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News Briefs

Romney files bills to reorganize higher ed

Just days after the House blocked a legislative amendment 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 constitutional measures 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UMass Boston dorm plan withdrawn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 dormitory 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.

Lombardi sketches budget strategy

Sarah R. Buchholz
CHRONICLE STAFF

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. Lombardi indicated that, in light of the proposed budget from the House of Representatives and other deliberations by lawmakers, the campus necessarily will become smaller in a painful, yet orderly, process, parts of which will take more than a year, particularly where they involve cutting academic programs.

The order in the process involves three categories of University expenses Lombardi will move through sequentially, cutting where he can in Category I, "items that do not serve directly the teaching or research interest of the institution," before moving to Category II, "programs and activities and things that in one way or another do touch on the teaching and research mission." The second category is much larger than the first, he said, and includes administra-

tion 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 trigger these formal processes and move in precise lockstep with what those processes require of us because then we are in very, very serious territory.

"Now, when I say 'serious territory,' it's important to recognize that even before we get there, we will have done some pretty serious and unhappy things to some very important people in our university. We will have had to eliminate programs, which, while

they're not the teaching and research programs of the University, nonetheless serve very significant constituencies of ours and probably many of them, if not almost all of them, serve those constituencies at the highest possible level of quality."

The webpage on the fiscal situation (www.umass.edu/budget) contains Lombardi's five-page memo "Anticipating the Campus Response to FY04 Budgets," as well as four tables of information, including the current capital plan; the general operations budget plan for the current year and coming three years; the general operations base budget for the current year and previous three years; and a summary of the last three years of reductions.

"The purpose of trying to do this in such an elaborate and formal way is to make sure we're all on the same page," he said. "And when we get new information that is reliable and valid that we can put up, we will put it up and distribute it to everybody."

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House cuts University by 18%

Daniel J. Fitzgibbons
CHRONICLE STAFF

The University system made no gains last week as 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 proposed 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 William M. Bulger's office, but approved the transfer of \$1 million in state funds for the office to a scholarship fund for low income and disadvantaged UMass students. In a related move, a legislative 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 SEE BUDGET, PAGE 3



Stan Sherer photo

Engineers unplugged

Senior Computer Systems Engineering majors (clockwise 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 Day held May 9 at the Guinness Student Center in Marcus Hall. Winters is using an Ipaq (personal digital assistant) to receive data from the computer.

Minuteman prevails as Athletics logo

Sarah R. Buchholz
CHRONICLE STAFF

"The Minuteman triumphs," Athletics director Ian McCaw announced at a press conference late Wednesday afternoon. "The alumni and friends of the University have spoken."

McCaw's announcement effectively ended more than a week of controversy over the fate of the 30-year-old logo, which was being considered for retirement in favor of a wolf by Athletics and Phoenix Design Works, a New York consulting firm hired to help

the department update its look.

"What I was most impressed with was the volume of interest in this issue," he said. (For a taste of the commentary, see Letters to the Chronicle, page 2.)

The Minuteman will have a new look, though, which will be unveiled in a few weeks, along with the remainder of the identity package, including fonts and colors.

Although McCaw was quick to put the logo issue to rest, he wouldn't reveal other information about the identity makeover, other than to say the new Min-

uteman "will be more broadly representative."

"This decision is in the best interests of the University and our department and will provide us with the opportunity to maintain our tradition, while affording us longevity and marketability with a new logo identity program," he said.

Asked how much changing team uniforms to comply with the new identity program will cost, McCaw said each team's uniform purchasing and needs are different so he won't know until the process is underway.

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 orchard 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 vis-

ible 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 not insubstantial 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 only two for women. Today, some 52 percent of our student-athletes are female and we provide 12 intercollegiate programs for women and 10 for men.

With the landscape of our athletic program changing considerably over the past 30 years and in an effort to generate 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, senior 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 its 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!

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 2003

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 "cactuses" is the correct plural.



Stan Sherer photo

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 upwards of about \$400,000 a year," and "Now they're about \$100,000 a year."

The early '90s was the last time UMass had a winning team in a program with national appeal (basketball). A number one basketball team tends to sell merchandise regardless of what's on it. Not surprisingly, losing programs sell no merchandise regardless of what's on it.

BILL COLMAN
Class of '90
Chicago, Illinois

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

of the white, male Minuteman with a (gasp!) firearm, to something else.

It is inappropriate to do away with a "traditional" symbol of an American Minuteman and to replace it with an animal.

JOHN GARNER
Terre Haute, Indiana

Middle ground

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

DAVID LENSON
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Wrong pack

Gray Wolves? Sounds like a bunch of aging lotharios.

GEORGE WADE
professor,
Psychology Department

Letters policy

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Lombardi warns of 'dramatic reduction'

CHANCELLOR
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"And I am eager to receive the words of wisdom of all of you and your friends, neighbors and relatives directly to me and about these issues ... if you think there's a refinement or addition or focus that we need to pay special attention to. I'm not in any sense possessed of some simple formula to resolve this."

Lombardi noted that combined with the cuts of the last two fiscal years, if the House budget numbers stand, the University will have been asked to reduce its operating budget by nearly 30 percent over that time.

"This is not easy to do, especially in institutions like ours that are seriously challenged on our fiscal base, who have a tre-

mendous amount of deferred maintenance, who have major capital issues to address, and who are not large," he said.

Lombardi said the cuts required would depend on the final budget and that he was loathe to decide and announce cuts that might, in the end, not have to be made; however, he also indicated that some cuts certainly would be in order and that the proximity of the start of the coming fiscal year requires the administration to begin moving forward with planning.

Toward that end, he has formed groups representing different constituencies of the campus to discuss the budget-cutting process. Committees of alumni, the UMass Amherst Foundation, undergraduates,

graduate students, faculty and staff have been formed and can offer feedback and ask questions, as well as receive information.

"These advisory committees are not to replace or supplant any existing governance or administrative structure," he said. "Their purpose is to reach into constituencies of the institution so that we can speak directly to those constituencies who may not be captured in the normal, formal process of consultation and administration that goes on in the University."

Lombardi said he expected the Senate budget to be finished the second week of June and that the campus could then move forward with final decision-making.

Wiarda leaving for post at Georgia

Daniel J. Fitzgibbons
CHRONICLE STAFF

Political Science professor Howard J. Wiarda, a highly regarded scholar of foreign policy and Latin America politics, is leaving the faculty after 38 years to head a new department of international affairs at the University of Georgia.

Wiarda, who will depart at the end of the semester, also will serve as the Dean Rusk Professor of International Affairs at the 31,000-student campus in Athens, Ga.

"Georgia made a stupendous offer that would be hard for anyone to turn down," said Wiarda.

Along with the Rusk Professorship, Wiarda said Georgia is committed to adding two new faculty positions and two teaching assistantships each year over the next five years to the department of international affairs. Wiarda's spouse, Iêda Siqueira Wiarda, also a political scientist, also has accepted a position at Georgia.

"The University made a concerted effort to match the Georgia offer," said Wiarda, "but in the end it could not do so. I'm sad to be leaving. On the other hand, the chance to build and grow a new and vigorous department is a great opportunity."

The author or editor of more than 60 books, anthologies and monographs, Wiarda also has written more than 300 scholarly articles, papers and book chapters. In 1998, he was appointed the Leonard J. Horwitz Professor of Iberian and Latin American Studies, the first endowed chair in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Wiarda played a lead role in securing the funds for the professorship.

On campus, Wiarda directed the Latin American Studies Program and chaired the Foreign and International Studies Council.

During his career, Wiarda worked at the Department of State and Department of Defense and has been associated with a number of think tanks, including



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 Americanist scholar with a superb track record of accomplishment, publication, and leadership in his field."

"That the University of Georgia would seek his leadership as they launch a major effort to create a strong Latin American program is entirely understandable," said Lombardi. "The consequence of having superior faculty is that from time to time other institutions will try to raid us. We make every effort to counter such raids on our distinguished faculty, and we succeed with most, but on occasion the other institution has a program or an opportunity that is too attractive for our colleague to pass up."

M.J. Peterson, who chairs the Political Science Department, also 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.

House slashes UMass system appropriation by \$79.8m

BUDGET
FROM PAGE 1

Liberal Arts and the Massachusetts College of Art to retain tuition from out-of-state students.

The House budget includes an early retirement incentive plan for state employees. The measure would allow up to 5,000 workers to add up to five years to their

age or years of service to qualify for higher retirement benefits.

The plan allows for up to 20 percent of vacated positions to be refilled. The exit dates in the measure are Aug. 29 for most state workers and Dec. 31 for higher education employees.

House members rejected a Ways and Means Committee pro-

posal to create a sliding scale system for state employees health insurance premiums. Instead, lawmakers voted to increase the share paid by state employees from 15 percent to 20 percent. Workers hired after next Jan. 1 will pay 25 percent and active employees who retire will pay 15 percent under the plan.

The debate now shifts to the Senate, where the Ways and Means Committee is expected to outline its budget proposal next week. Formal debate is expected to start early next month. Legislative leaders are pressing to complete a final budget and send it to the governor by mid-June.

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 FY2003 PO/AP 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. Resulting PO(s) must have a valid budget check in the system by the PO release date to the vendor, but no later than June 9.

Complex purchase orders/change orders that require attachments/written documentation and/or legal review: The attachment/written documentation must be received in the Procurement 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.

Procard reallocations: FY03 Procard Transactions must be reallocated by July 10.

OPENING DATES FOR FY2004 PO/AP NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS 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/af/systems/empac/)

PO ROLLOVER - 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 into FY04. All electronic receipts on POs with the 3-way match rule must have corresponding vouchers.



Sarah Buchholz photos

Queen Elizabeth I, played by assistant professor of Theater **Dominica Borg**, listens to plans for an upcoming play by 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 a scene from "Othello" during a May 4 Shakespeare Festival at the Renaissance Center.



Students' idea spawns Shakespeare festival

Sarah R. Buchholz
CHRONICLE STAFF

What began as a small idea between two undergraduates late last semester grew into a full-blown 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 costumed entertainers 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 Arts Council and Theater.

"The whole department was involved," Erdman said, "half our faculty and staff and most of our students. About 80 percent [of the participants] were undergraduates with faculty, staff and graduate 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 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."

Borg, too, praised the students' research.

"I knew a lot about the era because I teach Shakespeare," she said, "but they did a wonderful job of providing us with information."

Erdman said Stillings and Harris and other students would like to make the festival an annual event and that he supports the idea.

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 UMass students. The courses, taught by associate professor of Marketing **Kathleen Debevec Witz**, have 29 enrollees who were given \$2,500 by the Honda Element College Program, an educational and marketing effort by American Honda, to plan and implement a marketing event.

The agency, using Bay State slang, named itself **Wicked Good Marketing** and staged a 6-hour program, "Brave the Elements in your Element," on the lawn south of the Student Union April 24 that was attended by more than 400 people. Students did their own public relations, event organizing, design work and fund raising.

Four Honda Elements, each at a station representing one of the elements — fire, air, earth and water — were on display. Students planned activities at each site, including a basketball shoot through the sun roof at the "air" station, a water balloon toss through the car's windows at the "water" station, and a timed event involving loading camping gear into an Element at the "earth" station. A local band, **Echohead**, played cover tunes and five members of the Skydiving Club jumped from a plane as part of the

attraction.

The interactive stops around the lawn were designed to create awareness of the car's special features, according to **Kelly Auperin**, a junior from East Lyme, Conn., who worked in the public relations arm of **Wicked Good Marketing**. Except for the console, the entire interior of the Element is waterproof, and therefore washable, Auperin said. Having a water balloon toss where people frequently missed the target and doused the car showed off that feature, she said.

The efforts of Debevec Witz's class were being judged as part of a national competition. Students who received similar funding at 28 other schools, including UConn, also 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.

"College students are often in a Catch-22 when entering the job market because of 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."

Grain&Chaff

Public speaking

Stella Volpe, associate professor in Nutrition, presented several talks in the last few weeks. She was invited to speak at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Leeds on "Exercise in the Geriatric Population." She also presented a special seminar on "Weight Loss Supplements" at Castleton State College in Vermont and was one of 10 sports nutritionists from around the country invited to a special summit by the Gatorade Sports Science Institute in Barrington, Illinois. ... Professor **Philip Nasca**, chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, has been invited to present a paper entitled "Cancer registries and their contribution to cancer epidemiology and etiology" at a symposium celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Institute for Epidemiology and Social Medicine at the University of Munster, Germany on May 24. ... Associate professor of Music **Gary S. Karpinski** presented a paper on "Music, Memory, and Musical Memory" on May 5 at the Hartt Theory Forum at the Hartt School in Hartford. Karpinski also completed his term as president of the New England Conference of Music Theorists by presiding over the first joint meeting of the group and the Music Theory Society of New York State on April 26-27 at Yale University.

Top advisor

Kappa Tau Alpha, the national journalism honor society, has named Journalism professor **Karen List** this year's Outstanding KTA Advisor. List will receive the award in August at the meeting of the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Kansas City.

Cover story

Psychology professor **Richard Halgin**'s success at teaching his 500-student "Abnormal Psychology" class was featured on the cover of the May 9 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education. In sidebar to the story featuring tips from professors who teach large classes, Halgin said, "I don't want them to come to class for tests. I want them to come to class by making the class interesting enough." Whatever he's doing is apparently working, according to first-year student **Jason R. Bileau**, who told the Chronicle that he skips many other classes, but never misses Halgin's. "It could easily be boring, but it isn't," he said.



Richard Halgin

Leading roles

Ethan Katsh, professor of Legal Studies and director of the Center for Information Technology and Dispute Resolution, has been elected 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 (NAGS) 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. Also in attendance were **Jane Baran**, associate graduate dean; **Nigar Khan**, assistant graduate dean; and **Lori Baronas** of the Graduate School Office. ... Professor **Daphne Patai** of Spanish and Portuguese participated last week in a conference at Wellesley College marking the centenary 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.

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 resume her former post on a temporary basis.

"Working for a consortium is a demanding job, requiring not only, in this case, a command of finances and management but also a real grasp of, and sensitivity to, all the human complexities involved in fostering and sustaining cooperation, said Five College 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 replacement. In Marie Hess, I believe, 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 forward to welcoming her in July."

Hess brings to the position more than 25 years of professional experience in financial management and fund accounting. As deputy director of the

FAC, she manages the day-to-day operations, including budgets, personnel, and administration.

She joined the staff of the FAC in 1983, rising in the ranks from business manager to associate director before being named deputy director/director of administration and finance. While on staff, in 1994 she earned an MBA in Accounting from the School of Management and was named a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the national scholastic honor society for students in business and management. In 2000, she was recognized with a Chancellor's Citation for outstanding service to the campus.

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

Hess holds a B.A. in sociology with honors from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania and completed graduate coursework in sociology at McGill University 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 administrative committees, including the directors of physical plants and campus security. Along with the executive director, the treasurer/business manager meets monthly with the principal business officers of the member institutions to review cooperation in various areas of administration as well as aspects of the management of the consortium.

Hess will assume her new duties on July 28.



Marie Hess

Food Science holds research alliance meeting

Five faculty from three departments presented their research at the Food Science Department's 6th annual Strategic Research Alliance on April 30 and May 1.

About 35 scientists represent-

ing 22 member companies attended the session, which included meetings with individual faculty, poster presentations in Chenoweth Laboratory and a dinner and reception.

Tenure Preparation Seminar offered

Faculty who currently are preparing or thinking about preparing their files for tenure can learn more about planning ahead, documenting work, and going through the process at a Tenure Preparation Seminar on Wednesday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to noon in 174 Lincoln Campus Center.

Sponsored by the Provost's Office, the Center For Teaching, and the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, the event is open to all interested tenure-track faculty who wish to learn more about the tenure decision year. Speakers will include Charlena M. Seymour, interim senior vice chancellor for Academic

Affairs and provost; Cleve Willis, dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment; and Anne Herrington, chair of the English Department. The speakers will discuss, in detail, their roles and considerations during the tenure decision year.

In addition, Elsbeth Walker of the Biology Department will discuss her experiences as a recently tenured faculty member in developing 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/cft/events/htm).



Stan Sherer photo

Big cheese

Ph.D student Brian Gibney, a member of Microbiology professor Derek Lovley's lab, stands on a stepladder to photograph the entire lab team for the national meetings of the American Society for Microbiology, set for May 19-23 in Washington D.C. All of the grant program sponsors will be present and the Lovley Lab will present its data in poster and lecture format. The photo of the lab members will be used to "pop up" on the screen.

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 provides individual awards up to \$1,500 to encourage new and improved approaches to undergraduate instruction.

This year's grant recipients include:

- Barry Braun, Exercise Science, for "Original Research to Enhance Student Learning"
- Oliver Brock, Computer Science, for "Mobil Robots in the Classroom as an Incentive for Interdisciplinary Studies in Computer Science and Engineering"
- Elizabeth Chilton, Anthropology, for "WebCT Enhancement of Anthropology 102"
- 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 "Digitizing Images for Classics 335"

- Linda LaDuc and Holly Lawrence, Business Communication Program, for "Designing a Pedagogically Sound Online Process Writing Course"

- Mari Castañeda Paredes, Communication, for "Cooperative Learning Methods in Media History and Communications Policy"

- Nola Stephen, Allan Feldman, Clement Seldin, and Clare Kilbane, Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, for "Teaching and Learning as Performance Art: Exploring Educational Principles through Film"

- Stella Volpe, Nutrition, for "Enhancing Learning of Medical Terminology by Use of OWL in an Upper Level Nutrition Class"

OITUNIX changes planned

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

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

This makes personal account

information and any other information passed over the network less susceptible to hackers.

To use SSH, users need SSH2-compliant client software. Client software for Windows and Macintosh 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 OITUNIX 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.-3:30 p.m. at the Lord Jeffery Inn in Amherst.

The event will allow faculty members to spend a quiet, contemplative 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 emeritus 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 will space for quiet work and discussion with colleagues.

Space is limited, so register before May 28 by contacting the Center For Teaching at 5-1225 or by e-mail (cfteach@acad.umass.edu). Online registration and additional information also are available (www.umass.edu/cft/events/htm).



Sports wrap-up

Baseball (24-17; 14-7 A-10)

L vs. St. Joseph's	14-2
W vs. St. Joseph's	6-5
W vs. St. Joseph's	10-2
W vs. Northeastern	8-7
W vs. Siena	3-2

Men's lacrosse (13-2)

W vs. Hofstra	9-6
<i>UMass advances to NCAA quarterfinals</i>	

Women's lacrosse (11-8)

L vs. Cornell	14-8
<i>Cornell wins ECAC championship</i>	

Softball (36-13)

W vs. Temple	1-0
W vs. Temple	2-1
W vs. Fordham	3-1

UMass wins Atlantic 10 championship and advances to NCAA regionals May 15-18

Upcoming schedule

Home games in bold

Friday, May 16

Softball	NCAA Regionals Tuscaloosa, Ala.	TBA
Baseball	Atlantic 10 Norwich, Conn.	4 p.m.
W. track	ECACs Princeton, N.J.	11 a.m.
M. track	IC4As Princeton, N.J.	11 a.m.

Saturday, May 17

Baseball	Atlantic 10 Norwich, Conn.	TBA
W. track	ECACs Princeton, N.J.	11 a.m.
M. track	IC4As Princeton, N.J.	11 a.m.
M. lacrosse	Maryland NCAAs Syracuse, N.Y.	12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 18

W. track	ECACs Princeton, N.J.	10:30 a.m.
M. track	IC4As Princeton, N.J.	10:30 a.m.

Men's track 10th at New Englands

The men's track and field team scored 28.5 points to finish 10th at the New England Championships held last Saturday in Durham, N.H.

Rhode Island won the 38-team meet with 127 points, while Southern Connecticut (105), Northeastern (46), UMass-Lowell (41), Boston University (39), Maine (36), Boston College (32), Bates (31), Williams (31) and UMass rounded out the top 10.

Senior sprinter Kwesi Frimpong-Boateng claimed the 100-meter dash title. Sophomore Andy McCarron finished third in the 10,000-meter run, while the Minutemen received sixth-place efforts from junior John O'Neil in the 400-meter hurdles, senior Ken Scheider in the pole vault and senior Eric Uliano in the shot put.

Sophomore Henry Smith was eighth in the triple jump. Senior Dave Hantman was 10th in the 10,000-meter run.

Select members of the team travel this weekend to Princeton, N.J. for the IC4A Championships.

Lacrosse faces No. 3 Maryland in NCAA quarterfinal match

The fifth-ranked men's lacrosse team will battle 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 WMUA 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 storied histories, with Maryland claiming a 13-4 decision in Amherst in 1983. The game will feature a contrast of styles, as UMass ranks third in the country in scoring offense, while the Terrapins are third in scoring defense. 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 played at Ravens Stadium in Baltimore against the winner of the Georgetown/Virginia quarterfinal game.



Jeff Zywicki

Courtesy of Media Relations

Softball opens play at NCAA regionals in Alabama

Fresh off a ninth-straight Atlantic 10 championship, the softball team opens play this week in the NCAA regional tournament in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The third seed in the eight-team, double-elimination tourney, UMass (36-13) was scheduled to play Southern Illinois

(36-12) 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 (40-24) and University of Tennessee-Chat-

tanooga (35-28). The winner in each of the eight region tournaments nationwide will advance to the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City on May 22-26.

Last Saturday, the Minutewomen captured their 16th Atlantic 10 title with a 1-0 win over Temple (22-20). Senior shortstop Emily Robustelli was named the tournament's most outstanding player. She batted .600 with two doubles, four runs scored, a home run and two RBI in the Minutewomen's three games.

Massachusetts scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the fifth inning. Robustelli led off the frame with a single to right field and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Hilary Puglia. Senior Brandi Cross followed with an RBI single to center scoring Robustelli.

Senior pitcher Kaila Holtz made the run last by shutting out the Owls. She gave up just two hits and one walk while striking out nine. Holtz went 3-0 with a 0.67 ERA in the tournament.

UMass advanced to the final of the conference tourney by defeating Fordham in the opening round and Temple in the second game.

Five Minutewomen were named to the all-tournament team: Robustelli, KJ Kelley, Holtz, Anna Perey and Cross.



Stan Sherer photo

Junior outfielder Aisha Franke slaps an infield hit against Fordham in the opening game of the Atlantic 10 championship on May 8. The Minutewomen defeated the Rams and took two from Temple to capture their ninth straight conference title.

Baseball heads to conference tournament

The baseball team, regular season champions of the Atlantic 10 Conference East Division, is the second seed for the Atlantic 10 championship tournament which opens this week at Dodd Memorial Stadium in Norwich, Conn.

The Minutemen received a first round bye, and will play the winner of the opening round game between sixth-seeded George Washington and third-seeded Rhode Island at 4 p.m. on Friday. The Minutemen closed out the regular season with a record of 24-17 overall and 14-7 in the Atlantic 10. George Washington stands 35-16 overall and 12-9 in the A-10, while

Rhode Island is 25-24 overall and 16-8 in league play.

Other teams taking part in the tournament are top seed Richmond (42-11; 19-4 A-10), fourth seed Duquesne (25-27; 15-9 A-10) and fifth seed Xavier (23-24-2; A-10 13-8).

The final two teams remaining in the double-elimination tournament will advance to next week's Atlantic 10 championship final. The highest remaining seed with host the best two-out-of-three series from May 22-24, with the winner receiving the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Women's track finishes 8th at New Englands

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. Maine won the two-day event with 78.50 points while New Hampshire finished second with 77 points and Boston College was third with 70 points.

Junior Brandy Green led the way for the Minutewomen when she cleared 12 feet,

3½ inches to win the pole vault. The mark set a new meet record as well as a new UMass school record.

Christina Huff recorded two solid finishes for the Minutewomen. She placed third in the 100-meter dash and fourth in the 200-meter dash.

This weekend the Minutewomen travel to Princeton, N.J., for the ECAC Championships.

Women's lax falls to Cornell in ECAC

The women's lacrosse team fell 14-18 to 13-ranked Cornell last Saturday in the ECAC Championship in Ithaca, N.Y. The loss ended the year for UMass with an 11-8 record while the win lifted the Big Red to 11-5 on the year.

UMass got out to an early lead in the contest, jumping out to a 2-0 lead on goals by seniors Leslie Pollock and Lydia Robinson. Those would be the only goals UMass would record until midway through the second half as Cornell went on a 10-0 scoring run to take a 10-2 lead with 23:20 left on the clock. Sophomore Judy Kestner ended the Minutewomen's scoring drought when she tallied a goal and senior Kelli Kurtz followed up with a score of her own, cutting the deficit to 10-4 with 15:33 remaining in the game.

Sophomore Maura McGarrity recorded a goal for UMass 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 one final goal to go up 14-7. Sophomore Beth Rogers recorded the last goal of the game for UMass, making the final score 14-8.

OIT offers thesis formatting workshop

The Office of Information Technologies is offering a workshop with detailed instructions on how to format a thesis to meet the requirements of the University of Massachusetts Graduate School with Microsoft Word for Windows on Monday, June 23 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The course covers Microsoft Word 2000, Word XP, or Word 97 on Windows 95/98. Participants need to tell OIT exactly which version they are using when preregistering so the appropriate course materials can be prepared. Preregistration is required; go to the Administrative Desk in A118 Lederle Graduate Research Center (5-9730). The course fee is \$10.

The workshop covers margins, footnotes, bibliographies, page numbering, headings, table of contents and other elements.

The workshop is offered four times a year, once each semester and once during intersession and summer. Similar courses for Word on the Macintosh, older versions of Word on Windows, and WordPerfect on Windows used to be offered, but there is no longer enough demand for these products to do workshops. However, the materials are still available.

Materials for the workshop or one of the word processing applications OIT is no longer teaching can be obtained at OIT Web site (www.oit.umass.edu/hds/docs) or by purchasing a course packet from OIT.

For information, call Elisa Campbell at 5-1853 or by e-mail (campbell@oit.umass.edu).

UMass Extension announces upcoming workshops

UMass Extension is offering several workshops this summer at various locations around the state.

"Scouting for Pests and Problems of Woody Ornamentals in the Landscape," which focus on efficient use of Integrated Pest Management techniques, is being offered as follows:

May 29, Stanley Park, Westfield
June 5, Heritage Plantation, Sandwich
June 19, Elm Bank, Wellesley
All workshops run 5-7 p.m.

Participants in a "Hazard Tree" workshop can learn how to design an easy-to-use Hazard Tree Identification Program to help prioritize tree work.

The workshop is scheduled as follows:
June 10, Eastern Mass. Extension Center in Waltham, 5-7 p.m.

June 11, Forestry Highway Dept., W. Bridgewater, 10 a.m.-noon

"Weed Identification" will be presented on July 24 on campus from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Each workshop costs \$50.

Workshop descriptions and registration forms are available online (www.umassgreeninfo.org).

Memorial service for Helen R. Vaznaian

A memorial service for the late Helen Rose Vaznaian, a retired 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 retirement 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 Olde 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 Cimino, 5-3465. Checks payable to Ann Carr should be sent to EO&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 take place on Friday, May 23 in the Student Union from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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

Tickets are \$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 hold its third annual Pond Club Golf Tournament on Friday, June 13 at Putterham Meadows Golf Course in Brookline.

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. Cocktails and dinner follow at 5:30 with awards and 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.umasshockey.com/events.html). For information, contact Tiger Holland (AHolland@epicor.com).

Business and life sciences are focus of conference

The first "Business Opportunities in the Life Sciences: from Lab 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, plastics, 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 Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation, Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council, and Tiziani Whitmyre, Inc.

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

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 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 trial results, hyperodes weevils, refining white grub management, tracking issues with glyphosate: potential for contamination to off-target areas.

Pesticide 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.umassturf.org) or by contacting Mary Owen at (508) 892-0382 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 Maida 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 six years with the same person, but 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 make arrangements for a new ride before May 27."

Gunn lives on route 47 in Sunderland, 2 miles north of the center.

For information, contact Gunn at 5-5476 or by 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.

"Horticultural Therapy" (PE214), Friday, June 13, noon-1 p.m.

Register online (www.umass.edu/td) 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 campus corporate card and those few employees that travel only once or twice a year. The Controller's Office asks that departments return the old forms and begin using 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.

Seminars & Colloquia

Exercise Science seminar, "The Lactate Shuttle," George Brooks, department of integrative biology, University of California, Berkeley; Friday, May 16, 9:30 a.m., 153 Totman.

Renaissance Center MFA Fest; Friday, May 16, 6 p.m., Reading Room.

Doctoral exams

Graduate faculty are invited to attend the

final oral examination for the doctoral candidates scheduled as follows.

Monique Noelle, Ph.D., Psychology. Monday, May 19, 1 p.m., Psychological Services Center, Tobin Hall. Dissertation: "The Psychological Effects of Hate-Crime Victimization Based on Sexual Orientation in the Lives of Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian People: Ten Case Studies." David Todd, chr.

Sun Joo Huh, Ed.D., Education. Tuesday, May 20, 10 a.m., 21C Furcolo Hall. Dissertation: "Globalization of English Teaching Practices: When Confucianism Meets Vygotskian Practices, an Ethnographic Study of University Level Korean Freshman English Class." Theresa Austin, chr.

Jann-Marie Halvorsen Culhane, Ph.D., Iseberg School of Management. Tuesday, May 20, 1:30 p.m., 210 School of Management. Dissertation: "The Entrepreneurial-Performance Linkage in High Technology Firms: An International Comparative Study." Mzamo Mangaliso, chr.

Peter C. Stoll, Ph.D., Education. Wednesday, May 21, 1 p.m., 357 Hills South. Dissertation: "A Program Evaluation of an Academic Self-Management Training as an Intervention for Post-Secondary Students with Learning Disabilities." Gary Stoner, chr.

John Bickford, Ph.D., Psychology. Thursday, May 22, 11 a.m., 521B Tobin. Dissertation: "A Pragmatic Definition and Mea-

sure of Sexual Orientation for Social Science Research." Robert Feldman, chr.

New course proposal

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

COMPLIT 256, "Poets and Poetry in New England," 3 credits

A study of poets and poetry of New England, with attention to the role and function of natural, social and cultural landscapes in nurturing, attracting or sustaining poets, immigrant or native.

Community and diversity initiatives receive funding

Ten proposals have received funding through the RFP Small Grants Program administered by the Chancellor's Counsel 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/FundChancellor.html).

The projects and their sponsors are:

"Expanding 'Voices Against Violence,'" enhancing 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 six new workshops and a poster series for the campus and PVTA buses; Tom Schiff, Health Education.

"Community Dialogue on Sustainability," a broadly co-sponsored program organized by undergraduates aimed at creating a continuing campus 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 a bi-monthly Sunday lunch to disabled residents and low-income senior citizens in Amherst; Jillian Marcus 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 Jefferson, Sport Management.

"Developing Leadership and Embracing Diversity," a program on leadership and diversity for Athletics students, staff and faculty which draws on resources from the Isenberg School of Management, Training and Development, Health Education,

School of Education, and Exercise Science; Donna Heinel, Athletics.

"Building Bridges: A Worker Education/Services Learning Collaboration," a program with multiple sponsors which involves undergraduates and graduate students as tutors and educators to further improve basic skills among frontline workers; Cheryl Howland, Disabilities Services, and Joe Connolly, UMass Labor/Management Workplace Education Program.

"Community Service Learning Abroad," a partnership between the Office of Community Service Learning and the International Programs Office to develop opportunities for community service learning abroad for undergraduates; Rebecca Iwerks and Matthew Pelnar, Commonwealth College.

"Teaching with and about Diversity: Tools for Thoughtful Dialogue for Undergraduates," a project to develop and disseminate discussion guides for faculty, teaching assistants and student leaders about how to encourage thoughtful and open dialogue about diversity in classroom and co-curricular settings; Ximena Zúñiga, Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services; Alex Deschamps, Women's Studies; Martha Stassen, Academic Planning and Assessment; and Matt Ouellett, Center For Teaching.

"Balancing Act: Managing Your Mental Health in an Academic Setting," a project aimed at encouraging students of color to become more familiar with and more effective at using mental health resources on campus; Tai Gideon, Collegiate Committee for the Education of Black and other Minority Students, and JoAnne Hutchins, Psychology.

"Infusion of Special Education into Teacher Education Programs and Courses of the School of Education," an interdisciplinary program aimed at increasing the amount of special education content included in teacher education offerings. Nola Stephen and Patricia Silver, Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services, and Art Keene, Anthropology.

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 eras. He will discuss the 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. Pre-register by e-mail (akelly@som.umass.edu).



Stan Sherer photos

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 thick weathering rind caused by the 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 Gundersen of Fred Gundersen Trucking Co., a sand and gravel outfit in Vermont. Gundersen 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 Jeannine 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 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.

Nursing honor society chapters merge

Two area chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, merged during a chartering ceremonies held May at the Lincoln Campus Center.

The newly created Beta Zeta-at Large Chapter is the result of several years of collaboration between the Lambda Xi Chapter at Elms College in Chicopee and the Beta Zeta Chapter in the

School of Nursing.

The merger, according to leaders of the honor society will help Sigma Theta Tau fulfill its mission to serve, support and improve by providing leadership and scholarship in nursing practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people and improve nursing care worldwide.