**News Briefs**

**Romney files bills to reorganize higher ed**

Just days after the House blocked a legislative attempt to eliminate the President's Office, Gov. Mitt Romney revived his effort to oust President William M. Bulger from office.

On Wednesday, Romney filed two Article 87 constitutions enabling that will force the Legislature to take up-or-down votes on the President's Office and other proposed higher education reforms within 60 days or the changes become law.

Under Article 87, the legislature can approve or reject the bills, but cannot amend them.

UMass Boston dorm plan withdrawn

President William M. Bulger has reportedly tabled plans for a $238 million dorm and dining hall complex at the UMass Boston campus.

The decision came after the Romney administration killed a $371 million bond issue by the UMass Building Authority.

The move is seen by some as an effort by Bulger to attract the governor's support for other projects across the five-campus system, including an $80 million integrated sciences building on the Amherst campus.

Bulger was authorized May 7 by the Board of Trustees to revise the University's capital plan to garner the governor's support.

**Police step up seat belt enforcement**

The UMass Police Department is joining in the statewide May mobilization of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's "Click It or Ticket" campaign to make sure drivers and their passengers are using seatbelts and child safety seats.

The campaign is underway and runs through June 1.

**Injury puts Butler's pro career in limbo**

Senior Jen Butler's burgeoning professional career with the WBNA's Cleveland Rockers is a big question mark after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee on the second day of training camp.

At last report, Butler's long-term status with the team was unresolved.

Minuteman prevails as Athletics logo

Sarah R. Buchholz

**Chancellors Corner**

Chancellor John V. Lombardi moved forward last week in preparing the campus for "a rather dramatic reduction" in its budget by posting a webpage and addressing the Faculty Senate about impending decisions.

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The second category is much larger than the first, he said, and includes administration and Athletics. Although the work done in many of the items in the first two categories may be "important and valuable and terrific," he said, the goal of the process is to protect Category III, teaching and research itself, as much as possible.

"If we get to Category III and any plan that we have to do affects faculty, we, of course, immediately trigger a whole series of very precise and effective systems of review that involve both the contracts and things related to union arrangements as well as Faculty Senate requirements for program consideration," Lombardi said. "The minute that we know that we're gonna have to do that, that's the minute that we will take these formal processes and move in precise lockstep with what those processes require of us because then we are in very, very serious territory.

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**Engineers unplugged**

Senior Computer Systems Engineering majors (clockwise from left) Michael D'Auria, Keith Winters, Josh wise from left) Michael D'Auria, Keith Winters, Josh Arak and Dave Thomas demonstrate their Wireless On-Line Vehicle Diagnostics at the Electrical and Computer Systems Engineering Senior Design Display held May 9 at the Gunnindale Student Center in Marcus Hall. Winters is using an IQap (personal digital assistant) to receive data from the computer.

**Lombardi sketches budget strategy**

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**House cuts University by 18%**

Daniel J. Fitzgibbons

Chancellor's Corner

The University system made news last week when the House completed action on its $22.5 billion fiscal 2004 budget plan. Despite attempts by some lawmakers to restore some of the $79.8 million slashed from the University's appropriation, House members left the proposed 18 percent cut intact.

Meanwhile, the House approved the restoration of $19.5 million from a larger higher education incentive reserve to the state and community college systems.

House members blocked a vote on Gov. Mitt Romney's proposal to eliminate President Willard W. Bulger's office, but approved the transfer of $1 million in state funds for the office to a scholarship fund for low income and minority UMass students. In a related move, a legislatively study of the structure and governance of the UMass system was approved by the House.

The decision not to eliminate the President's Office was welcomed by Board of Trustees Chairman Grace K. Fey.

"I am pleased that the House of Representatives has chosen to preserve the University’s leadership structure," she said. "In doing so, the House is voting to preserve the UMass system, as well as the progress that has been achieved over the past seven years."

The House budget plan also includes level funding for Commonwealth College at $1.715 million and $2 million of the endowed chair program, which provides matching funds for named professorships.

Earmarks in the House budget include $200,000 for a study of special education by the Donahue Institute; $50,000 for a grant to the McCormack Institute at UMass Boston; and $100,000 for facility costs associated with the Visual and Performing Arts program at UMass Dartmouth.

Lawmakers also backed a 10 percent cut in the general scholarship account, lowering funding to $82.4 million for the next fiscal year. The UMass earmark in that account is nearly $8.7 million.

Funding for higher education library materials was eliminated by the House.

In other action, the House passed an amendment to create a two-year pilot program to allow the Massachusetts College of"
Letters to the Chronicle

Athletic marketing misses scoring opportunities

The Athletic Department has fixed on the wrong target. It’s their marketing that needs fixing, not the Minuteman. When the football stadium was built, the department erected a wooden sign, worthy of a third-level high school, facing Route 116 to advertise football games. They let it rot away and fall over, leaving a rusted metal frame still visible from the highway. Nothing has replaced it for years. At the same time they have failed to use the huge expanse of stadium wall facing Route 116, and a similar wall facing the stadium’s mall entrance that should have big Minuteman signs on them. The UMass crew team’s shed by the Connecticut River can be seen from Route 9 and should have had a sign long ago.

Marketing opportunities have long been missed on other University properties. The tall chimneys at the power plant should at least have an “M” letter that could be seen for miles. The UMass or chard in Belchertown has directional signs on both Routes 9 and 181 that do not even mention the University. UMass has a building whose end and one side are visible to millions of people driving to Cape Cod via the interstate extension leading to the Bourne Bridge. It is the UMass Cranberry Experiment Station — with no sign. Over the years I have repeatedly pointed out these missed opportunities to campus administrators whose jobs include marketing and advancement, but to no avail. Tired of their indifference, I spent a couple of years of lobbying, with help from Sen. Rosenberg and Rep. Story, to get Mass Highway to erect the UMass directional signs on the north and south-bound lanes of I-91 a few years ago. UMass could be included on the Mass Highway’s blue “attractions” signs on I-91 if someone would take the initiative.

Considering how successfully Virginia Polytechnic Institute has marketed a symbol understood by few, called a “Hokie,” our Athletics Department ought not to say they cannot market the well-known Minuteman until they have tried.

JOSEPH S. LARSON professor emeritus Natural Resources Conservation

Athletes should be proud of Minutemen

Regarding the administration’s intention to dump the Minutemen: Is it marketing or gender or both? The print media have suggested that gender is an issue. If so, I would raise the matter of athletes being more concerned about themselves than what they represent. Did Jessica Lynch object to being called a soldier? I don’t think so. All student-athletes should be proud to represent the Minutemen, what they stand for and what they mean to the Commonwealth.

Dumping the Minutemen might bring in more marketing money, but my non-inalistant donations to athletics would cease.

JOHN MOORE professor, Psychology Department

Athletic director Ian McCaw replies:

Thank you for taking time to share your feelings with regard to the Minuteman. There has been much discussion about this issue the past few weeks, which I believe has been quite healthy for the process.

Past UMass athletic teams have been known as the Statesmen, Aggies, Redmen (1948) and since 1972, as the Minutemen. When the student body voted to call its athletic teams the Minutemen, the campus sponsored 15 varsity sports for men and 10 for men. Since 1972, all varsity sports for women and 15 varsity sports for men.

While some of our athletic teams have struggled financially, losing programs sell no merchandise and have a negative impact on the University’s marketing efforts. Losing sports means fewer student-athletes to recruit and retain. The best financial result that can be achieved is to maintain a successful program that also brings in revenues for the program. New revenue streams for our program, New York City’s Phoenix Design Works was retained to evaluate all logos and marks currently used by our 22-sport program and recommend changes if needed. As part of this review, Phoenix Design looked beyond the current use of the Minuteman logo.

Eighty-five individuals (47 men, 38 women) participated in one of eight focus groups held by Phoenix on campus, April 24-25. Those groups were presented with a variety of new Minuteman designs as well as an example of an animal mascot (wolf). The focus groups included members of the student body, Alumni Association members, UMass Athletic Fund contributors, head coaches, key staff and student-athletes currently in the department and members of other University constituencies. The University is still in the review process as it studies the feedback it has received not only from the focus groups, but from other sources, too. At this point, we are continuing to review various illustrations and alternatives and remain on track to complete this project by the end of May.

It has been wonderful to see that so many of our alumni and friends are passionate about the University and our athletic programs. All of us look forward to a successful outcome that will provide an identity system that is embraced by the entire UMass community that also affords us longevity and marketability. Stay tuned!

JOHN GARNER associate professor, Psychology Department

Winning team sells better than a winning look

I just saw your article regarding possibly changing the mascot to (among other things) increase merchandise revenue. It would be nice if Ian McCaw focused on more important things — things like creating winning teams. It’s no surprise that “Our licensing royalties in the early ’90s were up of about $400,000 a year,” and “Now they’re about $100,000 a year.”

Dropping Minuteman is “inappropriate”

As an assistant professor of radiologic technology at Ivy Tech State College, a medical professional and ignoring the risk of sounding like a Midwestern redneck, I feel compelled to tell you how I feel about the proposal to change the school symbol.

Middle ground

In the spirit of learning from our profound intellectual differences, let’s be the Minutewolves.

DAVID LENNON professor, Comparative Literature

Wrong pack

Gray Wolves? Sounds like a bunch of aging lotharios.

GEORGE WADE professor, Psychology Department

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Cactuses or cacti?

Your recent news column article on Professor (Thomas) Boyle (May 9) was entertaining and an enjoyable read. However, the correct plural form of the word cactus is cacti. MAX DELANEY Class of 2000

Editor’s reply: While the Merriam-Webster Dictionary lists both “cacti” and “cactuses” as acceptable plural forms, the Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual — the standard for newswriting — states that “cacti” is the correct plural.

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Chancellor Howard J. Wiarda of the University of Georgia has served as the Dean Rusk Professor of International Affairs for 18 years and has been associated with a lead role in securing the funds in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the first endowed chair in the University. Wiarda has written more than 300 scholarly articles, papers and book chapters.

Howard J. Wiarda

The American Enterprise Institute, Brookings Institution, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He also is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, which advises the president, National Security Council and the secretaries of defense and state on foreign policy.

Three years ago, he was awarded a Fulbright grant to conduct research in Austria and Hungary on post-Communist democratization in Eastern and Central Europe, and the integration of new member-states into NATO and the European Union. More recently, he was named a Fulbright Senior Specialist by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

Wiarda was a visiting scholar at Harvard University from 1979-81 and 1988-90; visiting professor of national security strategy at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., from 1990-94 and 1995-96.

He serves as general editor of two major book series and is on the board of editors of four academic journals. Wiarda expressed regrets about leaving UMass. "I'm very much saddened by the poor condition of the University these days," he said, "and by the absence of strong state support. It's very disheartening to watch a great university like this go into decline."

Chancellor John V. Lombardi, also a Latin American scholar, praised Wiarda as "a nationally distinguished Latin American scholar with a superb track record of accomplishment, publication, and leadership in his field."

"That the University of Georgia would seek his leadership as a distinguished political scientist, also has a political scientist, also has accepted a position at Georgia. Wiarda also is a Latin American scholar, is that from time to time other institutions will try to raid us. We make every effort to counter such raids. We succeed with most, but on occasion the other institution has a program or an opportunity that is too attractive for our colleagues to pass up."

M.J. Peterson, who chairs the Political Science Department, praised Wiarda as "a very distinguished researcher and teacher and a mainstay of our graduate program."

"We're going to miss him and we wish him well," Peterson added.

Wiarda leaving for post at Georgia

Daniel J. Fitzgibbons

Chancellor’s Office issues FY03 closing dates

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Controller’s Office issues FY03 closing dates

To ensure that financial transactions, including encumbrances and payments, are charged to the appropriate fiscal year, please note the following due dates. The dates referenced below allow for sufficient lead time for campus administrative departments to complete their year end tasks.

**Closing Dates for FY 2003**

**Non-appropriated funds transactions**

Requests for bids with the Temporary Vendor ID: Must be entered in the on-line system and approved by the requesting department by May 23. The Purchase Order must be approved in the on-line system by the requesting department by May 23. The PO must have a valid budget check in the system by June 9.

All other purchase orders that require special approval and/or Procurement/Controller’s approval: Must be approved in the on-line system by the requesting department by June 9. The POs must have a valid budget check in the system by June 9.

Purchase orders that require departmental approval only (totals under $1,000 for incidental purchases, not charged to a special account): Must be approved in the on-line system by the requesting department by June 9. The POs must have a valid budget check in the system by June 9.

W-9 forms for the establishment of vendor codes: The W-9 form must be received in the Controller’s Office by June 2. If the vendor code will be used for a complex Purchase Order, the W-9 form must be received in the Controller’s Office by May 19.

Electronic receipts: Must be entered in the on-line system by June 9.

Invoices against FY2003 encumbrances: Must be in to Accounts Payable by June 9.

Travel disbursement vouchers: Must be received in the Controller’s Office by June 9.

Journal entries: Paper and electronic submissions of FY03 journal entries must be received in the Controller’s Office by June 26.

Procurement reallocations: FY03 Procure Transactions must be reallocated by July 10.

**Opening Dates for FY2004**

**Non-appropriated fund encumbrances**

Purchase orders for FY2004 encumbrances: May be entered in the system as of date based on fund type. See ‘Future Year POs’ online (www.umass.edu/fsystems/emcapc).

**PO Re-Order - 2nd Notice**

In order for outstanding commitments on FY03 POs to roll into FY04, the FY03 POs must be in an approved or dispatched status with a valid budget check. There must be sufficient funds in your FY04 budget to accommodate the rolled balance on your FY03 POs, or the PO will fail budget checking in FY04. Procurement/Controller’s staff will work with departments to insure that all qualified purchase orders roll string FY04. All electronic receipts on POs with the 3-way match rule must have corresponding vouchers.

**House passes UM system appropriation by $79.8m**

The debate now shifts to the Senate, where the Ways and Means Committee is expected to outline its budget proposal next week. Formal debates are expected to start early next month. Legislature leaders are pressuring to complete a final budget and send it to the governor by mid-June.
Students’ idea spawns Shakespeare festival

Sarah R. Buchholz  
CHRONICLE STAFF

What began as a small idea between two undergraduates last late semester grew into a full-blowen Shakespeare Festival at the Renaissance Center on a warm spring day with a cast of 70 plus dozens of crew members.

The festival staged scenes from seven of the Bard’s plays May 4 and offered four sonnet readings, music, and costumeentertainment who roamed the grounds, juggling, conversing with visitors and even fighting. Several faculty participated, including assistant professor of Theater Dominica Borg, who played Queen Elizabeth I around the grounds, theater chair Harley Erdman, who played the Bard himself, and interim Provost Charlena Seymour, who played Margaret in a segment of “Much Ado about Nothing.” Arthur Kinney, director of the Renaissance Center, roamed the festival in costume and Denise Wagner, typist II in Theater, played the nurse in a scene from “Romeo and Juliet.”

Students dressed as “serving wenches” sold food and drink. “It came from two amazing undergraduates,” Erdman said. “I was really thrilled to see that kind of initiative. They thought big, and they went big — a lot of scenes, people, costumes. They raised the money and pulled it off.”

Sophomore Midori Harris and junior Shannon Stillings had taken courses in Shakespeare taught by Borg and Kinney in the fall. Near the end of the semester, they had the idea of creating an outdoor Shakespeare festival of scenes from the plays. Within a short while, Kinney had offered the Renaissance Center as a site for the production. The center would like to renovate its barn for such events, Erdman said, so it was a natural site for the festival.

Harris and Stillings applied for grants, researched the people they wished to represent and rounded up volunteers and musicians. They received funding from the Student Affairs Cultural Enrichment Fund, the Alumni Association, the Center for the Arts Council and Theater.

“The whole department was involved,” Erdman said, ”half of each faculty staff and most student support.” All six of the directors were Theater students, and five of them were undergraduates, he said. “Everyone worked really hard,” Stillings said. “Costumes, makeup, sets. We’re so happy.”

“What really impressed me was that they had their act together with research,” Erdman said. “They gave me information about Shakespeare’s family,” roles he probably played in his own plays, and his theater way in advance, and they gave me a website with more information.”

The festival was also the subject of an interview published in Disability Digest. It has also been invited to speak at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Los Angeles and to speak at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Top advisor

Kappa Tau Alpha, the national journalism honor society, has named Journalism professor Karen List this year’s Outstanding KTA Advisor. List was invited to speak at the first joint meeting of the group and the Musical Theater Society of New York State on April 26-27 at Yale University.

Leading roles

Ethan Kast, professor of Legal Studies and director of the Center for Information Technology and Dispute Resolution, has been selected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. ... Professor Guy Lanza, director of the Environmental Sciences Program, has been named editor for the international electronic journal “Ethics in Science and Environmental Politics.”

In print

Communication professor Marty Norden published an article in the April issue of Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine on the movie representation of disabled veterans. He was also the subject of an interview published in Disability Arts in London Magazine last month in conjunction with his invited lecture on “Hollywood and Disability” at the London Disability Arts Forum on April 21.

Conference calls

Graduate deans representing universities and colleges from Washington, D.C. to Maine participated in the 28th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools held April 24-26 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. Interim Provost Charlena Seymour, NAGS 2003 president, welcomed the group; and Chancellor John V. Lombardi delivered the keynote address. In attendance was Jane Baran, associate graduate dean; Nigar Khan, assistant graduate dean; and Lori Barnas of the Graduate School Office. ... Professor Douglas Patai of Chemistry and Portuguese participated last week in a conference at Wellesley College marking the centennial of the birth of George Orwell. Patai, whose book “The Orwell Mystique” was published in 1994, was quoted in a Sunday Boston Globe article (May 11) about the symposium.

Marketing classes pitch Honda to students

Sarah R. Buchholz  
CHRONICLE STAFF

Students in two Marketing classes formed an ad agency this semester to market a car to UConn students. The course, taught by associate professor of Marketing Kathleen Debevec Witzt, has 29 enrollees who were given $2,500 by the Honda Element College Program, an award of $5,000. Students from the top two schools were competing, Auperin said. The winning school will receive the Honda Element Scholastic Achievement Award along with $5,000. Students from the top two schools will be flown to Torrance, Calif., to make a presentation to Honda executives.

The efforts of Debevec Witzt’s class were being judged as part of a national competition. Students who received similar funding at 28 other schools, including UConn, were also competing, Auperin said. The winning school will receive the Honda Element Scholastic Achievement Award along with $5,000. Students from the top two schools will be flown to Torrance, Calif., to make a presentation to Honda executives.

“College students are often in a Catch-22 when entering the job market because at their lack of work experience,” Auperin said. “The Honda program bridges the gap between industry and education, offering students a solution to a common roadblock in today’s competitive job market.”

Public speaking

Stella Volpe, associate professor in Nutrition, presented several talks this week. She was invited to speak at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Los Angeles and to speak at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Los Angeles.

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Sarah Hocholz photos

Queen Elizabeth I, played by assistant professor of Theater Dominica Borg, lists to plays a William Shakespeare, portrayed by Harley Erdman, chair of the Theater Department. At right, junior Mike Dwan as Othello makes his point felt to Timothy McDermott as Iago during a staging of scene from “Othello” during a May 4 Shakespeare Festival at the Renaissance Center.
Hess joins Five Colleges as treasurer/business manager

Marie Hess, deputy director of the Fine Arts Center, has been hired by Five Colleges, Inc. as its new treasurer/business manager following a national search. She succeeds Jean Stabell, who served in this position from 1987 to 1998 and had come out of retirement two years ago to re-sume her former post on a tempo-rary basis.

"Working for a consortium is a demanding job, requiring not only, in this case, a command of financial matters, but also a real grasp of, and sensitiv-ity to, all the human complexities involved in fostering and sustain-ing cooperation," said Five Col-lege executive director Lorna M. Peterson. "Jean Stabell has set a high standard for us all. This was a one-in-a-million search for a re-placement. In Marie Hess, I be-lieve, we have found the ideal person to fill this post. Her unique combination of skill and talent will bring a great deal to this fine staff and we look for-ward to welcoming her in July."

Hess brings to the position more than 25 years of profes-sional experience in financial manage-ment and fund account-ing. As deputy director of the FAC, she manages the day-to-day operations, including bud-gets, personnel, and administr-a-tion.

She joined the staff of the FAC in 1983, rising in the ranks from business manager to associate di-rector before being named deputy director/administration and finance. While on staff, in 1994 she earned an MBA in Ac-counting from the School of Management and was named a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a national honor so-ci-ety for students in business and management. In 2000, she was recognized with a Chancellor’s Citation for outstanding ser-vice to the campus.

For the past five years she has also worked in a voluntary capac-ity for the UMass Five College Federal Credit Union, where she has served on several key com-mittees and is currently chairing its board of directors.

Hess holds a B.A. in soci-ology with honors from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania and completed graduate course-work in sociology at McGill Uni-ver-sity in Montreal.

At Five Colleges, Hess will be responsible for all aspects of the consortium's budget, including fiscal management and budget planning, and will serve as the human resources officer for Five College staff. As a member of the Five College executive director's senior staff, Hess also will meet with and facilitate several admin-istrative committees, including the directors of physical plants and campus security. Along with the executive director, the trea-surer/business manager meets monthly with the principal busi-ness officers of the member insti-tutions to review cooperation in various areas of administration as well as aspects of the manage-ment of the consortium.

Hess will assume her new du-ties on July 28.

Food Science holds research alliance meeting

Five faculty from three depart-ments presented their research at the Food Science Department’s 6th annual Strategic Research Al-liance on April 30 and May 1. About 35 scientists represent-ing 22 member companies at-tended the session, which in-cluded meetings with individual faculty, poster presentations in the Chem-Lab Laboratory and a din-ner and reception.

Sponsored by the Provost’s Of-fice, the Center For Teaching, and the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, the event is open to all in-terested tenured-track faculty who wish to learn more about the tenure decision process. Speakers will include Charlotta M. Seymour, interim se-ior vice chancellor for Academ-ic Affairs and provost; Cleve Willis, dean of the College of Natural Re-sources and the Environment; and Anne Herrington, chair of the En-glish Department. The speakers will discuss, in detail, their roles and considerations during the tenure decision year.

In addition, Elizabeth Walker of the Biology Department will dis-cuss her experiences as a recently tenured faculty member in devel-oping a tenure file.

Pre-registration is required. Contact the center at 5-1225 or by e-mail (cfteach@acad.umass.edu) or register online (www.umass.edu/cf/events/htm).

Professor Herb Hultin of the Food Science Marine Station in Gloucester spoke on “A Process for Limiting Oxida-tion of Mem-brane Lipids” and associate pro-fessor Kalidas Shetty discussed “Phytochemicals and Health.” Associate professor Julian McClements also presented a pa-per on “Utilization of Interfacial Engineering to Improve Food Emulsions.”

Professor Patty Freedson of Exercise Science and professor Julie Caswell of Resource Eco-nomics also were invited to ad-dress the meeting. Freedson gave a paper on “Physical Activity and Health in the 21st Century” and Caswell presented a lecture on “An Economist’s View of Risk Assessment.”

A Food Science Advisory Board meeting also was held April 30. Cleve Willis, dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment, attended.

Teaching grants awarded to faculty

Eleven proposals have been awarded Faculty Grants for Teaching, according to the Center For Teaching and the Provost’s Office. The grants program pro-vides individual awards up to $5,100 to encourage new and im-proved approaches to under-graduate instruction.

This year’s grant recipients in-clude:

Mike Braun, Exercise Science, for “Original Research to En-hance Student Learning”

Olive Brock, Computer Sci-ence, for “Mobil Robots in the Classroom as an Incentive for In-terdisciplinary Studies in Com-puter Science and Engineering”

Elizabeth Chilton, Anthropol-ogy, for “WebCT Enhancement of Anthropology 101”

Leda Cooks, Communication, for “Re-visioning Courses with PowerPoint”

John Gerber, Plant and Soil Sciences, for “Promoting Cross-course Learning”

Elizabeth Jakob, Psychology, for “Technology and Long-term Learning in a General Education Course”

Elizabeth Keitel and Rex Wallace, Classics, for “Digitalizing Images for Classics 335”

Linda LaDuc and Holly Lawrence, Business Communica-tion Program, for “Designing a Pedagogically Sound Online Pro- cess Writing Course”

Marc Castaheda Paredes, Com-munication, for “Cooperative Learning Methods in Media His-tory and Communications Policy”

Nola Stephen, Allan Feldman, Clement Seldin, and Claren Kettler, Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, for “Teaching and Learning as Performance Art: Exploring Educational Principles through Film”

Stella Volpe, Nutrition, for “En-hancing Learning of Medical Ter-minology by Use of OLW, in an Upper Level Nutrition Class”

OTUNIX changes planned

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) is migrating its OTUNIX service to new serv-ers. Beginning June 2, Secure Shell (SSH) will be replacing telnet as the way to access OTUNIX.

Much like telnet, SSH allows users to login to a remote com-puter over a network and execute commands such as set up a per-sonal Web site or use Pine. The major difference is that SSH en-crypts all of the data, including passwords, which pass between a computer and a remote host.

This makes personal account information and any other infor-mation passed over the network less susceptible to hackers.

To use SSH, users need SSH2-compliant client software. Client software for Windows and Mac-intosh operating systems are available for download (www.oit.umass.edu/download/). Users must be connected to the Internet using the campus Ethernet or UMass dial-up to download from this site.

More information about the OTUNIX migration is available at the OIT website (www.oit. umass.edu/unix_migration.html).

Faculty Writing Retreat slated

The annual Faculty Writing Retreat, sponsored by the Center For Teaching and the Writing Program, will be held Thursday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lord Jeffery Inn in Amherst. The event is open to faculty members to spend a quiet, con-templative day focused on their individual writing projects, and to participate in a range of self-paced activities designed to help jumpstart new projects and revisit existing ones productively.

Peter Elbow, professor emer-i-tus of English, will speak briefly about the process of writing and provide suggestions for sharing and responding to colleagues’ drafts.

Morning coffee and lunch will be provided, as well space for quiet work and discussion with colleagues.

Space is limited, so register be-fore May 28 by contacting the Center For Teaching at 5-1225 or by e-mail (cfteach@acad.umass.edu). Online registration and ad-ditional information are also avail-able (www.umass.edu/cf/events/htm).
Lacrosse faces No. 3 Maryland in NCAA quarterfinal match

The fifth-ranked men’s lacrosse team will take on No. 3 Maryland in the NCAA quarterfinals on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. The game will be broadcast on WSYR radio (91.1 FM). The game will also be televised by NESN, Fox Sports New York, Empire State Network and Comcast/SportsNet in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area.

The Minutemen (13-2) advanced to the quarterfinals with a 9-6 victory over Hofstra last Sunday at Garber Field. The Terrapins (11-3) defeated Ohio State, 8-5, in their first-round game in College Park, Md. The two teams have met only once before in their respective histories, with Maryland claiming a 15-10 victory in Annapolis in 1983. The game will feature a contrast of styles, as UMBC ranks third in the country in scoring defense, while the Terrapins are third in scoring offense. The Minutemen have been held under 10 goals only twice this season, while Maryland has allowed only one team (North Carolina) to reach double-figures.

The winner will advance to next weekend’s semifinal games on May 24

Softball opens play at NCAA regions in Alabama

Fresh off a ninth-straight Atlantic 10 championship, the softball team opens play this week in the NCAA regional tournament. The Minutewomen defeated UMass (36-13) was scheduled to play Southern Illinois (35-28) in the first round on Thursday afternoon.

Joining the Minutewomen and Southern Illinois in the competition will be host-school Alabama (45-19), Georgia Tech (36-23), Southern University (19-10), Stanford (20-4) and University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The Minutewomen travel this weekend to Princeton, N.J. for the IC4A championships, before in their respective histories, with Maryland claiming a 15-10 victory in Annapolis in 1983. The game will feature a contrast of styles, as UMBC ranks third in the country in scoring defense, while the Terrapins are third in scoring offense. The Minutemen have been held under 10 goals only twice this season, while Maryland has allowed only one team (North Carolina) to reach double-figures.

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Women’s track finishes 8th at New England

The women’s outdoor track and field team finished eighth (47 points) at the New England Outdoor Championships held last Saturday in Durham, N.H. Massachusetts scored the only run of the game at the 13:57 mark before Cornell scored its second run to take a 10-2 lead with 23-20 remaining in the game.

Sophomore Maura McGarrity recorded a goal for UMBC at the 13-20 mark before the Big Red added two more goals.

Trailing 13-5 with 11:37 left to play, the Minutewomen were able to rally in the closing minutes of the game. Senior Jada Emery scored back-to-back goals to cut the deficit to 13-7 before Cornell scored its first goal to go up 14-7. Sophomore Beth Rogers recorded the last goal of the game for UMBC, making the final score 14-8.

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Memorial service for Helen R. Vaznian

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

Retirement fête for Paul Appleby

A reception and dinner will be held for Paul Appleby, the Americans with Disabilities compliance officer in the Equal Opportunity and Diversity office, on Wednesday, June 11, at the Old Hadleigh Grille, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Appleby has served on campus for 32 years.

The cost is $30, which includes a contribution for a gift. Dinner choices are raspberry chicken, prime rib or salmon. RSVP by May 28 with menu selection and payment to Jamie Cinino, 5-3465. Checks payable to Ann Carr should be sent to EOD&D, 243 Lederle Graduate Research Center lowrise.

Commencement Ball

Tickets on sale

The annual Commencement Ball, sponsored by the Student Alumni Relations Society (STARS) and the Alumni Association, will be held 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 carousel ride around the Campus Pond and celebrate their success with friends one more time before Commencement.

Tickets are $40 each and may be purchased online (www.UMassAlumni.com/seniors) or by calling Alumni Relations at 5-2317. Tickets also can be obtained at cap and gown pickup at the Textbook Annex during the week of May 19-23.

Hockey team hosts golf tournament

The men’s hockey team and the Pond Club will host its third annual Pond Club Golf Tournament on Friday, June 13 at Putterham Meadows Golf Course in Braintree.

The entry fee is $100, which includes green fees, box lunch, cart, dinner and gifts. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and play starts at 1 p.m. Prizes and dinner follow at 5:30 with a raffle at 6.

Hole sponsorships, which include dinner and the sponsor’s name on a designated hole, are available for $150. The registration deadline is May 30.

Directions to the course are available online (www.umassgolf.com/tournament.html). For information, contact Tiger Holland (AHHolland@epicor.com).

Business and life sciences are focus of conference

The first “Business Opportunities in the Life Sciences: from Shop Door to Shop Floor” conference will be held June 12 at the Springfield Sheraton.

Organized by the Regional Technology Alliance, the event will bring together medical device and lab automation companies with prospective suppliers from the precision machining, automation, information technology services and robotics industries. The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and will be followed by a product exhibition and reception.

Bob Rosenthal, chief executive officer of Boston Life Sciences, and Jeff Mooney, program director, Corning Advanced Life Sciences, will be the keynote speakers.

The conference is sponsored by UMass Amherst, the National Science Foundation, the Israel-USA Foundation, and Tizani Whithnyre, Inc.

Registration information is available online (www.regionaltechnologyalliance.com/conference/registration/index.htm).

Turf Research Field Day

The UMass Turf Extension Program will host its annual Turf Research Field Day on Wednesday, June 18 at the Turf Research Facility on River Road in South Deerfield.

Industry professionals can meet with the UMass turf team, learn about current research and network with colleagues. There also will 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 golfer exposure, 2002-03 snow mold trials, NTEP tall fescue variety trials, hyperodas weevils, refining what we know about crabgrass management, tracking issues with glyphosate: potential for contamination to off-target areas. Fescicide re-certification contact hours have been requested for all six New England states.

Pre-register by June 13 or at the event. Information is available online (www.umass turf.org) or by contacting Mary Owen at (508) 928-0382 or by e-mail (mowen@umext.umass.edu).

TIAA-CREF offers financial counseling

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

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

Looking for a ride home

Gail Gunn, a blind staff member at University Advancement Information Services, and her guide dog Jingo, are looking for a daily ride home to Sunderland. Gunn has carpooled to UMass for the past 13 years. Gunn wrote the driver can no longer give her a ride in the evening. “I am hoping to find someone who can help,” says Gunn. “I need to try to find arrangements for a ride before May 27.”

Gunn lives on route 47 in Sunderland, 2 miles north of center. For information, contact Gunn at 5-5476 or e-mail (gail@admin.umass.edu).

Training and Development lists upcoming workshops

Training and Development is offering several workshops in June.

Three sessions are being offered as part of the Developing Effective Teams in the Workplace Certificate Series, facilitated by Margaret Arsenault and Richard Ford.

“What Makes a Team” (EW219), Wednesday, June 4, 9 a.m.-noon.

“Developing Team Skills” (EW220), Wednesday, June 11, 9 a.m.-noon.

“What to Do When Things Go Wrong” (EW221), Wednesday, June 18, 9 a.m.-noon.

Also being offered are:

“PMP: Performance Review and Development” (PM207), Tuesday, June 10, 9 a.m.-noon.

“Cultural Tourism” (PE214), Friday, June 13, noon-1 p.m.

Register online (www.umass.edu/id) or by calling 5-5428.

Travel authorization and MMARS payment voucher forms revised

In an effort to eliminate expensive, multi-part forms and to use the World Wide Web as a form distribution vehicle, the Controller’s Office has revised the Travel Authorization form and created a web-based MMARS Payment Voucher form. The new forms are located on the Controller’s Office website (www.umass.edu/aco/empacfinforms.htm).

The Travel Authorization form is generally used only for obtaining travel advances for graduate students who are unable to use the corporate card and those employees that travel only once or twice a year. The Controller’s Office asks that departments return the old forms and replace the new form off the website.

The MMARS Payment Voucher form is used to process payments for state funded expenditures such as the state maintenance appropriation, Honors College appropriation or the Library appropriation.
Community and diversity initiatives receive funding

Ten proposals have received funding through the RFP Small Grants Program administered by the Chancellor’s Council on Community, Diversity and Social Justice. Community members are encouraged to contact sponsors to learn more about the specific project. Information on the grants program is available online (www.umass.edu/funding/). The projects and their sponsors are:

- "Expanding Voices Against Violence: A campus program which currently encourages bystander intervention in sexual violence to include racial, homophobic, religious and other hate-based violence. The expansion involves creating new workshops and a poster series for the campus and PVTX buses; Tom Schiff, Health Education.
- "Community Dialogue on Sustainability," a broadly co-sponsored program organized by undergraduate students at creating a community dialogue about the personal and collective meaning of the concept of sustainability; John Gerber, Plant and Soil Sciences.
- "Meals on Wheels," a collaboration between students at Hillel and the Newman Center to deliver bi-monthly Sunday lunch to disabled residents and low-income senior citizens in Amherst; Jillian March and Meagan Swanson, Hillel House.
- "Increasing Diversity in Sport Management," a project involving Sport Management, the Isenberg School of Management and the Massachusetts Athletic Directors Association, aimed at addressing the under-representation of women and people of color in the sports management profession by providing scholarships to a summer program in Careers in Accounting and Management Professions (CAMP); Stephen Jeffers, Sport Management.
- "Developing Leadership and Embracing Diversity," a program on leadership and diversity for Athletics staff, students and faculty which draws on resources from the Isenberg School of Management, Training and Development, Health Education.

Editor discusses survey of CIOs

Allan Alter, an executive editor of CIO Insight Magazine, will examine “Technology Leadership Today” at a Strategic Information Technology Center (SITEC) workshop on Tuesday, May 27, 3:30-5 p.m. in 112 Isenberg School of Management.

In his presentation, Alter will share his magazine’s findings from its annual survey of 388 chief information officers (CIOs) in the wake of the Y2K and dot-com crash. The survey examines CIO priorities, reporting relationships, longevity, strengths and weaknesses, and personality types of today’s most senior information technology executives. Alter also will provide insights into how the recession has affected CIOs’ priorities.

Alter has been a specialist on information strategy, management and leadership for many years; most recently as editor-in-chief of the MIT Sloan Management Review. As a columnist and department editor at Computerworld, he won three awards from the American Society of Business Press Editors. Prior to that, Alter was on the staff of CIO Magazine and edited two books.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Prior register by e-mail (akelly@som.umass.edu).

Sedimental journey

Geosciences professor Julie Brigham-Grette (above) arranges a new display case in Morrill Science showing the results of early diagenesis in young sediments — the cements that hold sediments together to make rock eventually. All of the lithified sediments and concretions in the showcase are in the range of 12,000 to 13,000 years old and related to sedimentation in Glacial Lake Hitchcock that filled the Connecticut valley up into northern Vermont. The “rock” at right is coarse sand from a delta built into the lake that has since been cemented by iron-rich calcite under the right groundwater and pH conditions. The rock Brigham-Grette is holding is a granite boulder with a trickling rain spring caused by chemical weathering of minerals interacting with acidic groundwater over the last 10,000 to 11,000 years.

Some of the unusual sand and gravel specimens were donated to the department by Fred Gunderson of Fred Gunderson Trucking Co., a sand and gravel outfit in Vermont. Gunderson found the boulder in the top photo when digging a post hole in his yard. When he threw the rock away, it split perfectly in half, revealing a rare example of an intact thick weathering rind.

The display is located just to the left of the door to 258 Morrill IV-South.

Local authors honored by English Department

Author Jeaninne Atkins and David Bollier, journalist and public interest advocate, received awards at the English Department’s Awards Night on May 13.

Atkins, an alumna of the department, received the Distinguished Graduate Award in recognition of her accomplishments as an author of books for young children and youth. Her books include "A Name on the Quilt: A Story of Remembrance," a Bank Street College Best Book of 1999, "Becoming Little Women: Louisa May at Fruitlands," and most recently, "Wings and Rockets: The Story of Women in Air and Space."

Bollier was honored with the Writing and Society Award, recognizing his use of writing to further awareness of issues that impinge on democratic culture. A senior fellow at the University of Southern California’s Annenberg Center for Communication, Bollier’s books include “Silent Theft: The Plunder of our Common Wealth,” an argument for reclaiming the American commons, and “Artists, Technology and the Ownership of Content,” examining issues of intellectual rights and digital technologies.

In addition, undergraduate and graduate students received scholarships and awards recognizing distinguished academic work and prize-winning literary essays, poetry and fiction. Professor Charles Moran, who is retiring after 36 years on the faculty, also was honored.

Library hours

Extended hours are in effect at the Du Bois Library during finals. From May 16-22, the library will be open 7 a.m.-2 a.m. on May 21, 5 a.m.-5 p.m. on May 22. The building will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with circulation services only.

The UMass Police Department’s 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.