiary color to the maroon and white, possibly black, silver or gold. “Hopefully we can have this wrapped up by the end of May,” he said.

CBR researchers to present work

The Baystate/UMass Collaborative Biomedical Research Program held its annual conference May 15, 1-5 p.m., in 1634 Lederle Graduate Research Center. The conference will feature updates and presentations by principal investigators of the CBR.

The event is organized in 20-minute segments. It is free and open to the public.

Distorted view

A student passes by the “lighthouse” in the Fine Arts Center lobby.
The Amherst Easter cactus, developed by Thomas Boyle, has bright magenta pink flowers. This specimen is on display at the Commercial Ventures and Intellectual Property office in Goodell.

Boyle’s hybrid cactuses headed to market
Sam Seaver CHRONICLE STAFF

After more than 15 years of research, Plant and Soil Sciences professor Thomas Boyle, has developed and patented several hybrid cactuses to be grown commercially for sale to home owners all over North America. One of the largest commercial growers in the U.S., Bay City Flower Company of Half Moon Bay, Calif. has been selected to have the exclusive license to propagate the cacti for distribution. The company chose from several hybrid cactuses developed by Boyle for propagation. Boyle’s main research at the University includes the reproductive biology of plants, pollen tube growth, seed setting and germination, which he does for seed companies and commercial growers.

His initial research of the cactuses was done in hopes of improving commercial growing procedures in order to enhance the flowering process of the plants, which normally takes two years to complete. While doing the original research, Boyle said “I saw some flaws in the flowering process such as flower size, flower longevity and abundance which could be improved genetically and would be of value to commercial growers and home owners.” He built on the basic research he was doing for commercial growers and developed the hybrids through a process he calls “applied research.”

The Commercial Ventures and Intellectual Property (CVIP) Office has worked with Boyle and the Bay City Flower Company for five years to establish the legal agreement between the firm, Boyle and the University.

“It’s been a fantastic process to watch Tom take his research and turn it into something commercially viable. This is certainly in the tradition of a land grant institution to produce plants for the general public and it’s really been a pleasure working with Tom,” said assistant vice chancellor and director of CVIP Brad Moynahan. The University will reap thousands of dollars over time as a result of the marketing of the cactuses to general public, Moynahan said.

All strains of the cactuses originated in the tropical rainforests of eastern Brazil. In addition to Christmas and Easter cactuses, Boyle named one of the hybrids Rio in observance of its origin. Another of the plants is called Amherst.

“Amherst was one of the best of the early seedlings and I thought it would be appropriate to name it after the town it originated in,” said Boyle.

Scholarship targets top high school seniors
Barbara Pitoniak NEWS OFFICE STAFF

The Chancellors’ Merit Scholarship Fund, a new program targeted to outstanding high school seniors, was recently announced by Chancellor John V. Lombardi.

The Chancellors’ Merit Scholarship Fund, established in honor of all past and present chancellors and presidents at UMass Amherst, was created with the support of alumni and friends of the campus. The fund is being launched with $100,000 donated in recognition of Lombardi’s inauguration in February.

The four-year scholarships of $2,000 to $5,000 per year will be offered to incoming freshmen who have earned 3.8 weighted grade point averages and who have scored 1450 or higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). These students are routinely accepted at Commonwealth College, but do not have to enroll there to receive the awards. Students considering entering the University next fall are the first to be offered the new scholarships.

“Like all of America’s premier public research universities, we compete for the best students in our state, and the generosity of UMass Amherst alumni and friends makes possible this scholarship program, another enhanced opportunity for the Commonwealth’s exceptional college students,” said Lombardi.

Admission to Commonwealth College is highly competitive: the most recent entering freshman class averaged weighted high school grade point averages of 4.0, SATs of 1315, and a high school class rank in the top 5 percent. Commonwealth College students integrate honors coursework into their curriculum and complete a senior project.

Grain & Chaff

Extra, extra
One of the Journalism Department’s most successful alumni, Boston Globe reporter Kevin Cullen, 91, gave the inaugural Howard Ziff Lecture on April 29. In his address to about 40 students and faculty, Cullen recounted his career covering the police beat in Holyoke and Boston, serving as the Globe’s bureau chief in Dublin and London and reporting from Belgrade during the war in the Balkans. Cullen, who is currently a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, was a journalist in residence there when he recently won a Pulitzer Prize for public service for its coverage of the priest abuse scandal in the Catholic Church.

Teaching aid
Mary Deane Soricelli, associate provost and director of the Center For Teaching, and Jane Buck, president of the American Association of University Professors, discussed “The University Future: The Changing Role of Faculty,” at the Conference on Institutional Corruption Academic Leadership Program hosted by the University of Wisconsin, Madison on April 11. Soricelli also co-led a review of new teaming and development programs at Michigan State University on April 16-17.

Academic pursuits
Brian W. Breed, assistant professor of Classics, delivered a paper entitled “Dialogues Lateral and Metaphorical in Pastoral Poetics and Criticism” at a conference on “Uses and Abuses of Pastoral: Re-Visiting Arcadia” held April 24-26 in the Norwegian Academy of Arts and Sciences in Oslo. ...Márgara Russotto, assistant professor in Spanish and Portuguese, gave a paper on “Propuestas de cultura: visiones de Costa Rica en las escrituras de la modernidad centroamericana” at the Ninth International Conference on Central American Literature, held March 5-7 in San José, Costa Rica. From March 11-21, she served as post-doctoral resident at the Fondazione Firenze in Florence, Italy, a center for world poetry, which was hosting an international conference, “Encounter and Dialogue among Cultures.” Russotto also invited the Instituto de Estudios Latinoamericanos near Naples to meet with a team of researchers. From March 27-29, she attended the 24th international conference of the Latin American Studies Association in Dallas, where she was a discussant in the session on “La respuesta latinoamericana a los paradigmas teóricos: crítica, adaptación e invención.”

Good planning
Regional Planning graduate student Margaret Ounsworth received the 2003 Distinguished Leadership Award for a Student Planner from the American Planning Association on March 31. The prize was presented at APA’s annual meeting and awards ceremony held in conjunction with the National Planning Conference in Denver. Ounsworth’s “incomparable service as a student leader affirms her distinction as a student and her potential for continued leadership as a planner,” said Bruce Knight, chair of APA’s awards jury. “Margaret brings extraordinary dedication and energy to the planning field.” Ounsworth is president of the Planning Students Organization, organizing lecture series and brown bag lunches with practicing planners. “Meg has risen to the challenge and, importantly, has motivated others to step up and help,” said Jack Ahern, professor and head of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning. “In large part to Meg’s leadership, I believe I am seeing a change in the culture of the [Master’s in Regional Planning] Program towards more professional awareness and participation.”

News pile
Like most other e-mail users, the Chronicle gets its share of junk messages, but we’re still scratching our heads over this one: “I think the content of our website is similar enough to yours that our visitors would benefit from a search engine.” We’re not sure what to make the proposal that we each put a link on our website to the other’s site. Hopefully, this will increase the traffic of both sites and provide interest to our readers.” The message was from a rug company.
Barbara Piltoniak
CHRONICLE STAFF

“Into the Light,” a symphonic overture for large orchestra, composed by Bruce MacCombie, associate dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, will be performed May 23 in St. Petersburg, Russia. The overture’s performance, to be presented by the St. Petersburg Philharmonic in the Great Philharmonic Hall, will be part of a series of festivals and events celebrating the last founding of the city in 1703.

The concert is also being called “Into the Light.” In addition to MacCombie’s overture, the program will feature Prokofiev’s First Piano Concerto and a work for chorus and orchestra by St. Petersburg composer Valdim Salmov.

St. Petersburg is such a culturally rich city, and home to so many wonderful artists such as Tchakovski, Dostoyevsky, Shostakovich, and others,” says MacCombie. “It’s an honor for me to participate in this special festival marking the city’s 300th anniversary.”

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Students receive Furcolo Awards

Three seniors were recognized for public service May 5 when they received the Kathryn F. Furcolo Award.

The award is given annually to students who have completed outstanding community service or governmental internships.

Receiving the award were Cindy Hollister, a Psychology major who interned at Cooley Dickinson Hospital; Legal Studies major Miriam Parson, who interned at Cooley Dickinson Against Discrimination; and Political Science major Miriam Parson, who interned at Cooley Dickinson Against Discrimination.

The awards were established by former Gov. Foster Furcolo in memory of his wife, the late Kathryn Furcolo.
Everything's going downhill

Scenes from the 2nd annual Kinetic Sculpture Race

About 30 students raced a wild assortment of whirligigs and humdingers in the 2nd Annual Kinetic Sculpture Race held May 1 on the Marshall Annex hill. Sponsored by the Sculpture programs in the Department of Art, the race drew about 30-40 spectators, according to graduate student Shane Sellers, who helped organize the event.

“The race is not all about speed,” said a flyer for the competition, “we will judge for beauty of movement, concept, use of speed (or lack thereof), and of course wackiness.”

Sellers said each sculpture was timed on the 80-foot downhill route. Those that failed to complete the course had their distance measured. The Log Award, given to the entry that travels the shortest distance, went to freshman Nicole Steiner for her sculpture made of record albums, which moved a scant five feet before stopping.

Professor Frank Ozereko, teaching assistant David Rozzi and studio technicians Dan Wessman and Robert Woo assisted with the race and the Henion Bakery donated prizes and Big Y contributed food.

Photos by Stan Sherer

Entries in the Kinetic Sculpture Race included (top right) senior Sarah Waggener’s “Circus Tent on Wheels,” which proved a crowd favorite, winning best of race on a spectator vote. It was also the slowest entry.

Above, studio technician Dan Wessman prepares to launch his whirligig, dubbed “Budget Cuts.”

Left, freshman Hortensia Mitura readies “The Pinwheel,” judged the best whirligig.

Top left, junior Josiah Cuneo checks his entry before starting the race.
Theroux wins Excellence in Distance Teaching Award

James Theroux, the Flavin Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Isenberg School of Management and aUMassOnline faculty member, is this year’s United States Distance Learning Association (USDAL) Excellence in Distance Teaching Award winner in Higher Education. "The USDAL awards recognize the best of the best in the distance learning industry," said John G. Flores, executive director of the Boston-based USDAL. "The Excellence in Distance Teaching Award is presented to outstanding individuals who creatively use distance education technology to inspire learning." Theroux received the award for his Real-Time Case (RTC) study, an innovative approach to the case method of business education that he developed and used in an online entrepreneurship course in the fall of 2001. "The Real-Time Case leverages Internet technologies to super-charge the case method, transforming the student-professor relationship into a problem-solving partnership," said Jack Wilson, CEO of UMassOnline. "The RTC allowed for unprecedented interactivity between students and the case company," said Theroux. "Prior to the Internet there would have been no practical way to do such a project." Theroux’s award-winning Real-Time Case method focused on classic entrepreneurship topics such as the business plan, venture capital, managing growth, and competitive analysis within the context of actual issues facing the high-tech startup case company. Thanks to an embedded, full-time case writer inside the case company who posted new installments weekly, students followed the case company’s activities in real-time. Using Web documents, email, video conferences, phone conferences, online chat and threaded discussions, students communicated with the case company and each other. Theroux plans to offer another online course using the RTC in 2004.

Building on the traditional case method, the RTC increased “student engagement and student motivation to study, made the case method more durable and gave students a greater appreciation of the complexity and interdisciplinary nature of business decisions,” said Theroux.

Wiarda named Fulbright Senior Specialist

Professor Howard J. Wiarda of the Political Science Department has been named a Fulbright Senior Specialist by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

The program is a new CIES initiative that matches scholars with knowledge in specialized fields with requests for teaching or professional assistance from overseas institutions. The senior specialists will fill short-term appointments of two to six weeks.

Next month, Wiarda will travel to the Netherlands and Germany for a lecture tour on the topic “Old Europe and New America: American Foreign Policy Under President Bush.” Two years ago, Wiarda received a Senior Scholar Fulbright Research Grant to Vienna and Budapest.

Osterweil honored with SIGSOFT award

Leon Osterweil, Computer Science professor and interim dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, has received the 2003 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Special Interest Group on Software Engineering (SIGSOFT) Outstanding Research Award.

The award recognizes Osterweil’s seminal contributions to the development of the subfield of software process within the field of software engineering.

Osterweil was presented the award for research on May 7 at the International Conference on Software Engineering in Oregon. He also has been invited to present a plenary keynote address at the Joint 9th European Software Engineering Conference and 11th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Foundations of Software Engineering to be held Sept. 3-5 in Helsinki, Finland.

5 join Development Office staff

The Development Office has hired five new staff members, including fund-raisers for two colleges.

Douglas Reid is the new director of Development for the College of Natural Resources and the Environment (NRE). Reid previously worked at Northfield Mount Hermon School, where he was assistant director of development and a member of the campaign leadership committee.

Reid’s office is located at 110 Stockbridge Hall and can be reached at 7-4295 or by e-mail (dred@nre.umass.edu).

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Professor Howard J. Wiarda of the Political Science Department has been named a Fulbright Senior Specialist by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

The program is a new CIES initiative that matches scholars with knowledge in specialized fields with requests for teaching or professional assistance from overseas institutions. The senior specialists will fill short-term appointments of two to six weeks.

Next month, Wiarda will travel to the Netherlands and Germany for a lecture tour on the topic “Old Europe and New America: American Foreign Policy Under President Bush.” Two years ago, Wiarda received a Senior Scholar Fulbright Research Grant to Vienna and Budapest.

Osterweil honored with SIGSOFT award

Leon Osterweil, Computer Science professor and interim dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, has received the 2003 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Special Interest Group on Software Engineering (SIGSOFT) Outstanding Research Award.

The award recognizes Osterweil’s seminal contributions to the development of the subfield of software process within the field of software engineering.

Osterweil was presented the award for research on May 7 at the International Conference on Software Engineering in Oregon. He also has been invited to present a plenary keynote address at the Joint 9th European Software Engineering Conference and 11th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Foundations of Software Engineering to be held Sept. 3-5 in Helsinki, Finland.

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Theroux wins Excellence in Distance Teaching Award

James Theroux, the Flavin Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Isenberg School of Management and aUMassOnline faculty member, is this year’s United States Distance Learning Association (USDAL) Excellence in Distance Teaching Award winner in Higher Education.

"The USDAL awards recognize the best of the best in the distance learning industry," said John G. Flores, executive director of the Boston-based USDAL. "The Excellence in Distance Teaching Award is presented to outstanding individuals who creatively use distance education technology to inspire learning." Theroux received the award for his Real-Time Case (RTC) study, an innovative approach to the case method of business education that he developed and used in an online entrepreneurship course in the fall of 2001.

"The Real-Time Case leverages Internet technologies to super-charge the case method, transforming the student-professor relationship into a problem-solving partnership," said Jack Wilson, CEO of UMassOnline.

"The RTC allowed for unprecedented interactivity between students and the case company," said Theroux. "Prior to the Internet there would have been no practical way to do such a project."

Theroux’s award-winning Real-Time Case method focused on classic entrepreneurship topics such as the business plan, venture capital, managing growth, and competitive analysis within the context of actual issues facing the high-tech startup case company. Thanks to an embedded, full-time case writer inside the case company who posted new installments weekly, students followed the case company’s activities in real-time. Using Web documents, email, video conferences, phone conferences, online chat and threaded discussions, students communicated with the case company and each other. Theroux plans to offer another online course using the RTC in 2004.

Building on the traditional case method, the RTC increased “student engagement and student motivation to study, made the case method more durable and gave students a greater appreciation of the complexity and interdisciplinary nature of business decisions,” said Theroux.

Share your news

The Chronicle encourages faculty, staff and retirees to share news of their professional activities and achievements.

Items can be sent to 205 Munson Hall or e-mailed (campus.chronicle@umd.umass.edu).

Wendy Messer

The College of Engineering’s new leadership gifts officer is Lori Richards. She recently worked as a marketing communications coordinator for Warren Pumps, Inc. She also was employed in marketing communications and as a research intern for Phoenix Investment Partners, Ltd. in Hartford and MassMutual in Springfield.

Richards’ office is in 142 Marston Hall and can be reached at 7-0477 or by e-mail (clarke@soc.umass.edu).

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For more news...

The News Office website (www.umass.edu/newsoffice) features press releases and daily summaries of national and local news coverage about the University and related higher education issues.

Obituaries

Wendell E. Dodge

Wendell E. Dodge, ’58G, ’67G, 74, of Pittsfield, N.H., a former adjunct associate professor in Forestry and Wildlife, died April 8 following an extended bout with cancer.

He served the University in 1970 and 1981 as an adjunct and had previously served between 1955 and 1969 as a department fellow in Forestry and Zoology. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, he worked as a supervisory research biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 30 years.

He wrote or co-wrote many scientific papers and manuals concerning wildlife and conservation, and he worked with a number of graduate students in Wildlife Management.

He leaves his wife, Polly Dodge; three children; and other family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Massachusetts Wendell E. Dodge Scholarship Fund, c/o Lori Miner, Department of Natural Resources Conservation, Holdsworth Natural Resources Center.

Marjorie Merchant

Marjorie Merchant, 76, of Hadley, a retired professor of Home Economics, died May 4.

She served the University for 30 years before retiring in 1988.

She created the consumer economics curriculum in her department and taught personal financial planning, as well as the legal rights of American consumers.

She also was a Cooperative Extension consultant.

In 1988, the Home Economics division established a scholarship in her name.

She authored “The Price of Poverty in the Marketplace,” “Consumer Education in the Economically Integrated Housing Community,” and “A Computer-Assisted Instructional Program to Help Families Compare the Costs of Alternate Housing Purchase Decisions, Comprehensive Analysis” and many extension publications.

As director of a model consumer education program, she helped low-income housing residents of Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield acquire home management techniques and consumer knowledge.

She edited and directed an oral history project for the American Council on Consumer Interests for 30 years, and served as president of the organization in 1976.

In the 1960s, she helped to organize the Massachusetts Consumer Council and was on the consumer panel at the first White House conference on food and nutrition, at which she was named to a task force to fight hunger and malnutrition.

She held a master’s degree in food and nutrition from Pennsylvania State University, where she also studied biochemistry. She spent several additional years doing graduate work in economic theory at Boston College.

Ida Blanche DePuy

Ida Blanche DePuy, 81, of Monterey County, Calif., a retired professor of Spanish and Portuguese, died April 24.

She served the University for 20 and a half years before retiring in 1985. She coordinated Language and Area Studies, and developed the University’s Summer Graduate Seminar in Madrid, Spain. She previously taught at Wellesley College, from where she had graduated in 1942.

After college she was commissioned by the Naval Reserve, where she learned telecommunications intelligence for four years, reaching the rank of lieutenant. She joined the International Telecommunications Union, a subsidiary of the United Nations, as a conference specialist — the only female executive in the union at that time.

After helping to establish a simultaneous interpretation system in the Maison des Congres in Geneva, she returned to school, receiving a master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate from Stanford University.

An authority on Spanish philosopher José Ortega y Gasset, she specialized in teaching 19th-century novels and the history of ideas.

After retiring, she served in the American Association of University Women and was a representative for the association’s Coalition for Reproductive Rights. She also served on the Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women, and on the Sylvia Panetta Scholarship Board at Monterey Peninsula College.

WMUA-FM wins 4 AP awards

WMUA-FM, the student-run radio station, has been awarded four Associated Press awards for its news and sports coverage during 2002.

The station received the award for Best Collegiate Continuing Coverage for its reporting on the search for a new chancellor. WMUA also earned honorable mention awards for Colleague Feature Reporting and Collegiate Enterprise Reporting. The feature reporting prize was for a report on Nobel Prize winner John Nash ’s visit to campus last October.

The other award recognized the station’s Sept. 11 anniversary special.

The station’s sports department earned a first place award for Best Collegiate Play-by-Play for its coverage of UMass men’s basketball.

WMUA is marking its 55th anniversary this year. The 1,000 watt station broadcasts at 91.1 FM.
Holtz is portrait of perfection
Pitcher bats 4-4 en route to perfect game

Fifteen up, 15 down. That was the line last Saturday as senior pitcher Kaila Holtz hurled a perfect game against the George Washington University Colonials. Along the way to her first career perfect game, Holtz threw just 38 pitches and struck out three to bring her season record to 18-7 with a conference-leading 0.93 earned run average. Holtz was also perfect at the plate, going 4-4 with five runs batted in, with four of those coming on a first-inning, line drive grand slam over the left field fence. In the second game of the doubleheader, Holtz had an RBI double and scored a run in one at bat. In that contest, the Colonials, who managed to win three games all season, fared little better against freshman pitcher Jenna Busa, who held GW to just one hit, a pinch-hit single in the fourth inning. Busa finished the game with three strikeouts and a walk as her record improved to 3-0. The two wins gave the Minutewomen their 13th straight Atlantic 10 regular season title with an 11-1 record, 33-13 overall. GW finished the season at 3-36, 0-16 in conference play.

For the afternoon, the Minutewomen batted .516 (26-51) and scored 31 runs. UMass hosts the Atlantic 10 tournament May 8-10, facing Fordham (37-17, 10-6 A-10) in the first round. Temple (20-18, 10-4 A-10) and St. Joseph’s (24-13, 8-4 A-10) are the other teams in the tourney.

Men’s lacrosse earns NCAA bid

The men’s lacrosse team (12-2) earned an at-large berth in the NCAA Div. 1 lacrosse championships this week and will face Hofstra on Sunday at Gardner Field at 1 p.m. The bid is UMass’ second in a row and fourth under coach Greg Camnella, who took over the reins in 1995. Overall, it is UMass’ 15th NCAA tournament bid, the eighth most in NCAA history. The Minutemen are coming off a 12-9 loss to No. 8-ranked Rutgers last weekend. The Hofstra Pride went 11-5 overall and were defeated by Towson, 16-11, in the Colonial Athletic Association title game. Hofstra is making its fourth appearance in the last five years, and its 12th appearance overall. The two teams met on March 23 at Shuart Stadium in Hempstead, N.Y., with UMass coming out on top, 14-7. The Pride have won eight of 10 since the contest, with their only two losses coming versus Towson University. Sunday’s winner will battle the winner of the Maryland/Ohio State contest on May 17 in the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. Tickets to the Hofstra game can be purchased by calling 5-0810.

Men’s track places 3rd at A-10 meet

Sophomore goalie Bill Schell is a key member of the UMass defense.

Senior sprinter Kwesi Frimpom-Boateng swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the Atlantic 10 Outdoor Championships held May 4 at Richmond, Va., to earn the meet’s Outstanding Track Performer honor and lead the Minutemen to a third-place finish in the team standings. Rhode Island scored 222 points to claim the team title for the third consecutive year, with La Salle finishing second (148) and UMass third with its 120 points. Under the direction of 36-year mentor Ken O’Brien, the Minutemen have finished among the top three at the outdoor conference meet in 20 of the last 21 seasons, including each of the last 14 years.

Frimpom-Boateng won the 100-meter dash in an A-10 championship and UMass school record time of 10.30. Frimpom-Boateng then came back to win the 200-meter dash in another A-10 meet and UMass school record time of 20.90.

Junior John O’Neil, the defending A-10 decathlon champion, tallied 6,065 points in this year’s competition to finish second. His mark was a personal-best and ranked as the fourth-best decathlon score in UMass history. O’Neil also finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles.

All Atlantic 10 individual champions automatically qualify for NCAA Regional competition, scheduled for May 30-31.

Women’s track places fifth at A-10s

The women’s outdoor track and field team placed fifth at the Atlantic 10 Outdoor Track and Field Championship on May 4. Rhode Island won the conference meet, earning the A-10 title for the second straight year.

UMass was led by senior Jen Freemans’ gold medal performance in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Freemans, who also won the event at the 2001 A-10 championship, automatically qualified for the NCAA Regional meet with the first-place victory.

Sophomore Christina Huff also recorded solid finishes for UMass, placing third in the 100-meter dash in 12.82, fourth in the 200-meter dash. Huff’s time in the 100-meter dash ranks second in the UMass record books, trailing only Keri Fleischmann’s 12.00 finish in 1988.

The Minutewomen recorded a solid showing in the heptathlon, claiming three top five finishes. Senior Crystal Thomsen finished third while junior nastaran Sham placed fourth and freshman Ashley Creed recorded a fifth place finish.

Women’s lax vying for ECAC title

The women’s lacrosse team will face No. 13 Cornell in the ECAC championship on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Schoellkopf Field in Ithaca, N.Y.

The Minutewomen (11-7, 6-1 Atlantic 10) have participated in three ECAC championships (1987, 1988 and 1998), finishing as the runner-up in 1987 and 1998. This is the first time UMass has been selected for the tournament since 1998, when the squad finished the season in the ECAC semifinals.

Cornell is entering its fourth ECAC championship appearance in the postseason tournament. The Big Red have won the championship twice in 1992 and 2000. Coming into this weekend’s match-up Cornell holds a 10-5 overall record and a 4-3 mark in Ivy League play.

The Minutewomen finished second in the A-10 tournament, losing 15-9 to Temple last Saturday in Philadelphia. Temple won its third straight A-10 title and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. UMass advanced to the finals after defeating Richmond 12-11 in overtime in the semifinals.

Senior Jada Emery and Cyndi Doyle, junior Hop Zelingier and sophomore Maura McGarrity were named to the all-tournament team.

4 named to conference women’s lacrosse team

Four Minutewomen were selected to the Atlantic 10 women’s lacrosse all-conference team last week.

Senior Kelli Kurtz was named the A-10 Defensive Player of the Year, while seniors Cyndi Doyle and Jada Emery and sophomore Kristin St. Hilaire earned spots on the 16-player all-conference team.

Kurtz received the Defensive Player of the Year honors after anchoring the UMass defense, which ranks 10th nationally in scoring defense after allowing just 7.63 goals per game. Kurtz has recorded 24 ground balls, 19 caused turnovers and 23 draw controls so far this season.

“Kelli has been our mark-up player on defense,” coach Carrie Boldsaid. “She helped lead the defensive unit to a No. 10 national ranking in scoring defense.”
TIAA-CREF offers financial counseling

TIAA-CREF is offering individual counseling sessions on May 14-15 and June 11-12 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Treasurer’s Office, 100 Venture Way, 2nd Floor.

Reserve an appointment through the TIAA-CREF Web Center by typing in www.tiaa-cref.org or call Kathleen Maida at (800) 842-2004. Space is limited.

Kaffeepause and undergraduate awards presentation

“The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures is hosting a Kaffeepause on Wednesday, May 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fifth floor lobby of Heter Hall. Undergraduate presentations will be presented at 12:30 am. All are welcome to join in German conversation and enjoy coffee and snacks.

Researcher to speak on current cancer studies

Dr. Janet Rowley of the University of Chicago Medical Center will speak on “Cancer Research in the 21st Century” on Wednesday, May 4 at 4 p.m. in the Arthur & Martha Fishbeyn Amphitheatre at the Medical School in Worcester.

Top senior athletes to be honored at luncheon

Six-athlete, representing the spring season teams, will be honored for their athletic and scholastic accomplishments at the final Weekly Sports Luncheon of the semester on Wednesday, May 14 at noon in 1009 Lincoln Campus Center. The buffet lunch is $6.50. Call 5-4289 for reservations.

Homebuying Fair

Committee services and the AFC-CIO are sponsoring a Homebuying Fair on Tuesday, May 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union. Union members, including Massachusetts Teachers Association, are eligible to participate. Real estate agents and counselors will explain how buying programs available to union members through the AFC-CIO’s “HirHome” program, advise members on individual situations, and answer any questions about the event. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Commuter Services at 5-0865 or go to the HirHome website (www.hirhome.org).

Blood drive

The Hampshire County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive on Wednesday, May 14 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in 174 Lincoln Campus Center.

Memorial service for Helen R. Vazian

A memorial service for the late Helen Rose Vazian, a former professor of Home Economics and former head of the department, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18, in Memorial Hall.

Classes end, finals begin

The last day of classes is Wednesday, May 14, with the reading period scheduled for May 15-16. Final examinations begin on Saturday, May 17 and end on Friday, May 23.

Turf Research Field Day

The UMass Extension Turf Program will host its annual Turf Research Field Day on Wednesday, June 18 at the Turf Research Facility on Route 9, Backus Field. Industry professionals can meet with the UMass turf team, learn about current research and network with colleagues. There will also be a trade show and equipment demonstrations. At the close of the morning’s program, a cookout lunch (included in the price of registration) will be provided.

Presentations by faculty and graduate students about the latest turf research will include turf pesticide residues and golf course exposure, 2002-03 snow mold trials, NTEP tall fescue variety trial results, hydropod watering, refining white grub management, tracking issues with glyphosate: potential for contamination to off-target areas. Pesticide re-certification contact hours will be available for all New England states.

Pre-register by June 13 or at the event. Information is available online (www.umass.edu/turf) or by contacting Mary Owen at (508) 892-0382 or by e-mail (mowen@umext.umass.edu).

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.

WebCT workshops

Academic Computing is offering workshops for faculty in June

Academic Computing is offering a number of workshops for faculty during June. The primary topics are: creating quick course sites in WebCT, building course sites from scratch in Dreamweaver, and an introduction to digital video editing. All workshops include ample time for hands-on work with individual course materials. Faculty also are welcome to make an individual appointment to discuss these or other technological topics related to their teaching or research.

For more information or to register for workshops and consulting, contact Academic Computing at 7-0072. Registration begins May 12. Faculty also can register for WebCT workshops online (www.umass.edu/webct/instructor/training/help/workshops.html). For the WebCT and Dreamweaver workshops, Thursday, June 12: “Creating a Site (e.g., ANTHRO 103h) for which you will be creating a site.

For more details, including course descriptions, refer to the Academic Computing website (www.umass.edu/accol/workshops/)

Preview workshops

These presentations give an overview of the software and services available through Academic Computing in a specific area — giving faculty a chance to see what is available or possible before committing significant time to the technology.

Course Web Sites Preview – Why and How, Tuesday, June 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

WebCT Preview – From the Student’s Perspective, Tuesday, June 3, 11 a.m.-noon

Universal Design – Making Sites Accessible, Wednesday, June 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Digital Video Preview – What’s Possible, Thursday, June 5, 9:10-10:30 a.m.

Hands-on digital video workshops

For faculty who have videos that they wish their students to view, it is now possible to deliver this content to students on the Web or on CDs. These workshops will provide a basic introduction on how to convert, edit and deliver videos digitally.

Lecture Series

Summer 2003 Series on Women's Literature

July 1, “Women in Cuba,” Dr. Julia Moreira de Sosa, University of Havana.


July 15, “Women in Africa,” Professor Hettie Whitefield, University of South Africa.

July 22, “Women in China,” Dr. L. Wong, University of London.

July 29, “Women in Mexico,” Dr. Maria Elena Pimentel, University of Mexico.

August 5, “Women in the Islamic World,” Dr. Salehah Al-Rawashdeh, University of Jordan.

August 12, “Women in the Indian Subcontinent,” Dr. Sharmila Tagore, University of Calcutta.

August 19, “Women in Latin America,” Dr. Beatriz Arana, University of Buenos Aires.

August 26, “Women in Australia,” Dr. June Law, University of Melbourne.


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December 9, “Women in Latin America,” Dr. Silvia Gomar, University of Buenos Aires.


Play-in-a-Day festival planned to benefit renovation of Rand

The Theater Department is staging a Play-in-a-Day festival May 17 to raise money for the renovation of the Rand Theater. The project brings together some of the region’s leading theater artists in concert, direct and put on five plays in 24 hours. The performances, billed as “fun, fresh theater,” are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the Rand Theater.

The action behind the scenes begins the night before, when five playwrights, including Kate Nigrent, ’89, and Joe Salvale, director of “Baghdad,” fame, along with Tanya Martula, who led a recent 24-hour theater project in Northampton, are given a common topic and asked to write a 10-minute play overnight.

Five teams of actors and directors, including professor emeritus Richard Trousdell and associate professor Gilbert McCauley, will be given the scripts at 8 a.m., 12 hours before the performances.

Graduate students to conduct concert

Graduate students Martin Kluh and Stan Renard of the Department of Music and Dance will conduct a performance on Sunday, May 11 at 1 p.m. in Bezanson Recital Hall showcasing two world premieres.

“We are very excited about working with some of the finest musicians from the Pioneer Valley and beyond. The program is one of extraordinary stylistic contrast, and includes masterpieces from the Renaissance to the present,” says Kluh.

The first half of the program, in which Renard will be on the podium, will feature the percussion ensemble, which will include written by composer Paul Doroshевич. The first work, as yet untitled, will be performed by the Trumpet Ensemble, for which it was written. The second premiere, “Mahagoni Eyelid,” was written for and will be played by the string orchestra, Opus One. Also in the first half will be Heitor Villa-Lobos’ “Preludio” from “Bachianas Brasileiras, No. 4” for strings.

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