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Center of Attraction

Honors Program Is Magnet for Academically Gifted Students

Last October, the campus' commitment to "honor thy students" was realized with the dedication of Anne Arundel Hall, the renovated showcase Honors Living/Learning Center at the heart of campus. Since then, the center has helped the Honors Program achieve several of its goals, says Jane Lawrence, director of the Honors Program.

Lawrence credits the facility with playing a role in the recruitment and subsequent enrollment of 575 new freshman Honors students, the largest and most diverse class to date.

Since the opening of Anne Arundel Hall, more than 1,000 prospective students and families have toured the remodeled facility. This exposure and other initiatives, including First Year Focus, a comprehensive program organized last year to immerse freshman in the campus; a change in the Honors application process (qualified students are now invited to join the Honors Program); a doubling of Honors course selections; and an expanded list of colleges offering Honors programs all contributed to the successful recruitment of this large class of academically-talented students. Lawrence notes that the 1993 Honors entrants have an average SAT score of 1,240, compared to an overall SAT average among all first-year students of 1,086.

In addition, the new Honors class mirrors the diversity of the UMCP undergraduate population, according to Bonnie Rich, the Honors Program's advising coordinator. Sixteen percent of the first-year Honors students are

African Americans, a rise from 10 percent last year. And Asian students account for one-fifth of the Honors population (compared to one-fourth entering in 1992). "The Honors Program is committed to having a diverse student population, faculty and course offerings so we can reach out to students regardless of their interests and background," says Lawrence.

Again this year, the male/female ratio remains nearly evenly split. What's more, Honors students are spread among all of the colleges on campus. "This breaks the stereotype that the typical Honors student is a white male in engineering who sports a pocket protector," says Lawrence. Engineering still has the most, but they account for slightly less than a quarter of the 575 Honors students, with almost as many to be found in Life Sciences and Letters and Sciences.

While Anne Arundel Hall houses only 100 students, a total of 940 Honors students live on campus, many of them on specially designated floors in the highrises. Lawrence speaks passionately about building a strong on-campus community for these students.

"One of our major goals is to have an impact on the intellectual climate of the campus and to encourage faculty-student interaction," says Lawrence. "The more students who live on campus, the stronger the sense of community."

Any concerns that the special residence hall would isolate or insulate

Honors students have been dispelled. The lectures, informal get-togethers, art displays and other amenities such as the computer lab, study rooms and library draw students from throughout campus. Lawrence stresses that all Anne Arundel activities are open to everyone. For example, a recent forum regarding highly competitive scholarship opportunities (such as Fulbrights, Marshalls and others) drew 150 students.

And Honors students participate in activities across campus as well. In HONR 100, a special one-credit course for first-year students, the 30 small sections will complete a total of 2,550 hours of community service this fall. Lawrence notes that Honors students are very involved in the Student Government Association, Day for Giving, the Summer of Service initiative and the Caring Coalition.

Lawrence adds that student regent, Michael Seelman, who represents the entire UM system student body, is an Honors student living in Anne Arundel Hall. "The Honors students are emerging among the campus leaders," she says.

Prayer Vigil Celebrates Freed Hostage



A prayer vigil of celebration for the freeing of Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant, a former hostage in Somalia, was held in the main sanctuary of Memorial Chapel on Oct. 14. The vigil, sponsored by the university's United Campus Ministry, was conducted by the Rev. Holly Ulmer. Attending the vigil were Durant's sister, Mary Ellen Durant, and her husband, Michael O'Hara, a university graduate assistant, pictured above.

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Class of '33 Takes a Shine to Maryland's Mascot

His nose worn thin from being rubbed by students wishing for good grades, Testudo the weary diamond-back terrapin was recently given a facelift and a new brick base.

A ceremony was held on Homecoming morning (Oct. 16) to unveil the new and improved Testudo with members of the Class of '33 and President William Kirwan in attendance.

The original hollow bronze casting of the mascot was given as a gift to the university by the Class of 1933. It rested in front of Ritchie Coliseum until 1950, when it was moved to Byrd Stadium, and set up permanent residence in front of McKeldin Library in 1965.

But after nearly five decades of rubbing and rain show-ers, Testudo was showing his age. The Naval ROTC unit on campus noticed that Testudo was in need of renovation, and began raising money to restore its original luster.

But when the Class of '33 heard of the ROTC's plans, they took over the effort themselves.

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A restored Testudo was unveiled at Homecoming.

28 Journalists Hit the Books

A select group of reporters and editors from newspapers throughout the country are currently studying higher education issues all this week at the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism. Seminar topics include university budgets, tuition, diversity and education law. Serving on the selection committee awarding the fellowships were: Rudolph Pyatt Jr., business columnist, *Washington Post*, and David Bartlett, president, Radio-Television News Directors Association. Nearly 550 journalists have received Knight Center Fellowships since the inception of the seminar program in 1987, made possible by a major grant from the Knight Foundation.

History of Jewish American Women Discussed at Oct. 31 Conference

On Sunday, Oct. 31, scholars and historians will join in a conference on the history of Jewish women in America. Called "Across Boundaries," the conference is targeted toward three types of scholars: the few who already study the history of American Jewish women, those who study women's history and Jewish history, and those who have lightly touched upon issues involving Jewish American women.

The idea for "Across Boundaries" began when Hasia Diner, professor of American Studies, taught a course at the Jewish Studies Center in Washington, D.C., on the history of American Jewish women. "A woman came

up to me, introduced herself and asked if I would be interested in getting money for a conference on the subject," Diner said.

Though not a scholar, the woman, Clara Schiffer, was interested in the subject and gave a contribution. Since then, Diner has found support from the Maryland Humanities Council and the Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies.

Keynote speaker for the conference is Paula Hyman, from Yale University, an expert on French Jewish history credited by Diner with launching the field more than 20 years ago. Presenters include UMCP faculty members Evelyn Torton Beck,

Adele Berlin, Bernard Cooperman, Gay Gullickson, Robyn Muncy, Marsha Rozenblit, and Mary Sies.

The Johns Hopkins University Press has expressed interest in publishing the major papers presented at the conference, Diner said.

The conference, which is free to the public (except for meals), takes place in the Art/Sociology Building on Oct. 31 and in the Center for Adult Education on Nov. 1. For more information, contact Diner at 405-1354.

—Stephen Sobek

Center on Aging Awarded More Than \$300,000 to Help States Reform Long-Term Care

Once President Clinton's proposed health care reform plan is approved by Congress, it likely will give states increased responsibility for long-term care reform. But that flexibility may not immediately translate into access to all long-term care services for all Americans.

To ensure that coverage will become available to all, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has selected the UMCP Center on Aging to administer a \$3.6 million national program that promotes the development of long-term care coverage

within the context of federal and state health reform.

The Center on Aging, which helped form one of the only pilot programs in the country to address long-term care financing, will receive \$310,000 to administer the new initiative. As part of the project, the center will work with six states in reforming their long-term care financing systems in order to provide people with greater access to the care they need. If these states are successful, they could serve as a model for reform throughout the country.

"While the Clinton administration has taken on the formidable task of providing health care to all Americans, it is doubtful that the country can afford to fully fund long-term care at the same time," says Mark Meiners, director of the new initiative. "That's why states have to initiate bold new programs to help families plan for the expense of long-term care and avoid the risk of impoverishment."

The new program builds on the experience of the Partnership for Long-Term Care, which Meiners has directed since 1987. That program has helped four states—California, Connecticut, Indiana and New York—keep the elderly from losing a lifetime of savings should they ever need nursing services or home care.

Since its inception, the project has received \$10.4 million in grants from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. And at least 11 other states have passed legislation seeking to establish similar programs.

In the four states where the partnership is active, anyone who buys state-endorsed long-term care insurance from a private company can protect a certain amount of assets and still qualify for Medicaid should their coverage ever run out.

A Sunny OUTLOOK



Meet Jennifer Hawes, *OUTLOOK*'s new editor. She will be on campus, seeking those stories that reflect the campus community. Watch for her. She could be coming to your building soon. In the meantime, if you have story ideas or other comments regarding *OUTLOOK*, please send them to the attention of *OUTLOOK* Editor Jennifer Hawes, Room 201, Turner or send an Email to jhawes@umdacc.umd.edu.

A Gifted Homecoming



On October 16, a bottle of Heineken beer officially christened Van Munching Hall, the building that bears the name of Leo Van Munching Jr., Class of '50, shown at left with College of Business and Management Dean William Mayer. The building houses the College of Business and Management and the School of Public Affairs. Van Munching is president of Van Munching & Co., sole importer of Heineken and Amstel Light beers. Last May, he pledged \$5 million to the university, a gift to help defray construction cost of the new facility which includes classrooms, computer laboratories and study areas, as well as offices for all full-time faculty.

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Conference on Multi-Ethnic Retention Revisited

The Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education hosts its second annual conference, "Retention 2000—Strategies That Empower: Collaborate, Educate, and Excel" on Wednesday, Nov. 10. New opportunities for collaboration will be explored with students, faculty, staff, administrators and community leaders having equal roles in the development of retention strategies for multi-ethnic students. For more information, call 405-5616.

Taking a 'Trickle Down' Approach to Education



Sharon Harley

If the last phrase you'd expect to hear in conjunction with diversity and multiculturalism is "trickle down," then you may not know about Sharon Harley's current effort to broaden the public school system's approach to education. Harley is an assistant professor of Afro-American Studies.

Beginning last spring and continuing through fall, Harley's project has brought together 40 Prince George's County school teachers from a variety of ages, backgrounds and grade levels for a program of study in Afro-American history and literature. Her purpose? To "train them to become trainers," says Harley, a frequent consultant to the school system, who created the program as a way not only of further grounding teachers in the challenges of multicultural study, but furthering the idea of multicultural study itself in the school system.

"They take the courses, they do readings in all the recent scholarship, they learn these new approaches, and then they go back and, hopefully, they share it with their colleagues," says Harley.

In other words, in theory at least, a perfect example of trickle down at work. Harley chuckles. "Yeah, only in this case," she says, "maybe it works."

Harley's program is one of many ongoing efforts by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) to further multicultural education. There's also Professor of Anthropology Tony Whitehead's work on AIDS within the urban community, Associate Professor of Psychology Janet Helms's work on racial identity issues, not to mention a host of workshops (including one for TAs on "classroom climate," and one for faculty to foster interdisciplinary work).

In Harley's case, as Behavioral and Social Science Dean Irwin Goldstein proudly points out, the program is meant to foster diversity not only within BSOS, but within the campus system as well.

How does he figure?

"Well," he says, "we're offering these courses to people who will be educating people who will be coming here. It's very cyclical."

The fact is, he says, "We're sending students out to live in a multicultural community."

That's the reality—that's been the reality, Goldstein says. And the slow-to-adapt educational system must change with the changing times. It cannot afford to do otherwise. As Goldstein says, "How can you send students out to live in that community if they haven't had the experience?"

If the dedication and commitment to multicultural learning their teachers have shown in just three courses is any indication, those students will soon find themselves fully immersed in the challenges of multicultural experience.

Of her class of 40, Harley says "they're doing brilliantly."

In fact, a good many of her students have been so excited by the experience that they've decided on

pursuing their Ph.D.s here next year.

As for the program itself, Harley has plans to take on another 40 teachers this spring. In her spare time, she's devising ways to have a program for teachers from every county school system in the state. And that's only for starters. Eventually, she'd like to go national.

"Maybe in the next two years," she says. "Funded by the NEA, one for each state in the country. That's the dream."

—Todd Kliman



**DIVERSITY
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Professor Krisher Dies of Cancer

Lawrence Krisher, physical chemistry professor, died of cancer Sept. 28 in his Riverdale home. He was 60.

Krisher taught classes in physics and chemistry, and was a tenured professor in the Institute for Physical Sciences and Technology on campus.

During his 30 years at College Park, Krisher developed a microwave spectroscopy laboratory in the Institute for Molecular Physics. His research there led him to search for molecules in interstellar space.

Also a trombonist, Krisher served as president of the Prince George's Symphony Orchestra. He performed with the Montgomery County Community Orchestra, the Montgomery College Orchestra, and the University of Maryland Orchestra, as well as playing in a brass quintet.

Crash Kills Veteran Campus Police Officer

Sergeant Alan Mondor, a six-year veteran of the College Park campus police force, died following a single vehicle accident on Route 1 in Beltsville early morning, Oct. 15. Mondor was off duty at the time of the accident. Mondor is survived by his wife Karen and two daughters, Stefanie and Kelly, of Burtonsville. Donations may be made to a trust fund for Mondor's children, care of Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 23, UMCP Police Department.

Terrapin Tune-Up

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"We've always cherished our gift and we didn't want to give up our interest in it," says George Weber, president of the Class of '33.

In 1933, the football team was known as "the Old Liners," but the Class of '33 decided that the team needed a more fitting name and a mascot. Although each class member may recount a different tale of why the Terrapin was chosen, the diamondback terrapin became the official mascot that year.

With the blessing of Curley Byrd, then president of the university, the Class of '33 decided to build a statue to make the mascot official. The class even gave up having their prom at an expensive hotel to pay for the casting.

"We sent the president of the Student Government Association to [the casting company in] Rhode Island with a live terrapin to make sure that the cast was accurate," Weber said. Preserved by a taxidermist, the original terrapin now attends all of their class reunions.

—Stephen Sobek

CALENDAR

Arts

Reading: Wed., Oct. 27, A.M. Homes, 7:30 p.m., Maryland Room, Marie Mount. Call 5-3820 for info.

Creative Dance Lab: Sat., Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dance Building. Call 5-7038 for info.

Maryland Gospel Choir: Sat., Oct. 30, "11th Annual Gospel Extravaganza," 3 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. Call 5-5545 for info.*

The Concert Society at Maryland: Sat., Oct. 30, Mosaic, 8 p.m., UMUC Auditorium, \$18 adults, \$8 students. Call 3-4240 for info.*

Exhibit: "Anonymity and Identity," featuring five artists, photography and video. Opens Wed., Nov. 3, runs through Dec. 23, The Art Gallery, Art/Sociology. Call 5-2763 for info.

Lectures

Employee Development Training Program: Mon., Oct. 25, "Nuts and Bolts of Procurement and Supply," 9 a.m.-noon, 1101 Administrative Services. Call 5-5651 for info. or to register.*

Returning Student Workshop: Mon., Oct. 25, "Notetaking Workshop," 2-3 p.m., 2201 Shoemaker. Call 4-7693 for info.

Entomology Colloquium: Mon., Oct. 25, "Nitrogen Content of Poinsettia, Euphorbia Pulcherrima, as a Host to the Sweetpotato Whitefly," Jo-Ann Bentz, 4 p.m., 0200 Symons. Call 5-3911 for info.

Space Science Seminar: Mon., Oct. 25, "Recent Observations of Pickup Ions," George Gloeckler, 4:30 p.m., 1113 Computer and Space Sciences. Call 5-6232 for info.

Employee Development Training Program: Tue., Oct. 26, "Understanding the Travel Office," 9 a.m.-noon, 1101 Administrative Services. Call 5-5651 for info. or to register.*

Zoology Lecture: Tue., Oct. 26, "Prey Selectivity and Vision of Sunfish: Another Grimm Tale," Bill Walton, noon, 1208 Zoology/Psychology. Call 5-6896 for info.

Employee Development Training Program: Tue., Oct. 26, "Financial Success in a Recovering Economy-The Hidden Agenda in Your Automobile Insurance," 1-3 p.m., 1101 Administrative Services. Call 5-5651 for info. or to register.*

Counseling Center Seminar: Tue., Oct. 26, "Adult Children of Alcoholics," 3-4 p.m., Shoemaker. Call 4-7651 for info.*

Counseling Center Seminar: Wed., Oct. 27, "Biological Research on Infants," Nathan Fox, noon-1 p.m., 0106 Shoemaker. Call 4-7690 for info.

Core Faculty Workshop: Wed., Oct. 27, "Diversity in the Disciplines," 3-4:30 p.m., Maryland Room, Marie Mount. Call 5-9368.

China Regional Seminar: Wed., Oct. 27, "Industry, Culture, Politics: The Taiwan Transformation," Chun-Chieh Huang,

National Taiwan University, 4 p.m., McHenry Room, Center for Adult Education. Call 5-4312 for info.

Committee on Religion and Culture Lecture: Wed., Oct. 27, "Mt. Athos: The Holy Mountain of the Orthodox Church," George Majeska, 4 p.m., 1117 Francis Scott Key. Call 5-4304 for info.

Computer Science Lecture: Wed., Oct. 27, "Educating a New Engineer," Peter Denning, George Mason University, 4 p.m., 0111 A.V. Williams. Call 5-2661 for info.

Counseling Center Seminar: Wed., Oct. 27, "Communication Skills for Women: Dealing With Shyness," 5-6 p.m., Shoemaker. Call 4-7651 for info.*

Architecture Lecture: Wed., Oct. 27, "The Experience of Place," Tony Hiss, 7 p.m., Architecture Auditorium, Call 5-6284 for info.

Harrison Program Conference: Thu., Oct. 28 - Sat., Oct. 30, "Footsteps to Sustainability," UMUC, and the Carnegie Endowment in Washington, D.C., \$35, \$25 one day. Call 5-7490 for info.*

Systems Lecture Series: Thu., Oct. 28, "Coupled Cells and Symmetry," Martin Golubitsky, University of Houston, 2 p.m., 1100 ITV Building. Call 5-6634 for info.

Center on Population, Gender and Social Inequality Seminar: Thu., Oct. 28, "Explaining the Fertility Decline in Thailand," Charles Hirschman, University of Washington, 3:30 p.m., 2115 Art/Sociology Building. Call 5-6403 for info.

Meteorology Seminar: Thu., Oct. 28, "A Modeling Study of Greenhouse Gas Induced Changes in the Oceanic Thermohaline Circulation," Charles Lin, McGill University, 3:30 p.m., 2114 Computer and Space Sciences. Call 5-5392 for info.

Nuclear Engineering Seminar: Thu., Oct. 28, "Powder Synthesis of Materials for Electronics Packaging," D. Lashmore, National Institute of Standards & Technology, 4 p.m., 2110 Chemical and Nuclear Engineering. Call 5-5208 for info.

Counseling Center Seminar: Thu., Oct. 28, "Black Women Support," 6-7 p.m., Shoemaker. Call 4-7651 for info.*

Employee Development Training Program: Fri., Oct. 29, "Understanding FAS," 9 a.m.-noon, 1101 Administrative Services. Call 5-5651 for info or to register.*

Botany Seminar: Fri., Oct. 29, "Cucumovirus Satellite RNAs: Molecular Structure, Replication, and Viral Symptom Modulation," Gusui Wu, noon, 2242 H.J. Patterson. Call 5-1597 for info.

Mental Health Service Lunch 'N Learn: Fri., Oct. 29, "Accupuncture and Your Health," Margaret Beatty, 1-2 p.m., 3100E University Health Center. Call 4-8106 for info.

Microbiology Seminar: Fri., Oct. 29, "Biofilms in Nature and Disease," B. Costerton, Montana State University, 3:30 p.m., 1207 Microbiology. Call 5-5446 for info.



The Concert Society at Maryland presents Mosaic on Saturday, Oct. 30.

American Studies Conference: Sun., Oct. 31-Mon., Nov. 1, "Across Boundaries: A History of Jewish Women in America," Call 5-1354 for info.*

Public Affairs Brown Bag Discussion: Mon., Nov. 1, "Radical Environmental Politics," Brent Blackwelder, Friends of the Earth, noon, 1:15 p.m., 1109 Van Munching. Call 5-6359 for info.

Department of French and Italian Lecture: Mon., Nov. 1, "Montaigne and Italy," Dante Della Terza, Harvard University, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room, St. Mary's Hall. Call 5-4029 for info.

Entomology Colloquium: Mon., Nov. 1, "The Influence of Multiple Host Contacts on the Transmission of Dengue-2 Virus by Aedes Aegypti," John Putman, 4 p.m., 0200 Symons. Call 5-3911 for info.

Employee Development Training Program: Tue., Nov. 2, "Managing AIDS in the Workplace," 9 a.m.-noon, 1101 Administrative Services. Call 5-5651 for info. or to register.*

Zoology Lecture: Tue., Nov. 2, "The Evolution of the Middle Ear Fables, Fallacies, Facts and Fossils," Jenny Clack, Cambridge University, noon, 1208 Zoology/Psychology. Call 5-6891 for info.

Counseling Center Seminar: Tue., Nov. 2, "Adult Children of Alcoholics," 3-4 p.m., Shoemaker. Call 4-7651 for info.*

Distinguished Lecturer Series: Tue., Nov. 2, "Language and the Cognitive Revolution," Noam Chomsky, MIT, 3:30 p.m., 0204 Architecture. Call 5-1482 for info.

Distinguished Lecturer Series: Tue., Nov. 2, "Chemical Defense, Sexual Selection in Insect World," Jerrold Meinwald, Cornell, 3:30 p.m., 1400 Marie Mount. Call 5-1482 for info.

Stress Management Workshop: Tue., Nov. 2, "Stress, Conflict and Communication," 5:15-6:15 p.m., 2107 Health Center. Call 4-8131 for info.

Counseling Center Seminar: Wed., Nov. 3, "Developmental Issues in Learning Math," Elizabeth Shearn, noon-1 p.m., 0106 Shoemaker. Call 4-7690 for info.

Conversations About Teaching Seminar: Wed., Nov. 3, "You Just Don't Understand: Is There a Faculty/Student Generational Values Gap?" noon-1:30 p.m., Maryland Room, Marie Mount. Call 5-9368 for info.

Zoology Lecture: Wed., Nov. 3, "Genealogical Portraits of Speciation in the Drosophila Melanogaster Species Complex," Jody Hey, noon, 1208 Zoology/Psychology. Call 5-6891 for info.

Comparative Literature Symposium: Wed., Nov. 3, "Technologies and the Transmission of Knowledge," 3 p.m., Maryland Room, Marie Mount. Call 5-2853 for info.

Counseling Center Seminar: Wed., Nov. 3, "Communication Skills for Women: Dealing With Shyness," 5-6 p.m., Shoemaker. Call 4-7651 for info.*

Peer Computer Training: Thu., Oct. 28, "Networked Resources, Part 2," 6-9 p.m., 4352 Computer and Space Sciences, \$5. Call 5-2941 for info.*

AIDS Awareness Week: Mon., Nov. 1-Fri., Nov. 5.

Peer Computer Training: Mon., Nov. 1, "Intermediate WordPerfect," 6-9 p.m., 3330 Computer and Space Sciences, \$5. Call 5-2941 for info.*

Peer Computer Training: Tue., Nov. 2, "Intro to Macintosh," 6-9 p.m., 3332 Computer and Space Sciences, \$5. Call 5-2941 for info.*

Sports

Women's Soccer: Tue., Oct. 26, vs. Princeton, 3 p.m., Denton Field. Call 4-7034 for info.

Men's Soccer: Wed., Oct. 27, vs. James Madison, 3 p.m., Denton Field. Call 4-7005 for info.

Field Hockey: Tue., Nov. 2, vs. Richmond, 7:30 p.m., Astro turf Field. Call 4-7006 for info.

Miscellaneous

Overeaters Anonymous: Wed., Oct. 27 & Wed., Nov. 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 2107 Health Center. Call (301) 776-1076 for info.

Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405- respectively. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*). For more information, call 405-4628.

Listings marked with this symbol have been designated as Diversity Year events by the Office of Human Relations.

