

APRIL 22, 2003

## Special education graduate to present commencement address

**R**ichard D. Lavoie, one of the nation's leading authorities on learning disabilities, will present the commencement address at the college's 107th commencement ceremony on May 24. Thousands of students, parents, faculty and friends will gather on the college quadrangle for the 10 a.m. ceremony. Lavoie will also be presented with an honorary degree.

Lavoie, a 1972 graduate of Fitchburg State's Special Education Department, which this year celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs for many years.

He holds three degrees in special education and has served as an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at a number of universities, including Syracuse, Harvard, Gallaudet, Manhattanville College, the University of Alabama and Georgetown. His numerous national television appearances include the "CBS Morning Show," "Good Morning America," "ABC Evening News" and "Disney Channel Presents," and "PBS's Misunderstood Minds."

Lavoie has served as a consultant on learning disabilities to more than 400 school systems in 42 states, as well as a variety of agencies and organizations, including the Public Broadcasting Service, *The New York Times*, the National Center for Learning Disabilities, Girl Scouts of America, and *Child Magazine*. He is a member of the Professional Advisor Board of the Learning Disabilities Association.

Through an extensive public speaking schedule, he has made presentations to more than 500,000 parents and professionals throughout North America. He has the distinction of having delivered keynote addresses for all three of the major special needs advocacy organizations in the United States, the Learning Disabilities Association, the Council for Exceptional Children, and Children with Attention Deficit Disorder.

Lavoie is probably best known for his videos "How Difficult Can This Be?," "The F.A.T. City Workshop" and "Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities." These award-winning films have brought Lavoie's compelling message to thousands worldwide. After viewing the videos, former First Lady Barbara Bush commented, "You really wowed us! I only wish that every parent and teacher in the United States today could also see your program." His most recent video on behavior management is titled "When the Chips are Down..."



Richard D. Lavoie '72

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## Presidential search narrowed to three

**T**he Board of Trustees have narrowed to three the list of finalists in the college's presidential search. In alphabetical order the candidates are:

**Robert V. Antonucci**, president of Riverdeep-The Learning Company in Cambridge.

**Linda K. Goldberg**, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.

**W. Hubert Keen**, special assistant to the system provost at State University of New York in Albany.

Over the course of the next two weeks, the trustees will conduct on-site research at the finalists' current campus or place of business, and plan to make a final decision on May 6.

## Today...

**11:30 a.m. in the Campus Center Lounge**—a ceremony honoring William E. Aubuchon Jr., and Helen Ross Russell.

**2 p.m. in Weston Auditorium**—26th annual Honor's Convocation.

## In brief

■ Franco Zeffirelli's film "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" will be shown on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in Hammond's Ellis White Lecture Hall. Tickets are \$5 for the general public; \$3 for seniors and students. Call the Weston Box Office at (978) 665-3347 Monday through Friday 12:30-3:30 p.m. or (978) 665-3709 for more information.

■ Nominations for the Alumni Association's Joel D. Miller Award, as well as the Leadership Award, Alumni Service Award, Alumni Recognition Award, Booster Award, and Alumni Achievement Award are due May 1. Questions can be directed to Lee Robertson in the Alumni Office at (978) 665-3355 or email [alumni@fsc.edu](mailto:alumni@fsc.edu).

■ Cynthia Flynn (Student Activities) sends her thanks to all who sent notes or cards following the recent death of her mother.

■ Sigma Tau Gamma and the Volunteer Center are collecting new and used children's books to be donated to encourage literacy. Books can be dropped off at the Volunteer Center, or can be picked up by calling Gary at ext. 5710. Other Volunteer Center events:

**April 24:** Boy's Night Out at the Sunrise Nursing Home. Meet in the college's Hammond Lounge at 6 p.m. Sign up in the Volunteer Center. The night will feature board games, bingo, poker and many other activities. For more information, contact Mike at ext. 6076.

**May 3:** Kid's Day is scheduled for, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Street Playground.

**May 4:** Walk for Hunger in Boston. Van leaves Aubuchon at 7 a.m. Contact Dianna at ext. 5351 for more information.

To volunteer to serve dinner at Our Father's House on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m., contact Stacy at ext. 3649.

## Milestones

*Congratulations to those who will receive Employee Service Awards at a reception next Monday, April 28, at 3 p.m. in Hammond Lounge:*

### 5 Years

Steven Aker, Facilities/Custodial; Patrick Barosy, Access; Dianne Berube, Graduate & Continuing Ed; Anthony Chila, Management Information Systems; Brenda Coleman, Co-Step; Kathleen Consalvo, Facilities/Custodial; Jerome Favata, Academic Computing; James Guertin, Industrial Technology; Mary Hagerty, Treasurer's Office; Martha Horgan, Nursing; Curtis Kelley, Facilities/Grounds; Christina Kelley, Communications Media; Melissa Legare, Biology/Chemistry; Lisa Lemay, Treasurer's Office; David Lozeau, Facilities/Custodial; William McCullough, Campus Police; Heather Pellerin, Academic Computing; Natalie Piermarini, International Education; Kathleen Radley, Graduate & Continuing Ed; Roland Richard, Facilities/Custodial; Heather Thomas, Financial Aid; Anthony Wilcox, Registrar.

### 10 Years

Peter Caissey, Facilities/Electrical; Cheryl Howe, Registrar; Carolyn Hughes, ECEMS; Beth Lawrence, Special Education; Lisa Mason, Facilities/Custodial; Carla McGrath, Nursing; David Newton, Grant Center; Cindy Rahaim, Professional Development Center.

### 15 Years

Stephanie Boucher, Educator Licensure; Jannine Carson-Griffin, Treasurer's Office; James Condon, Facilities/Grounds; Gail Feckley, Admissions; Michael Ferreira, Academic Computing; Robert Gauvin, Facilities/Custodial; Leonce Richard, Facilities/Custodial; Mary Lou Sanborn, President's Office; Gerald Sawyer, Academic Computing; Debra Schuffels, Facilities/Custodial; Anthony Sciabarrasi, Facilities/Structures; Vincent Tafuri, Facilities/Electrical.

### 20 Years

Mary Bradford, Computer Science; Lawrence Fletcher, Facilities/Custodial; Donna Foley, Academic Advising; Steven Lanciani, Facilities; Bruce Lord, Facilities/Structures; Sheila Lynch, Registrar; William Powers, Facilities/Grounds; Paulette Rameau, Exercise and Sport Science.

**25 Years** Doreen Ares, Treasurer's Office; George Babich, Biology/Chemistry; Lucy Dechene, Mathematics; Elaine Francis, Education; Kathleen Gillberg, Student Affairs; Terrance Hurley, Facilities/Grounds.

### 30 Years

George Bond, Biology/Chemistry; Robert Gardula, Geo/Physical Sciences; Patricia Hayes, Behavioral Sciences; Barry Light, Mathematics; Donna May, Academic Affairs; Charles St. Louis, Facilities/Structures.

## Little Falcons in flight

Area third- and fourth grade students will join Fitchburg State athletes for the first Junior Falcon Sport Day on Sunday, April 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The athletes will help the children sharpen their skills in hockey, volleyball, track and soccer.

The program is being coordinated by Jason Holt, a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and goalie of the Falcon hockey team.

"I want young kids to grow up and have the same experiences I did as a student and an athlete," Holt said.

The event will be monitored by athletic training staff and police services. To register contact James Jellison at (978) 503-3494.

## Health happening

The college's annual health fair will be held at the Recreation Center on Wednesday, April 30, and Thursday, May 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The free event is sponsored by Health Services, Counseling Services, Recreation Services, Exercise and Sport Science, NSA and STANCE.

With a theme of "Spring into Health" the fair will focus on such topics as healthy eating, proper hand washing techniques, tobacco use prevention and cardiovascular screening.

Students, staff and faculty are also invited to participate in National Alcohol Screening Day on May 1. In addition to the booths, there will be workshops on topics such as rehabilitation of shoulder injuries, strength training for women, weight loss diets, and physical fitness testing. A raffle featuring gift certificates at various stores, salons and restaurants is also slated.

## Take a look at Visions

"Visions '03," a display of works by Communications Media students at the college, will be on view April 23 through June 1 in the Campus Center Art Gallery.

An opening reception is scheduled for April 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the gallery. Juried student work in photography, graphic design and technical communications will be on display. Film and video selections will be screened that evening at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. Admission is free and the community is invited to attend.

(Photo above by Brett Crawford '06)



## Winter in spring

The Grammy Award-winning Paul Winter Consort will perform on Thursday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in Weston Auditorium.

Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$17 for FSC staff, seniors, alums, groups; and \$5 for FSC students and under 18/reserved seating. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door on the evening of the performance. Call the Weston Box Office at (978) 665-3347 Monday through Friday 12:30-3:30 p.m. or (978) 665-3709 for more information.

Formed in 1967, the consort became one of the earliest ensembles to explore the integration of world music and natural sounds into the context of conventional music-making. Winter's "Earth Music" is as vibrant today as it was when it emerged nearly 40 years ago—and Winter has the Grammy for Best New Age Music to prove it.

Winter's musical realm has long embraced the traditions of the world's cultures, as well as the extraordinary voices of what he refers to as "the greater symphony of the Earth." His concert tours and recording expeditions have taken him to 37 countries and to wilderness areas on six continents, into which he has traveled on rafts, mules, dog sleds, horses, kayaks, sailboats, steamers, tugboats and Land Rovers.

A native of Pennsylvania, Winter formed a jazz sextet at Northwestern University that won the 1961 Intercollegiate Jazz Festival and was signed to a contract with Columbia Records by the legendary producer John Hammond. In 1962 the Paul Winter Sextet was sent by the U.S. State Department on a six-month

tour of 23 countries of Latin America. The sextet became one of the first groups to assimilate the syncopations of Brazil's bossa nova into its sound and later, at the invitation of Jackie Kennedy, it became the first jazz group to officially perform at the White House.

Brazil became a second home for Winter in the mid-'60s and he recorded several albums there. Brazilian guitar, Afro-Brazilian percussion, and the symphonic music of Villa-Lobos inspired the aural-vision of the new ensemble he would call the Paul Winter Consort. Launched in 1967, the Consort became the forum for the world of diverse music that Winter loved.

The haunting celebration of a howling pack of wolves and the beautifully complex songs of the whales planted the seeds of ideas that blossomed on a number of Winter's later albums. The recorded sounds from the natural world are interwoven with classical and ethnic traditions, the whole infused with the spontaneous spirit of jazz.

Winter's forming of Living Music Records in 1980 created the recording forum for the exploration of this musical vision. Winner of four Grammy Awards and six Grammy nominations, the music of Living Music Records is usually recorded in Winter's barn-studio surrounded by protected woodland, sometimes in natural acoustic spaces such as the Grand Canyon, and frequently beneath the vaults of the Cathedral of St John the Divine, the world's largest Gothic cathedral where the Consort are artists-in-residence.

Winter has performed over 2,000 con-

certs in major concert halls of the Americas, Europe and Asia, in major cathedrals such as Washington's National Cathedral, Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and New York's St. John the Divine, and in such places as the White House, the Grand Canyon, the Negev Desert in Israel and the palace of the Crown Prince of Japan.

In recognition of his musical contributions to the environment, Winter has received a Global 500 Award from the United Nations, the Award of Excellence from the United Nations Environment Program, the Joseph Wood Krutch Medal for service to animals from the United States Humane Society, and the Peace Abbey's Courage of Conscience Award, among others.

The event is co-sponsored by Family Federal Savings and the media co-sponsor is *Worcester Magazine*.

## Faculty news

David Antaya (Exercise and Sport Science) presented an orienteering workshop at the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance State Convention in Worcester.

Rachel Boersma (Nursing) presented "An Integrative Review of Offender Cognitions and Motivations" at the Eastern Nurses Research Society.

Sylvia Charland (Business Administration) made a presentation on "The Hybrid Classroom: A Pedagogical Panacea" at the 14th International Conference on Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Florida.

John Chetro-Szivos (Communications Media) presented "Sharing Social Worlds: A Dialogue with International Students" at the Cassola Conference on Teaching Communication at Johnson & Wales University in Providence. He was joined by two Fitchburg State students in a discussion of the challenges international students face on a college campus.

Kwahng Kim (Business Administration) will publish an article titled "A Pi-

## Civics II

Future plans for the city and the college will be the focus of "Re-imagining Fitchburg," a follow-up to the recent "Civic Engagement Forum," on May 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall (Hammond). Scheduled to be on hand are Michael Lanava, executive director of the city's economic development office, Mary Chapin Durling (Cultural Affairs), chair of the Riverfront Park Citizen's Committee, and Fitchburg planning Coordinator David Streb. All are welcome.

lot Study on an Empirical Comparison in a Way of Zero Defect Quality Strategy and Their Relationship with Management Control Systems among the U.S., Japan and Korean Auto Manufacturing Industry," in the July issue of the *North Central Business Journal*.

**Kelly Morgan** (English/Theater) served as an American College Theater Festival/ Kennedy Center Region I guest respondent for the UMass produc-

tion of "Romeo and Juliet" in Boston and for the Salem State production of "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin. He helped select students for the National Irene Ryan Acting Competition. Morgan has been awarded the 2003 master teacher designation by the Film & Stage Institute and was invited to present three workshops at the national conference in Los Angeles next month.

**James Noonan** (Business Administra-

tion) will publish an article titled "Defining Asia Trade Agreements: Northern Asia's Increasing Influence," in the *North Central Business Journal*.

**Joshua Spero** (Social Sciences), a former strategic planner at the Pentagon, was quoted in the San Diego Union Tribune in a story on post-war Iraq.

## Quote of the week

*"Over the weekend, the vultures got into the presidential palace by pecking through the screens on the balcony windows and the flapping of their wings stirred up the stagnant time inside, and at dawn on Monday the city awoke of its lethargy of centuries...It was like entering the atmosphere of another age, because the air was thinner in the rubble pits of the vast lair of power."* -From "The Autumn of the Patriarch," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (1976).

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For many years, Lavoie was president of the Riverview School on Cape Cod. The residential school provided him with a "living laboratory" where he developed and refined his methods and philosophies related to the education of adolescents with special needs.

In addition to his bachelor's degree from Fitchburg State, Lavoie holds a master's in special education from Assumption College and a master's in special education administration from Fordham University.

