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You never know what you are going to hear or learn on Sunrise, the UMass Lowell-produced news and conversation program that airs on WUML, 91.5 FM, every weekday from 6 to 10 a.m.

For starters: news, traffic, weather and sports. Then: interviews with area newsmakers. What’s more: features on the intriguing activities of little-known people in every corner of Merrimack Valley life: the arts, business, sports, the environment.

And something found rarely on radio: well-written essays read by the people who wrote them on topics that range from the serious to the funny, the outraged to the pensive. These air most days at 7:45 a.m.

Since the Communications and Marketing Office at UML began producing the show in January, guests have included U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan, State Sen. Steven C. Panagiotakos, Lowell City Manager John Cox, Lawrence School Superintendent Wilfredo Lebov, Methuen Mayor Sharon Pollard, an elderly woman who posed nude for a fundraising calendar, the director of an award-winning middle school cafeteria, and the young owner of an elegant new restaurant in Groton. Area state representatives and senators are regular guests; as are city councilors and town selectmen, mayors, city and town managers, and more.

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Kids Discover History in All the Old, Familiar Places

As a youngster, the places you walk by every day seem as common as dirt.

Dig beneath the surface, though, and you discover a treasure trove of historical significance and colorful anecdote.

Neighborhood history is coming to life for a group of about 20 eighth graders at the Bartlett Middle School. The students are lucky enough to be involved in a Save Our History grant project funded by The History Channel.

The Tsongas Industrial History Center, collaborating with the Bartlett, won one of just 29 grants awarded from more than 700 applicants. The Center is a partnership between the Lowell National Historical Park and UML’s Graduate School of Education.

Taking a fresh look at familiar places, the students will research the history of their neighborhood, known as the Acre—an area at the heart of the industrial history and successive waves of immigration in Lowell.

“The Bartlett is a neighborhood school and many of the students walk to school,” says Sheila Kirschbaum, school liaison at the Center. “They know the places, but now they’re discovering the historical value of what is familiar to them. For example, the cast-iron fence around the Franco-American School is rumored to have been plundered by Ben Butler and brought back from New Orleans after the Civil War.”

At the first after-school sessions (twice a week until May 1), the students nominated sites they guessed to be historically significant. Teams of about five will research their sites, from the earliest times, through transitional years of immigration and into current times.

Project staff help out with information and facilitating interviews - with the staff of the Spalding House, for example. Kirschbaum and Sheli Turco at the Tsongas Center, Bartlett School teachers Estelle Chaput and Steve Cyr and instructional specialist Linda Willis, and Amy Glowacki, lifestyle reporter for the Lowell Sun, during a recent edition of Sunrise.

Psychology to Offer Autism Certification

The UMass Lowell Department of Psychology will begin offering a graduate certificate in Behavioral Intervention in Autism in the fall.

Psychology Prof. Charlotte Mandell, chair, has spent the past several months collaborating with the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center to revise a four-course sequence, originally designed for undergraduates. Mandell says this is one of many projects the Psychology Department has worked on with the Shriver Center in the last 10 years.

“We have developed many outstanding undergraduate programs in disabilities through this collaboration,” says Mandell.

The program will be offered in class and online through Continuing Studies and Corporate Education and will be housed in the Psychology Department. It is designed for professionals working in the field and those seeking national certification in behavioral analysis.

Mandell says that early behavioral intervention is the key to successful treatment of autism. Symptoms such as diminished communication and self-stimulation may be observable as early as two or three years old, but may not be diagnosed for years.

“Parents are often the first to notice the symptoms, but doctors may mistakenly conclude that it’s just a phase,” says Mandell.

As a result, early childhood educators and speech therapists are often the ones called upon to recognize the indicators of the condition.

Currently, there is a critical shortage of skilled early intervention professionals in the...
UML Hosts Odyssey of the Mind

UMass Lowell is hosting the state Odyssey of the Mind competition on Saturday March 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The open-to-the-public performances will be held in Ball 208 and 210 and Cumnock Hall.

Twenty-eight teams, each composed of seven students, (ages 6-18) will be competing to win the Massachusetts State Tournament. Each team has selected a problem to tackle, ranging from creating a stunt-mobile that will run an obstacle course and pop balloons, to building a balsa wood structure that will carry a load, to performing an original play that includes a story told three times—in different styles of communication.

“Hosting the Odyssey of the Mind competition is an extension of our mission of teaching students to work collaboratively and creatively to solve complex problems,” says Paul Wormser, entrepreneur-in-residence in the Commercial Venture Development and CVIP office at UML. These skills are fundamentals for entrepreneurs. We look forward to seeing some of these competitors return to our campus for their college education and perhaps in Commercial Venture Development as leaders of start-up companies.”

Theresa Ledoux, state director for Odyssey of the Mind, says, “Our association is delighted to once again be at UMass Lowell for the Odyssey of the Mind State tournament. The University is a place that epitomizes the Odyssey of the Mind philosophy: problem solving through teamwork, openness to new and innovative ideas, and self-reliance in the face of an intellectually challenging enterprise. Being on campus is a wonderful opportunity for our team members to see that these qualities are highly valued, beyond their Odyssey of the Mind experience. We are especially grateful to the Commercial Ventures Development Group for sponsoring our organization on campus this year.

“We invite everyone in the UMass Lowell community, as well as the community of greater Lowell, to come and see our teams present their solutions to their long-term problems.”

More information can be found at www.odysseyofthemind.org, or at www.ma.odysseyofthemind.org.

CITA Series Premieres in April

A documentary film series, “Patterns of Community Development,” presented by the Committee on Industrial Theory and Assessment (CITA), will run every Thursday evening at 6:30 in April. It will be held at the Events Center in the Boott Cotton Mills Museum in downtown Lowell.

Uprooted, a 28-minute film, kicks off the series on April 7. It tells the story of three immigrants to the U.S. who left their homes in Bolivia, Haiti, and the Philippines after global economic powers devastated their countries. The film raises critical questions about U.S. immigration policy in an era when corporations cross borders at will.

The evening is being co-sponsored by the Lowell Poetry Network and the New England Poetry Conference, taking place at UML that weekend. Local poets will read from their work prior to the film.

On April 14 the 65-minute Monkey Dance, a new documentary film will air. It brings audience attention closer to home as it follows the lives of three Cambodian-American teenagers through three years of their lives in Lowell. The three are members of Lowell’s Angkor Dance Troupe. A selection of troupe members will perform. Cambodian Expressions and the Angkor Dance Troupe are co-sponsors.

Additional support is being provided by the University’s Communications and Marketing Office. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For information on the entire series, visit www.uml.edu/com/CITA.

Register Now for PHASE in Health Care Conference

Promoting Healthy and Safe Employment in Healthcare (PHASE) will hold its third annual conference Thursday, April 28, at the Boston University Corporate Education Center, 72 Tyngsboro Road, Tyngsboro from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.


The conference fee is $25 for early registration and $35 if paid after April 8. To register, contact Diane Doherty at Diane.Doherty@uml.edu, or by phone at 978-934-2908. For more information, visit www.uml.edu/phase/conference.html.

Environmental Summit Will Address Indoor Air Quality

“Making Lowell’s Homes Healthier” is the subject of an environmental summit to be held on Friday, March 18, in the MIL conference room at Wannalancit Mills, from 1 to 8 p.m. The summit is the first of two that are funded by a $100,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to three partners in collaboration: UML’s Center for Family, Work and Community; the Lowell Community Center; and the Coalition for a Better Acre.

Indoor air quality is an important health issue, particularly with rising rates of childhood asthma and allergies. Members of the campus and greater Lowell communities are encouraged to attend.

Registration is at 1 p.m., followed by introductory remarks—in English, Portuguese, Khmer and Spanish—by the grant partners. Translators will be on hand through the whole event, and daycare is provided.

During the afternoon, EPA officials will give a presentation and participants will break into small groups for discussion about indoor air quality. A Lawrence program will be presented and Lowell officials will present the Lowell Master Plan, with an opportunity for participants to make their voices heard on policy issues.

A cultural celebration of food and music wraps up the workshop.

If planning to attend, please contact Julie Villareal at ext. 4772.

Writer-in-Residence, W. David Hancock, Gives a Reading of His Works

Playwright W. David Hancock, the Jack Kerouac Writer-in-Residence for the spring semester, will read from his works on March 23. The event will be in O’Leary 222 on UML South, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Hancock is teaching a course on creative writing and drama, much enjoyed by students. Known for his experimental and original approach, Hancock has won two Obie awards for his plays The Race of the Ark Tattoo and The Convention of Cartography.

Welcome Packs Are Welcomed Back

The Psychology Club is once again asking for donations for Welcome Packs for Children Entering Foster Care. The children receive backpacks with socks, underwear and other sundry items that they often must provide for themselves. Clothing should be children’s sizes zero to 14 and must be new and packaged.

Donations can be dropped off through April 30 in one of the donation boxes located in Mahoney 110, Centers for Learning in Southwick or at the Campus Recreation Center. Monetary donations are also welcome.

For information, contact Prof. Charlotte Mandell at ext. 3954 or Charlotte_Mandell@uml.edu.
Chinese New Year Sweeps the Campus

The Chinese New Year or Spring Festival is the most important holiday in China, full of tradition, performances, family celebrations and abundant meals. But for the hundreds of Chinese students and faculty at UMass Lowell, the home country is very far away.

The Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) at UML developed a series of activities, called “Chinese Week,” to celebrate the traditional festival and share Chinese culture with the campus community and greater Lowell.

CSSA President Dongsheng Li, graduate student in the Regional Economic and Social Development Department, led the planning effort with the group’s advisor, Asst. Prof. Xiaoji (Jackie) Zhang, of civil and environmental engineering.

Enthusiastic crowds turned out for events such as “Movie Night,” featuring House of Flying Daggers and others; the “Gourmet Tour,” that turned Cumnock Hall into a sampler’s heaven of local Chinese restaurants; and a “Celebration Performance” of professional performers in acrobatics, dance, singing and music.

Engineering Week Has Professors Seeing the Daily Double

Sponsored by the student chapter of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE), five Engineering professors took part in Professor Jeopardy, an event held during Engineer Week on campus. From left, Prof. James Sherwood of mechanical; Assoc. Prof. Ross Stacer of plastics; Prof. Gilbert Brown of chemical; Prof. Clifford Brazell of civil; and Assoc. Prof. Craig Amoretti of electrical. The panel answered questions ranging from metric conversions to MTV VJ’s. Prof. Stacer walked away with the $3,000 victory and a $25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. His Final Jeopardy response: What is Free Willy?

Lowell Cultural Partners Awarded $75,000 Grant For Film Project

Beginning this May with a Cinco de Mayo theme, downtown Lowell will host a monthly world culture film series highlighting the city’s vibrant social mosaic. A team of 26 community partners, led by the Cultural Organization of Lowell (COOL) and including UMass Lowell as a major sponsor, received a $75,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) for “Destination World: Lowell’s Global Film Venture.”

The multi-media world-culture expo series will occur on the first Thursday of each month in downtown Lowell. Featured countries will include Mexico, Greece, Italy, Cameroon, Portugal, Canada/Quebec, India, England, Poland, Brazil, Ireland and Cambodia. In addition to COOL and UML, the major partners are the City of Lowell and Greater Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitor Bureau.

At a news conference at the Whistler House Museum of Art on Feb. 3, MCC Executive Director Mary Kelly announced Lowell’s proposal was ranked number one among the 22 communities statewide that will share $1 million in funds from the John and Abigail Adams Cultural Economic Development Program. Lowell’s grant also was the largest individual grant awarded this year. In addition to Lowell, the Adams Program for Cultural Economic Development funded projects in Boston, Worcester, New Bedford, Gloucester, Pittsfield, and other cities and towns seeking to enhance economic growth strategies by employing arts and culture.

“It is due to your tremendous commitment to the cultural and economic vitality of our community that our proposal was viewed so strongly.”

Meehan Describes the Light at the End of the Tunnel

Congressman Marty Meehan, left, joins Sociology Prof. Dan Egan following a recent appearance on campus. Nearly 200 people filled the O’Leary Library Auditorium to hear Meehan present and take questions on “Light at the End of the Tunnel”—his proposal for a U.S. exit strategy for Iraq. He is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and a UML alumnus. The event was sponsored by the University’s Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology, and Peace and Conflict Studies Institute.

Trustees Convene in Lowell

James J. Karam, chairman of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees, calls to order the meeting recently held at Lowell. The Trustees periodic meetings rotate among the system’s campuses.

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Hispanic Workers Now On the Safer Side Thanks to New Training and Educational Materials

Protect yourself. Your family needs you!” An important reminder from a worker featured in a new safety and health video aimed at educating Hispanic construction workers on protecting themselves from hazards and injuries in the workplace. In this 16-minute video, produced in Spanish and translated into English, Hispanic construction workers talk about the different hazards they face at work and the impact of on-the-job injuries and illnesses.

Dr. Maria Brunette of Work Environment developed the video along with several other instructional publications with help from a grant awarded to her by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Because a significant portion of the Hispanic worker population has serious difficulties understanding technical English, Brunette felt that they lacked the resources to obtain important health and safety information that would help protect and prevent injury or illness while on the job. Her efforts to create a linguistic and culturally appropriate training resulted in an effective way to communicate this vital information to the Hispanic construction workers. Brunette pilot tested all of the materials on local Hispanic construction workers from Lawrence and also asked them to contribute to the design of the project. All the participants were recruited with the help from the Laborers’ Local 175 and the partnership academia-labor organization. With suggestions and feedback from the workers, Brunette put together a Spanish to English dictionary, a health and safety video in both English and Spanish, a 10-hour construction training course and instructional materials in the form of brochures and easy-to-read fact sheets. The workers even named the animated character that appears on all of the instructional materials. Cheo, the cartoon construction worker, helps the workers to understand rules and guidelines that can often leave them confused or uncertain.

“Our ultimate goal was to do something useful for them,” says Brunette, who has also created a Web site, www.HispanicsWorkSafe.org, where employers and organizations committed to underserved working groups can obtain free copies of all of the instructional materials.

“The most precious thing of all is life and in order to protect our life, first we have to protect ourselves in the workplace,” says one of the workers who is featured in the video, hoping to show others just how important health and safety is not only for them but for their families as well.

The video also drew the attention of the International Film and Multimedia Festival, which selected it for competition in their 6th annual festival this coming September in Orlando, Fla. Brunette will attend the festival to give a multimedia presentation, showcasing the video and its creation.

In the U.S. one in five deaths in the workplace occurs within the construction industry and one in five construction workers are Hispanic. The impact of spreading health and safety information could save the lives of thousands of workers who are injured each year. Brunette hopes that employers and organizations nationwide will utilize the information now available to them, so workers can feel safe and secure in the workplace.

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town managers, school superintendents and school committee members.

The Lowell Sun provides access to its political reporters, who analyze events in city hall and on Beacon Hill, augmenting coverage provided during the week by newsmakers themselves.

In addition, lively conversations every Thursday at 8 a.m. with Sun movie critic Austin O’Connor and every Friday at 8:30 a.m. with Sun arts reporter Nancye Tuttle offer previews and reviews of the robust arts scene in Lowell, the Merrimack Valley and Boston.

A wide variety of University professors and researchers have appeared on the show: Julie Chen talking about women in science and math; Robert Forrant analyzing the state and national economies; Liana Cheney discussing the significance of stained glass windows in churches the Archdiocese of Boston is closing; Susan Braunhut explaining the importance of stem cell research; Frank Colby forecasting and explaining—over and over again—the many snow storms we have experienced this winter.

From 5 to 6 a.m. every weekday, the program begins with “The Hour Before Sunrise,” which plays an eclectic mix of music featuring a different musician every day—including jazz, blues, acoustical guitar and other genres. From 6 to 9 a.m., hosts Bob Ellis, Christine Dunlap, Perry Persoff and Tony Accardi conduct interviews and offer insights into the news of the day—big and small, serious and amusing. From 9 to 10 a.m., highlights of the show are repeated.

The show can be accessed not only at 91.5 FM on the radio dial, but also on the Web, where it is streamed onto the “news” page of www.uml.edu.

WUML is the campus’s public radio station, with 1400 watts, broadcasting clearly from the antenna atop Fox Hall to approximately 10 miles in every direction from the campus and further than that in some pockets. The station, which is more than 50 years old, has been operated by students since its establishment and continues to offer mostly student and community-produced programming. In keeping with its mission of service to the community, the University decided to establish Sunrise, offering news, analysis, features and conversation relevant to the Merrimack Valley and not offered on radio anywhere else.

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Perry Persoff, news anchor and engineer, came to Lowell after working in California and Boston radio for 20 years.
The University’s Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) recently held a free seminar: “Green Chemistry for Biotech and High Tech Industries: What’s It All About.” The introductory seminar was designed to help the 30 Massachusetts companies represented integrate green chemistry tools and techniques into their processes to reduce or eliminate hazardous chemicals at the source.

Prof. John Warner, director of the UML Green Chemistry Center, introduced the “12 Principles of Green Chemistry” and explained how companies of any size can get started. Lower costs, fewer regulations, and safer and healthier work environments are a few of the business benefits companies can realize by adopting these strategies. Managers and researchers attending the seminar learned the differences between green chemistry and traditional chemistry—knowledge chemists and researchers need to implement green chemistry in labs and to help them understand the business benefits of green chemistry and how it can improve companies’ bottom lines.

The event was the first in a series of evening seminars addressing the concept of green chemistry in the first in a series of evening seminars.

Regional Development Teams up with Raytheon to Practice Sustainability

The Office of Regional Development, Program for the Practice of Sustainability, recently partnered with Raytheon Company, to host “Making Sense of Sustainability: Competitive Advantage Strategies for Suppliers.” This one-day conference was aimed at senior executives of small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) in hopes of advancing the competitiveness of SMEs by concentrating on the environment and social performance of supply/value chain companies and strategic customer/supplier partnerships.

More and more companies are increasingly incorporating sustainability principles into their business strategies to achieve a competitive edge, so the conference discussed the competitive value of addressing sustainability within a strategic business plan for growth.

Representatives of UML who attended the conference included Edward March, director of the Office of Regional Development; Jack Luskin, director of the Program for the Practice of Sustainability and senior associate director of the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI); and Anne Berlin Blackman, TURI’s senior policy analyst.

The conference was made possible in large part through the research goals of the Program for the Practice of Sustainability, as they continue to explore the implementation of sustainable practices for both SMEs and original equipment manufacturers, and Raytheon’s commitment to supporting the business community.

Pollard Library to Host a Full Line-up for Spring

The offerings this spring at Lowell’s Pollard Memorial Library will run the gamut from poetry to ornithology to the home economics of the Victorian Age.

Beginning Friday, March 11, the library will celebrate Lowell Women’s Week with—to quote its advance announcement—a special performance by a famous spirited female from long ago. The event will be highlighted by a dessert buffet, at 6 p.m. that day, to be attended by “all the fabulous women who are making a difference today.” All ages and genders are invited to attend.

Roughly a week later, on Saturday, March 19, at 2 p.m., Tom Ricardi of the Massachusetts Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Facility will share his knowledge of the many species of hunter-birds—as well as the birds themselves, who will be present—including the falcon, bald eagle, barn owl and red-tailed hawk. Ricardi’s visit will be a presentation of the long-ongoing Moses Greeley Parker Lecture Series.

Two weeks after that, on April 16 at 2 p.m., also as a part of the Moses Greeley Series, the poetry, writings and conversation of Walt Whitman will be read and performed by Concord actor Stephen Collins as the contents of an engaging one-act play depicting Whitman’s 70th birthday celebration.

And on Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m., once again as a presentation of the Parker Series, John Buscomi of Classic Revivels Inc., located in the Boston Design Center, will share his overview of the Victorian design style through an examination of the textiles, fabrics and wall coverings of that period, as well as an investigation of the differences between upper-class and working-class Victorian homes.

Pollard Library, in addition to its lectures and exhibits, has also initiated a new program: the recent “celebrity picks” book discussion group—which in which, throughout 2005, the library will offer a series of discussion groups led by local authors and illustrators. The first group, “Booked on Crime,” will be a mystery discussion group led by David Daniel, author of a mystery series set in Lowell.

For more information on the Parker Lectures, or to reserve space—which is limited—for the “Booked on Crime” discussion group, contact Julie Iatron at 978-970-4118.
Safety Competition a Big Win for Students and Workers

Richard Schultz, left, and Megan McAuliffe, both industrial hygiene graduate students, won a competition aimed at providing health and safety information for workers in a variety of industries. As part of an Occupational Safety Engineering course, the goal of the competition was for students to identify hazards that workers face on the job site and create a publication to effectively communicate control and prevention of such hazards. McAuliffe focused on eye hazards and personal protective equipment for plumbers, while Schultz concentrated on machine guarding in woodshops. Both publications will be placed in a number of industrial settings so that workers can see the benefits of protecting themselves from hazards while on the job.

A Taste of India Arrives from the Tandoori Grill

Graduate student Bhavjit Ghumman, a plastics major, purchases an authentic Indian dish from The Tandoori Grill station that set up shop in Southwick hall. From left, Owners Om and Shaila Bhatia; station operator Connie Hoag, and Carol Seyffert, Aramark food service director, hope that this station will give students an opportunity to enjoy the cuisine and become better acquainted with one of the many fine restaurants that downtown Lowell has to offer. Depending on the demand, the UML Dining Services hopes to feature the Tandoori Grill once every other week.

Local Chefs Wine and Dine Alumni

A full house of alumni and friends attended the fourth-annual Wine & Dine Epicurean Extravaganza on Sunday, Feb. 20, at Ricardo’s Café Trattoria in Lowell. Organized by Alumni Council vice chairman Garrett Thurston ’90, ’95, the event included guest chefs from local restaurants, who paired gourmet food with interesting and complementary wines. Pictured from left are: Thurston; Cindy McCormack, Cobblerstone’s Restaurant; Robert Jean, Teatro; Anna O moyeni, La Boniche; host Dick “Ricardo” Rourke, Ricardo’s Café; Frank Agresti, Agresti’s Cucina Italiana; Kevin McGuire, Ricardo’s Café; and Augusto Gabriel, wine specialist.

Lego Lands in the College Classroom

The day that Assoc. Prof. Sarah Kuhn found out her undergraduate class had been unable to get the reading for that day’s lesson—so she wouldn’t be able to teach what she had planned—she reached into her car and found her kids’ tub of Legos. “I had been thinking about how to bring the physical element into the classroom,” Kuhn recounts. So she brought in the Legos. The students’ charge: in five minutes, apply what they had been learning about smart growth—economic development that considers strategies such as clustering businesses in order to decrease the need for traveling by car—by “building out” with Legos. What she discovered that day was at first discouraging. The students hadn’t really understood smart growth. They were building parking garages and sprawling developments. Then she realized what a great teaching tool she had. She had assessed where students’ learning was in five minutes, and students were now learning the lesson. “I see their eyes light up,” says Kuhn. “They get engaged.” Since that day, Kuhn has periodically used Legos in her under-graduate and graduate classes. More recently, she has become a teacher of teachers, and of other adults. For a Lego division called “Serious Play,” Kuhn has led workshops for business, stressing the teambuilding that is engendered when adults “play” with Legos. Kuhn also led a faculty workshop on campus. She has offered the workshop as part of an annual conference hosted by the group that publishes the national newsletter The Teaching Professor. Kuhn’s Lego workshop was rated one of the top 10 by participants. “People being engaged and involved—that’s certainly one of my goals,” says Kuhn. “Thinking—but also, having fun.”

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At a faculty workshop last year led by Assoc. Prof. Sarah Kuhn, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Academic Services Joyce Gibson, right, and Asst. Prof. Judith Davidson try their hands at hands-on learning.
Students Hit the Ice and See the Stars During E-Week

As part of E-Week, (Engineering Week) celebrated across the nation, UML Engineering students enjoyed a number of events including free ice skating at the Tsongas Arena and a Movie Night complete with popcorn and soda. Other events included a dodgeball tournament, a poker tournament and a talent show.

UML Faculty Make Presentations at NSF Grantees Conference

UMass Lowell faculty presented four posters at the recent National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Grantees Conference for Engineering and Computing Education in Washington, D.C. With Dean John Ting, second from left, of the College of Engineering, the faculty and their presentations are Assoc. Prof. Carol Barry, plastics engineering, “Introduction to Nano-Engineering: A Web-Based Practicum and can be taken online. The potential student base is significant.” The certificate program will serve the education and training needs of regular and special educators, school psychologists, speech and language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, and parents. Individual courses may be applied to the Master’s Program in Community Social Psychology as well as to the Master’s in the College of Education.

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Breedon Reminds Students to ‘Protect Yourself and Respect Yourself’

As part of the Black History month celebration, Dawn Breedon visited the campus to deliver her talk “Sex and Relationships: Speaking from Experiences.” Breedon spoke on a number of topics including the importance of self-esteem and protecting against sexually transmitted diseases. She also shared her personal journey with HIV and reminded the crowd just how important it is to educate people on the risks and dangers associated with sexual relationships. “Everytime I speak,” she says, “I am saving someone else.”

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“An important part of my work has been to show that this goal can, to a remarkable extent, be achieved. I’ll discuss how. It’s quite beautiful. I’ll also discuss some of the consequences—suggestions for new physical phenomena, and for an explanation of why gravity is so feeble.” In addition to the 2004 Nobel Prize, Wilczek also won the 2002 Lorentz Medal and the King Faisal Prize for 2005. Refreshments will be served 30 minutes prior to the start of the 4 p.m. talk. For more information, contact Prof. Altman at ext. 3781.

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United States. The U.S Department of Education has reported that, even though there were more than 32,000 early intervention personnel employed in 1998, the supply was a full 4,300 shy of demand. The need has grown since.

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Reardon, Back From Leave, Assumes New Security Post

Former UMass Lowell Chief of Police Patricia Reardon, who had been absent recently on medical leave, has returned in good health and has taken a new position with the University, as Director of Institutional Safety and Security Assessment. Her new role will encompass several distinct areas of responsibility, including the assessment of the University’s security needs—especially in the areas of facilities, equipment and property—the management of centralized reporting of security-related tasks; and the provision for crisis management, as both chair of the Crisis Management Committee and as a representative of the University with federal and state emergency management agencies.

Research and Administration Describes Staff Assignments

The Office of Research Administration has announced a number of additions and changes in staff positions. Deb Thiboutot, a recent addition to the staff, has assumed the post of Grants and Contracts manager, responsible for the negotiation and administration of Sponsored Program activity. Linda Concino has been named Proposal Development manager with responsibility for all proposal development activity, including the identification of funding opportunities and proposal preparation assistance. The Grant Accounting group is led by Michael Accardi, who oversees sponsored program financial transactions, including travel reimbursement, vouchers, financial reporting and account closeout. Annette Johnson continues to support purchasing needs. Brenda Dumont is the contact person for human resources and payroll questions related to sponsored program activity, although those two areas have been fully integrated into Administration and Finance. Marcia Nugent continues to work with international students and is the contact person for VISA issues.

Obituaries

Joan Roberts, Retired Director of Personnel

Joan Roberts, who served as the University’s director of Personnel for eight years, died Feb. 3 at the Lawrence General Hospital. She was 68.

A native of Lawrence, Mrs. Roberts graduated from Lowell State College in 1971 with a major in education and a minor in science. She joined the staff of the college that same year as a lab technician and later was elevated to the rank of professional technician. In 1978, she was named assistant director of Personnel Services and, two years later, was appointed temporary director of Personnel. She was named director of Personnel in 1981 and, two years later, was appointed temporary director of Personnel and Classified Labor Relations.

Mrs. Roberts lived in North Andover where she served on the town Finance Committee. In addition, she was a member of the League of Women Voters, and was a delegate to the National Women’s Conference for Equal Rights in 1975. She retired from the university in 1991.

Note Worthy

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Tuesday, April 12
Seminar, “The Chemistry Behind the Tigris System—Viral & Bacteria Detection Using Nucleic Acid Technology,” by Andrea Pierce of Groton Biosystems, 7 p.m., Olsen 503. For more information, contact Bryan_Buchholz@uml.edu.

Wednesday, April 13
Open Meeting Hours, meet with Chancellor William T. Hogan, staff: 2 – 3 p.m., students: 3 - 4 p.m., faculty: 4 - 5 p.m., Trustees Room, Cumnock Hall. For information, call the Chancellor’s Office (978) 934-2201.

Thursday, April 14
Film, “Monkey Dance,” follows the lives of three Cambodian-American teenagers. includes a performance by Lowell’s Angkor Dance Troupe, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Booth Cotton Mills Museum, 115 John St., Lowell. For more information, visit www.uml.edu/com/CITA.

Forum, 7th Annual Gathering at the Well, “Are Women Getting Even? Women, Men and Wages,” featured speaker Evelyn Murphy, lunch included, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alumni Lounge, Lydon Library. For registration and directions, visit www.uml.edu/centers/women-work.

Saturday, April 16
Performance, Parker Lecture Series, “Unlaunch’d voices: An Evening with Walt Whitman,” by Stephen Collins, a one-act play featuring the poetry, writing and conversation of Walt Whitman, 2 p.m., Pollard Memorial Library. For more information, call Paul Marion (978) 934-3107.

Monday, April 18
Patriot’s Day, University closed.

Wednesday, April 20
Exhibit Reception, “The Cubic Series,” sculpture by Eugenie Lewalski Berg, artist talk at 3 p.m., exhibit runs through May 13, 3 to 5 p.m., O’Leary 222. For more information, call (978) 934-3491.

Thursday, April 21
Film, “The Value of Life: AIDS in Africa Revisited,” UN HIV/AIDS envoy Stephen Lewis visits Africa where 30 million have HIV/AIDS, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Booth Cotton Mills Museum, 115 John St., Lowell. For more information, visit www.uml.edu/com/CITA.

Friday, April 22
Symposium, Art History Club Symposium, “American Portraiture,” 1 to 4 p.m., O’Leary 222. For more information, contact Marie_Frank@uml.edu.

Tuesday, April 26
Lecture, “Last Lecture” Series, Nicole Champagne (Health & Environment) responds to the question, “If this was the last lecture you were to give, what would you say?” 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., McGauvran 410. To reserve a seat for lunch, contact Imogene Stulken at (978) 934-5014 or Imogene_Stulken@uml.edu.

Wednesday, April 27

Exhibit Reception, “The Big Show,” 15th annual juried exhibit of student artwork, awards presentation at 3 p.m., exhibit runs through May 11, 2 to 4 p.m., Dugan Gallery. For more information, call (978) 934-3491.

Physics Colloquium, “Spin and Politics at the Femtoscale: Competition and Coexistence in Heavy Ion Excitations,” by Prof. Partha Chowdhury, UML, 4 p.m., O’leary 218. For more information, contact Albert_Altman@uml.edu.

Thursday, April 28
Film, “Is Wal-Mart Good for America?” a recent Frontline special on PBS examines Wal-Mart’s impact on jobs, wages and working conditions in the United States and China, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Booth Cotton Mills Museum, 115 John St., Lowell. For more information, visit www.uml.edu/com/CITA.

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Sunday, May 1
Performance, Discovery Series, “Circo Comedia,” a fast-paced, entertaining adventure presented by Smythe & Saucier, great for all ages, tickets $10, group discounts available, 2 p.m., Durgin Concert Hall. For more information or tickets, call the UML Center for the Arts (978) 934-4444.

Wednesday, May 5
Seminar, “Upper Extremity Neuromuscular Biomechanics,” by Dr. Jack Dennerlein, Harvard School of Public Health, 7 p.m., Olsen 503. For more information, contact Imogene_Stulken@uml.edu.

Thursday, May 12

Saturday, May 14
Exhibit Reception, Spring BFA Exhibit, exhibit runs through May 22, 2 to 5 p.m., EVOS Arts Institute, 98 Middle St., Lowell. For more information, call (978) 934-3491.

Saturday, Jun. 11
Weekend Snapshots, Each on-campus session gives potential undergraduate students an overview of the University and campus life, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For additional information and to register, visit www.uml.edu/admissions/weekendsnapshots.

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To add a calendar event or to see the most up to date happenings, go to: www.uml.edu/calendar.asp
Wednesday, March 9

Art Project, “The Public Art Project Comes to Campus” participants are encouraged to stop by and use the art materials provided to illustrate the many hats they wear, the many roles they play, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., McCausland, 2nd floor. For more information, visit www.lowellwomensweek.org.

Thursday, March 10

Forum, “Hats off to a Decade of Providing Women’s Safety, Prosperity and Spirit,” Lowell Women’s Week campus and community organizers will share stories about how they got involved, why they stayed and what the week means to them 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., O’Leary 222. For more information, visit www.lowellwomensweek.org.

Friday, March 11

Panel & Discussion, “Partner Violence against South Asian Women in the United States,” reps from Friendship for South Asian Women will discuss their efforts on behalf of South Asian women living in this country amid domestic violence, noon to 2 p.m., O’Leary 222. For more information, visit www.lowellwomensweek.org.

Saturday, March 19

Lecture, Parker Lecture Series, “Birds of Prey,” Tom Ricardi discusses the bald eagle, barn owl, red-tailed hawk and falcons, 2 p.m., Pollard Memorial Library. For more information, call Paul Marion (978) 934-3107.

Sunday, March 20

Travelogue, Parker Lecture Series, “Mary Margaret O’Connell: Lowell Mill Girl,” by Sharon Kennedy, a historical re-enactment of the daily life of a mill girl working in Lowell in 1847 and the Irish in the “Acre,” 2 p.m., Lowell National Park Visitor Center. For more information, call Paul Marion (978) 934-3107.

Monday, March 21

Spring Break Ends, classes resume.

Competition, first round of competition for “Igniting Massachusetts Clean Energy Future: $30K Business Presentation Competition for Clean Energy Technologies,” registration deadline is March 1, MIT. For more information or to enter, check out www.mitforumcambridge.org/EnergySIGIgNiteCleanEnergy.html.

Wednesday, March 23

Physics Colloquium, “Radiation Chemistry Studies Using Surface Science Techniques,” by Prof. Chris Arumainayagam, Wellesley College, 4 p.m., O’Leary 218. For more information, contact Albert_Altman@uml.edu.

Thursday, March 31


Monday, April 4

Discussion Lunch, gathering for nontraditional students to network with one another, noon to 1:30 p.m., Marilyn Evans Lounge, Southwick Hall. For more information, contact Imogene_Stulken@uml.edu.

Tuesday, April 5

Lectures, 10th Annual Day Without Violence, “Amnesty International’s Report Card on the U.S.,” 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., O’Leary 222; “International Law: The Makers & the Watchers,” 2 to 3:30 p.m., O’Leary 222; “Human Rights at UML: The International Student Perspective,” 4 to 5:30 p.m. Alumni Lounge, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. O’Leary 222 & Alumni Lounge. For more information, contact Imogene_Stulken@uml.edu.

Thursday, April 7

Film, “Uprooted,” three stories of immigrants who left their homes to face new challenges in the U.S., also features readings by local poets, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 115 John St., Lowell. For more information, visit www.uml.edu/Com/CITA.