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Enrollment Numbers, Diversity Increase Dramatically

Campus Welcomes Largest Incoming Class Ever

UMass Lowell welcomed 2,352 new undergraduate students to campus this fall, a 20 percent increase over the fall '07 number and the largest group of incoming students in the school's history.

Incoming undergraduates included 1,528 freshmen and 824 transfers. Applications for fall '08 admission increased for both freshmen (15 percent) and transfer students (13 percent), for a 14 percent overall jump over 2007 numbers.

Applications to graduate programs increased 13 percent over last year; enrollments were up by about 4 percent. This modest gain was offset by an overall enrollment increase in Continuing Studies and Corporate and Distance Education (CSCDE) of more than 14 percent. Students in



▲ More than 1,400 students attended Convocation, a light of this year's opening week. The key note speaker was Rev. Jamie Washington, shown above, in front of Provost Ahmed Abdelal, Executive Vice Chancellor Jacqueline Moloney and Chancellor Marty Meehan.

graduate programs can register for traditional classroom courses through the "day school" or for on-line courses through CSCDE.

All together, according to preliminary reports, UMass Lowell's fall enrollment numbers increased by more than 10 percent to 13,479 students.

Among all new students, there was a 27 percent increase in the number of applications from students of color, and a 39 percent increase in enrollments for this group.

"One interesting aspect of this fall's numbers is that, in most categories, enrollments increased more than applications did," says Kerri Mead, director of Undergraduate Admissions. "That indicates that students are increasingly seeing us as a school of choice rather than as a backup."

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Keys to Season Will be Games Against BC, Michigan State

The team should be good," says Jonathan Albert. "They should be very good. Lots of talent, lots of young leadership."

Albert, a media relations assistant in the Athletics Department, is one of many with the same sure prophesy—that this year's UMass Lowell River Hawks are going to have some serious success. The team, he notes, is long on returning players—only two members graduated with last year's squad—as well as on game-tested talent, all of which bodes well.

"There are only three seniors," he says, "and 13 juniors. They're set up to be good the next two years. It's always tough to pick these things because a lot of stuff can happen, but I'd say, if all goes well, they should finish in the top four in Hockey East, maybe the top 10 or 12 in the country."

The season opens Oct. 11 with a game at Colgate. The first home game—predicted to be a sell-out—will be Oct. 24 against Providence. The full season will be 34 games, 27 of them against Hockey East opponents. The highlights, says Albert, will be the three games the River Hawks play against reigning national-champ Boston College, as well as a two-game series, Oct. 16-17, against 2007 champion Michigan State.

The team is led by co-captains Ben Holmstrom, a junior center, and Mark Roebothan, a senior who plays wing. Other standouts include junior wing Kory Falite, a second-team Hockey East all-star last year who led the league with 18 goals; and sophomore defenseman Maury Edwards.

Ticket sales have been brisk. More than 800 club seats, at \$299 each, have been sold already—equaling last year's total—while roughly 400 regular seats (\$70-

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Management Event Raises \$1 Million

Donations Honor 50th Anniversary of Management Education

UMass Lowell celebrated 50 years of management education at a well-attended networking dinner on Sept. 20, and at the same time raised \$1 million to expand learning facilities, student scholarships and other educational needs.

More than 400 faculty, alumni and other supporters gathered at the Campus Recreation Center to celebrate the management college's growth as the leading business school in the region and hear about plans for the college's future. Retired Marketing Prof. Stuart Mandell was honored for founding the first business program on campus 50 years ago. Also honored were seven leadership donors who each gave \$100,000 to mark the anniversary, money that

will fund scholarships and finance a possible new building for the college.

Keynote speaker Robert Manning '84, CEO, president and chief investment officer of MFS Investments and chairman of the UMass Board of Trustees, spoke about the College of Management's effect on his life and career.

"The character that I built here really gave me a competitive advantage when I went out to the business world to compete," said Manning. "We call this place a repository of hope and opportunity. Nobody gets anywhere without someone helping them."

Manning announced at the event that he and his wife Donna are tripling their commitment to an



▲ From left, Dean Kathy Carter, UMass President Jack M. Wilson, Chancellor Marty Meehan, Donna '84 and Robert Manning '84, Yana and Bernie Shapiro '56.

endowment that supports management and nursing students at the University—which University President Jack Wilson said will be matched by the system. "We are building this endowment because there are a lot of Rob Mannings here that need help. When I look into their eyes, I see Donna and myself," said Manning. "This is the most reward-

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ing thing I do in my life.”

Mandell and many of the program’s original faculty members returned to celebrate the occasion, mingling with former students and reminiscing.

“You are all here today because of the vision and perseverance of one man, Mr. Stuart Mandell. He had the courage and dedication to found the first business program on this campus 50 years ago—not an easy task for a University that prided itself on its strong engineering and technology curriculum,” said Chancellor Marty Meehan, noting there have been more than 13,000 management graduates since then, and that they represented about one-fifth of UMass Lowell’s 2008 graduating class.

Also speaking were Kathy Carter, dean of the College of Management and UMass President Jack Wilson.

Anniversary sponsors who donated more than \$100,000 included:

Kathleen B. Allen ’77, former chief financial officer of Millipore Corp.; Mark V. Forziati ’78, retired managing director of Tudor Investments in Boston; Richard L. Grande ’72, senior vice president at Morgan Stanley in Boston; John F. Kennedy ’70, president and CEO of Nova Analytics Corp. in Woburn; Robert J. Manning ’84; Gary M. Mucica ’71 visiting professor and director of the College of Management’s graduate programs; and Bernard Shapiro ’56, professor emeritus.



▲ Stuart Mandell, right, who founded the management program at Lowell Tech 50 years ago, shakes Chancellor Marty Meehan’s hand at the College of Management’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Looking on are Robert Manning ’84, center, and Gary Mucica ’71.

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Overall, freshman quality improved slightly. Their average high school GPA is 3.23, and their average SAT score is 1083.

This was the first fall for which the Proximity Program was in place. Proximity offers a reduced tuition to students from southern New Hampshire towns located within 25 miles of the Lowell campus. This program brought in 99 freshmen and transfers.

Thomas Taylor, dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success, identifies a variety of factors that contributed to the increase in enrollments.

“The admissions office implemented some new strategies to interact more with prospective students, we had an award-winning viewbook to work with and the campus has enjoyed greater visibility recently, primarily because of the arrival of Chancellor Meehan.”

Taylor says they also focused on putting together more competitive financial aid packages for incoming students, and awarded merit-based scholarships earlier than previously,

increasing their effectiveness as a recruitment tool.

There were also new scholarships to award, such as the \$35,000 in grants from the Martin T. Meehan Scholarship funded by contributions made during the Chancellor’s inauguration.

Taylor also acknowledges that this year’s increased enrollments were a result of a slumping economy.

“It’s really hard to compete with UMass Lowell in terms of the quality of our programs, especially when the cost is half, or less than half, what someone would pay at a private college,” Taylor says. “We’re very competitive, so we had people looking at us who might never have considered us in previous years.”

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\$199) are spoken for. The average home game last season drew just under 3,400, roughly 400 of them students; the goal this year, says Marketing Coordinator Scott Donnelly, is to come close to 5,000 a game.

“I really think we might do it,” Donnelly says. “First-game tickets are selling fast, which is a good sign. And this is going to be a good team.”

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▲ Ben Holmstrom, left, and Mark Roeböthan

Challenge Cup Up For Grabs

Calling All Teams for Faculty/Staff Night at River Hawks Game

The Challenge Cup is up for grabs again during the Faculty/Staff Night at the River Hawks Hockey Game. Between periods of the Nov. 14 game against the University of New Hampshire, teams of four representing different departments and colleges of the University will race around the hockey rink pulling team members in sleds in a crazy, funny, slippery race. The winners will earn bragging rights and get their names on the Challenge Cup, an impressive golden cup that lives under glass at the Recreation Center.

All faculty and staff, even those not competing, are invited to the game and can receive one free ticket. Additional tickets are \$5 each.

To reserve your tickets, buy additional tickets or register a team for the competition, contact Kim Knesek, Kimberly_Knesek@uml.edu, 978-943-4821.

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas Joins Guests to Mark Center for Women & Work Milestone

U Mass Lowell’s Center for Women & Work (CWW) is celebrating its tenth anniversary by honoring people who have made extraordinary contributions to the lives of working women.

“We’re pleased to have Niki Tsongas join our celebration. The CWW has been committed to helping working women for a decade—we look forward to honoring her and several ‘everyday heroes’ who have been nominated by colleagues for making a difference in the lives of women,” says Meg Bond, director, of CWW.

The event is scheduled for October 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Wannalancit Mills. More information is available at www.uml.edu/womenwork.

Residence Life Has More Students; On-Campus Housing Demand Soars

Shuttle Service Initiated for Some

This summer, UMass Lowell experienced the greatest demand for on-campus housing in its history, with a waitlist of 400 undergrads. The increase is the result of four phenomena: more incoming students than ever before, a higher percentage of incoming students requesting housing, a higher number of returning residential students and requests for housing from 100 former commuter students.

Solutions to the crunch included increasing the residence life space in Fox Hall, turning over a larger percentage of the East Meadow Lane apartments to undergraduates, housing 72 returning students in rental units located close to each other and housing 240 students, including about 80 freshmen, in "UMass Lowell at the Radisson."

What started as a lease arrangement at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua developed into a full-fledged residential community, with the hotel providing breakfasts and dinners seven days a week, the University providing transportation for the 9.5 mile ride to and from campus and a full complement of residence life staff. Over the semester, Centers for Learning staff will present on-site workshops in writing and study skills for midterm success. Costs for "UMass Lowell at the Radisson" match those for on-campus housing and meals.

"We have asked for a lot of input from students to make sure the transportation schedule worked well, and

that the food met students' needs," says Director of Residence Life James Kohl. "I think we've worked things out pretty well at this point. But we are continuing to work with students to meet their needs."

He also points out, however, that at the end of the summer, there was still a wait list of nearly 60 students who wanted University housing. They opted to stay on the wait list and commute from home rather than make alternative arrangements.

"These students are really committed to waiting for the residential experience they want," says Kohl.

That sentiment should not be a surprise, considering the scope of Residence Life choices and activities.

The Honors House at Eames Hall opened this fall, with 115 students opting in to a living space that includes a faculty member in residence and a busy semester-long calendar of activities. Robert Grantham, assistant professor of sociology, who resides in Eames, has launched a movie and discussion series and is helping students organize an Honors House council with committees that include a speakers' bureau and programming group.

In addition, freshmen living in Leitch, Bourgeois, Fox, Eames and the Radisson are beneficiaries of a new LEARN residential experience.

"The program helps first year students connect with all aspects of the University community," says Kohl. "That connection helps them build a strong social and academic foundation that helps them persist toward their degree."

Read more about Housing at www.uml.edu/enevs

Platzer Named Rowing Head Coach

Women's Crew Elevates to Varsity Status Next Year

Veronika Platzer has been named head coach of the River Hawks women's rowing program and director of the Bellegarde Boathouse. Platzer, who led the University of Virginia rowing team's women's four to the 2004 NCAA Championship, has an extensive background in rowing. She spent the last two years at the University of Michigan, which followed four years at the University of Virginia and stints at the University of Wisconsin and Mercyhurst College.



▲ Veronika Platzer

Platzer has also been a U.S. Junior National Team coach for the last three years.

"The search committee's goal was to identify the candidate best suited to develop a thriving rowing program and create a vibrant boathouse environment, and we've done that with Veronika Platzer," says Director of Athletics Dana Skinner. "Veronika's extraordinary background as an athlete, her passion for rowing, and her sense of optimism about future possibilities made her the ideal candidate."

UMass Lowell's women's rowing program is expected to return to varsity status effective next year, ending a six-year hiatus as a club sport.

In November of 2007, the University received \$1 million from the state for improvements to the Bellegarde Boathouse. With the grant, Skinner says, reinstating women's crew was a natural

progression.

"This is another positive step in the University's efforts to attract high-quality students," Skinner says. "Elevating women's rowing to NCAA Division II status will provide our students with another exciting varsity sport and enable the University to take full advantage of the

Merrimack River and the newly renovated Bellegarde Boathouse."

Platzer is a 1987 graduate of Grinnell College where she was a three-time NCAA Division III champion in the discus. She was inducted into the college's Hall of Fame in 1991 and voted the NCAA's Female Track and Field Athlete of the Decade (1980-90).

Last May, Platzer was among five men and women inducted into the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Hall of Fame.

P&G/Gillette Workers Graduate from On-Site Engineering Program



▲ UMass Lowell and Procter & Gamble/Gillette's South Boston plant have partnered to offer workers on-site customized training, including a series of Engineering Technology certificate programs. In September, the first round of 24 employees completed a two-year certificate in Manufacturing Engineering Technology with a graduation at the facility. Nearly 100 more employees will graduate over the next two years from a variety of on-site certificate programs. Shown with some of the graduates are, back row, second from right, UMass Lowell Executive Vice Chancellor Jacqueline Moloney; back row, second from left, Executive Director of Distance Market Development and Corporate Outreach Cathy Kendrick; back row, far right, Prof. Robert Tuholski, chair of UMass Lowell's Engineering Technology Department; middle row, third from right, Corporate Project Manager Joanne Talty; and middle row, second from right, Executive Director of Academic Services/Enrollment Management and Administration Pauline Carroll.

Tickner, TURA Honored at National Pollution Prevention Roundtable

The Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) received a Most Valuable Pollution Prevention (MVP2) award and Joel Tickner was named a Pollution Prevention Champion at the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable in Washington, D.C., in September.

One of five honorees, TURA was a groundbreaking environmental statute in 1989, and provided enabling legislation to found the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) at UMass Lowell. With TURI's assistance, manufacturers have reduced their total use of toxic chemicals by 40 percent; byproduct releases by 70 percent; and side release to air, water and soil by 91 percent.

Tickner is an assistant professor in the Department of Community

Health and Sustainability, and program director for the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production. He was one of just two people honored for playing a significant role in pollution prevention.

The Roundtable, an organization devoted solely to pollution prevention, provides a national forum for promoting the development, implementation and evaluation of efforts to avoid, eliminate or reduce pollution at the source.



▲ Joel Tickner

M2D2, Management Students Partner for Real-World Learning

The Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center, or M2D2, works with entrepreneurs around the state to help develop ideas into new products with the guidance of experts from UMass Lowell and UMass Medical Center.

But faculty and researchers aren't the only ones lending their expertise to M2D2. Thanks to a new partnership launched last semester by Asst. Prof. Steve Tello, College of Management students are bringing their skills to the program to determine whether ideas for new medical devices meet key criteria, including whether there's a medical need, market niche and sound science behind the proposals.

Tello, who teaches management and entrepreneurship courses, says he pitched the idea because he felt "this would be a nice place to give students a look at real-world commercialization and assist M2D2."

"I want my students to be able to apply what they learn," he says.

"The real-world experience gained by our students working on the medical devices projects is invaluable. You simply can't get it from a textbook," says College of Management Dean Kathryn Carter. "Our goal is to continually increase the number of these experiential learning opportunities for our students."

Tello first called on Meagan Smith of Groton, then a senior majoring in business management and a student in his "Managing Innovation" course, to develop a system to research those criteria and others to determine product ideas' chances of success. As the business scans increased, Tello asked MBA candidate Joseph Finch to join Smith on the project.

The information gathered through the business scans is reviewed by M2D2's advisory commit-

tee—made up of industry professionals, venture capital firm representatives and economic and technology development experts—as part of its determination whether a startup will get the program's support in developing an idea into a real product.

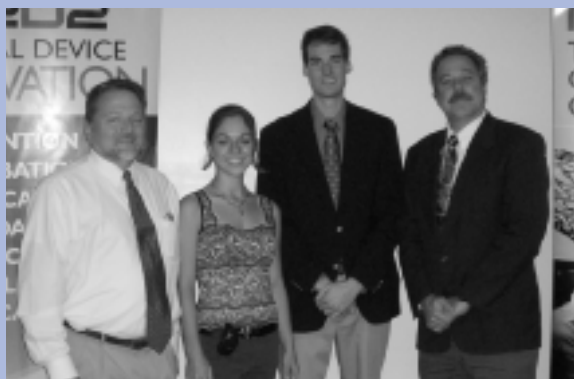
"I think it was a great last milestone in my college education," says Smith. "This just helps you pull it all together and pull it into the real world."

Finch says the M2D2 project was a great real-world experience for him after his academic work, and he believes it makes his MBA more marketable.

Plastics Engineering Prof. Steve McCarthy, co-director of M2D2, says having the students work with M2D2 is valuable for entrepreneurs, too.

"It helps our startups because a lot of them are inventors (who) don't have business experience," McCarthy says. "These students are able to give them the knowledge about markets and competition that they couldn't have gotten otherwise."

Although Finch and Smith graduated in May, the partnership between the College of Management and M2D2 continues. This semester, Tello's "Innovation and Emerging Technologies" class for MBA students has taken over the business scans.



▲ Asst. Prof. Steve Tello has launched a collaboration through which College of Management students conduct research on new product proposals for the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2). With Tello, left, are Meagan Smith and Joseph Finch, the students who started the work and have since graduated; and Prof. Steve McCarthy, co-director of M2D2.

Public Service Grants Support Outreach Projects

Four faculty-led projects were awarded UMass Lowell Public Service Grants this summer. The University distributed \$16,500; a maximum award was \$5,000.

"These projects, selected by an administrative committee, enhance the public service mission of the University," says Associate Provost Donald Pierson, who announced the awardees. Grants were awarded for a youth orchestra project, an environmental education collaboration, a healthy elder program, and a youth leadership training camp.

Youth Orchestra. Building on the success of the UMass Lowell String Project, which offers children from the Lowell Public Schools in-depth instruction on stringed instruments—violin, viola and cello—Prof. Kay G. Roberts of the Music Department is forming a new Youth Orchestra. Twenty students from the String Project are now enrolled in high school and will form the core of the new group.

"Youth orchestras convey freshness and excitement," says Prof. Roberts. "Our older string project students astound audiences with their technical virtuosity and they bring to rehearsals all the freshness of discovering great music. It's our job to try and release that." Asst. Prof. Gena Greher and Susan Turcotte-Gavriel, project master teacher, will work with Roberts. UMass Lowell's String Project is the only Massachusetts member of the National String Project Consortium.

Environmental Education. The Tsongas Industrial History Center promotes community environmental education in partnership with a number of organizations, including the Greater Lowell Environmental Education Alliance, the Merrimack River Watershed Association, the Lowell National Park, the Lowell State Park and others. Dr. Beverly Perna and Dr. Timothy Lavallee direct the program.

Annual events include EarthFest at the Rogers Middle School in April, featuring posters and activities; and a Youth Watershed Congress in May, at which high school students present their own research papers and participate in seminars about water and the natural environment. The



▲ The UMass Lowell String Project received one of four Public Service Grants that totaled \$16,500.

American Groundwater Institute is a two-day teacher workshop in the summer, featuring seminars on water issues, the water cycle and water problems, with suggestions for classroom instruction.

Improving Health for At-Risk Elders. Faculty and students of the Physical Therapy Department collaborate with the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell and Merrimack Valley Elder Services on a project to assist high-risk older adults in their homes. Over a period of 12 weeks, and under professional supervision, students trained as health advocates make home visits to older adults. Their goal is to help the elders become better managers of their chronic health problems.

"The patients really like the visits and develop a personal rapport with the students," says Assoc. Prof. Connie Seymour, who directs the program with Stephen Cannon, a member of the adjunct faculty. "The social time itself probably improves medical status, especially for homebound patients."

Youth Leadership Training. The Teen Leadership Peace Camp, sponsored by the University's Peace and Conflict Studies Institute (PACSI), is open to Lowell High School students who are members of Gear Up, the school's college-awareness program in collaboration with UMass Lowell and Middlesex Community College. For four days, 40 students learn to be more productive, peaceful citizens.

"Everyone can help promote peace and social justice in the community and in the world," says Assoc. Prof. Daniel Egan, PACSI director and chair of the Sociology Department. Bowa Tucker, Gear Up project director, and Barbara Hildt, adjunct professor of sociology, co-led the program and trained student mentors. Hildt is a former Massachusetts state legislator and specialist in youth development and violence prevention.

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Nobel Laureate to Deliver Tripathy Lecture

Craig Mello Will Discuss Gene Silencing Using RNA Interference

The late Sukant K. Tripathy was an internationally recognized leader in research in the area of thin polymer films in electronics and optics, publishing more than 200 refereed papers and holding two dozen patents. A UMass Lowell professor of chemistry, he founded and served as director of the Center for Advanced Materials and was formerly the University's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Tripathy died in December 2000 in a swimming accident in Hawaii, while attending a conference. Each year in October, a leading scientist in the field of materials science comes to UMass Lowell to present a lecture in his memory.

This year's Konarka Sukant K. Tripathy Endowed Memorial Lecture will be held October 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Alumni Hall on the North Campus. Presenting the lecture will be Craig C. Mello, a professor of molecular medicine at the UMass Medical School, who will talk on "RNAi: From Mechanism to Medicine." His discovery of this fundamental mechanism for controlling the flow of genetic information—RNA interference (RNAi)—won him a share of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

RNAi opens up exciting possibilities for use in gene technology. The method has shown success in "silencing" specific genes in human cells and experimental animals. Plans are underway to develop silencing RNA as a treatment for viral infections, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, endocrine disorders and several other conditions.

Mello joins a growing list of Nobel laureates and leading figures in materials science research who have delivered the memorial lecture. This includes Profs. Alan MacDiarmid and Alan Heeger, who were co-winners of the 2000 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their discovery and development of electrically conductive polymers; Prof. Robert Grubbs, who shared the 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing a stable catalyst for metathesis reactions used in organic synthesis; and Robert Langer, George Whitesides and Edwin Thomas.

Now in its seventh year, the Tripathy lectureship is co-sponsored by Konarka Technologies and the Center for Advanced Materials. For more information, visit www.uml.edu/centers/CAM/Memorial/Tripathy_Memorial_Lectures.html.



▲ Craig Mello

BioManufacturing Plant Dedicated in September

Corporate Sponsors Donate \$600,000 to Get Ideas to Market

UMass Lowell has officially opened a fully automated BioManufacturing Pilot Plant that will help Massachusetts biomanufacturing companies bring new biopharmaceuticals closer to commercial production. The plant was made possible through equipment and services donated by three main corporate partners: Invensys Process Systems (IPS), Wyeth Biotech, and Dakota Systems. Equipment to be donated by Millipore will be used in an adjoining lab that works in tandem with the pilot plant.

Together, the four companies' contributions are worth \$600,000.

"This pilot lab is a great example of how the University, state and private corporations can partner to advance technology, expose students to the latest industry trends and bring ideas to market quicker," says Chancellor Marty Meehan.

"Biotechnology is an important driver of the state's economy, and this partnership addresses several critical challenges facing the industry. We thank IPS, Wyeth, Dakota and Millipore for their generous donations."

IPS, a global technology, software and consulting firm, has installed its InFusion Enterprise Control System on a bioreactor donated by Wyeth. Dakota Systems and 12 of its suppliers donated a wide range of services, including fabricating the frame, integrating the control panel, orbital welding all of the piping, installing



▲ Sen. Steven Panagiatakos, right, helps Provost Ahmed Abdelal cut the ribbon during the BioManufacturing Pilot Plant dedication ceremony on Sept. 23.

all electrical devices and instrumentation and completing cGMP functionality testing. The lab is located on the second floor of the University's Engineering Building.

The pilot plant is a part of the Massachusetts BioManufacturing Center at UMass Lowell, directed by Prof. Carl Lawton.

"The biotechnology companies that use this plant, and, just as importantly, students who train there, will learn about process automation and optimization using the latest technology," says Lawton. "Our students will graduate with advanced knowledge that they can use immediately."

The Massachusetts BioManufacturing Center at UMass Lowell is an interdisciplinary research, development and education center that assists biotechnology



▲ From left, John M. Thomas, president of Dakota Systems; Scott Harrison, assistant vice president of Wyeth-Andover; Prof. Carl Lawton; Don Clark, vice president of Global Industry Solutions, Invensys; Ron Heinrich, vice president of Bioprocessing at Millipore.

companies in developing procedures leading to industry compliant manufacturing processes. Through education, applied research and process development, the Center offers solutions that improve productivity, quality and cost of biomanufacturing operations.

"In our industry, everything is based upon time. Get that product to the market as soon as you can, and get it there well documented. That is a reality that students have to face even as students," said Don Clark, vice president of Global Industry Solutions of Invensys at a thank-you lunch in Alumni Hall on Sept. 23. Thanks to this pilot plant, "students will go bumplessly from academia to industry."

"As a product of the UMass system myself, I am very proud and excited to offer our continued support and also our acknowledgement that we depend on UMass Lowell's success," said Scott Harrison, assistant vice president of Wyeth-

Andover. "It is impossible to overstate the importance of innovation to the life of this industry and region."

Millipore Corporation, a Billerica-based life science company that provides technologies, tools and services for bio-science research and biopharmaceutical manufacturing, will donate up to \$200,000 in equipment and services

to the adjacent process development lab. The Millipore Corporation Process Development Laboratory will be used for downstream purification and training for students and industrial professionals.

"Millipore has cultivated a strong relationship with UMass Lowell over the years through recruiting initiatives and training programs," said Jean Paul Mangeolle, president of Millipore's Bioprocess Division. "We are excited about this new opportunity which will strengthen this existing partnership and help to position Massachusetts as a leader in the biotech industry."

"This is a symbol of the signature of UMass Lowell. We create truly win-win partnerships with industry," said Associate Chancellor Jacquie Maloney. "We are codependents. Our success is joined together with yours."

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Results of the survey will be published as soon as the data has been compiled and your ideas will guide the Public Affairs office in the methods of disseminating University news in the future.

Chancellor Meehan Honored by Irish Echo

Support of Irish Peace Process Recognized

Chancellor Marty Meehan has received the Irish Echo's Golden Bridges award, a distinction that acknowledged his work on promoting peace and prosperity in Northern Ireland.

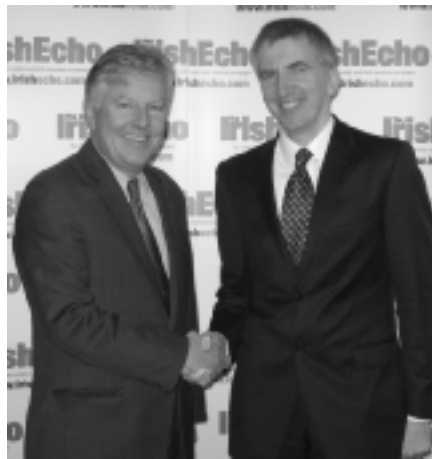
The Irish Echo is the leading Irish-American newspaper in the United States. Its Golden Bridges award aims to bring together leaders of Irish America in New England who have built "golden bridges" of peace, business, education and culture between Ireland and the U.S.

The awards ceremony took place at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. In addition to Meehan's award, the Echo also acknowledged a number of other prominent Irish-Americans, including State Treasurer Tim Cahill, developer John Hynes III and Dropkick Murphy's founder Ken Casey.

According to Mairtin O Muilleoir, publisher of the Irish Echo, Meehan was selected for a number of reasons, including his work as a Congressman participating in trade missions to the north of Ireland and his commitment and support to the peace process.

"It is wonderful that the Irish Echo acknowledges the contributions many have made to help bring peace and prosperity to the north of Ireland," said Meehan. "I am humbled to be a recipient."

At the awards ceremony, Meehan also announced a new partnership between UMass Lowell and Queen's University Belfast. "At UMass Lowell, I fully believe that we must provide an education with an international focus," he said. "I am happy to announce a partnership between UMass Lowell and Queen's University Belfast in which we envision exchanges of students



▲ Chancellor Meehan, left, received the Irish Echo's Golden Bridges award from Mairtin O Muilleoir, right, publisher of the Irish Echo.

and collaboration by faculty in education and research."

"Chancellor Meehan has delivered on his pledge, when meeting with pupils of an Irish language medium school in West Belfast in 2005, to create educational and training links between Massachusetts and the north of Ireland in order to boost the peace," said O Muilleoir. "This is taking the form of the unique collaboration he is now forging with Queen's University Belfast."



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Cambodian Survivor Speaks

Author Loung Ung Named Community Fellow at Honors Fundraiser

When campus community members gather to honor seven retirees at the annual Honors Fellows fundraising gala at Allen House on Oct. 16, they will also honor the program's first community fellow, human rights activist Loung Ung. Attendees will have a chance to meet Ung, an award-winning author who survived the Cambodian genocide as a child and brought her experiences to life in the national bestseller "First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers."

"Naming our first community fellow is a recognition of the close connection between the University and the global community," says Honors Program Director Doreen Arcus. "Loung Ung shares the same life experiences as many members of the University community and with even more of our Lowell neighbors. Throughout its history, Lowell has become home to people fleeing oppression, injustice and war. The Honors Program is honored to bring to campus such an eloquent spokesperson for survival, social justice and human rights." In addition to her appearance at the Honors Fellows Gala, Ung will speak students and community members from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Comley-Lane Theatre in Mahoney Hall. The talk is free and open to the public.

Loung Ung was 5 years old when the Khmer Rouge came to power in her native Cambodia. Her first heart-wrenching book explores the experi-

ences during the genocide that followed—being forced into hiding in the countryside, losing her parents and two siblings, and being forced to train as a child soldier.

Once relocated to the U.S., Ung grew up in Vermont and was reunited with a sister she thought lost, experiences recounted in her second book, "Lucky Child." Remarkably, Ung has transformed her history of trauma and loss into a catalyst for action, devoting her adult life to promoting genocide awareness and other social justice issues.

She has spoken at the United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing and on racism in Durban, South Africa, and was selected by the World Economic Forum as one of the "100 Global Youth Leaders of Tomorrow." She is the national spokesperson for the Campaign for a Landmine-Free World.

Ung also won the Asian Pacific American Award for literature.

Following her talk, Ung will join the guests of honor at the Honors Fellows Fundraising Gala, which starts at 5:30 p.m. The gala also pays tribute to UMass Lowell retirees for their commitment to the educational excellence that inspires the UMass Lowell Honors Program. This year's honorees are: Mary Beaudry, Rudy Deanin, May Futrell, Jon Hellstedt, Brack Hinchey, Thaddeus Osmolski and William Phelan.

Tickets to the Gala are \$150. For information about the event, or to purchase tickets, contact Honors Coordinator Elizabeth Donaghey, 978-934-2921, or Lisa Gagnon, Lisa_Gagnon@uml.edu, 978-934-2237.



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