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News & Views

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Briefly . . .

Professor Robert J. Steamer, Political Science, was a guest panelist at the annual conference of the New England Political Science Association at the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I. Steamer, a constitutional law authority, gave a paper on "Will the Warren Court Revolution Survive the '80s?"

At the conference "Interpreting the Constitution," sponsored by the Political Science Department of Boston College, Prof. Steamer was chairman of the panel which included experts from Stanford, Columbia, Williams, and Northwestern. The scholars presented alternative views of constitutional interpretation.

The Boston Chapter of the American Marketing Association presented Dr. Gary Young and C. Robert Clements of the Marketing Dept. with "Faculty Advisor of the Year" awards recently. Also the UMass/Boston Collegiate Chapter of the American Marketing Ass'n won national recognition for Outstanding Programming at the 1984 Collegiate Leadership Conference in Chicago. UMass/Boston marketing students hosted an Eastern Regional Marketing Conference in a downtown hotel. It was this conference that was a deciding factor in receiving the award.

Professor Frederick C. Gamst of the Dept. of Anthropology was elected president of the Society for the Anthropological Study of Work. He takes office in September. Dr. Gamst's election recognizes his distinguished record in the ethnological study of railroading in North America, Africa and Europe and his past contributions to the development of the subdiscipline of industrial ethnology.

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1st Chancellor Ryan honored at 20th Anniversary dedication

There were tugs of auld lang syne as Dr. John W. Ryan, UMass/Boston's first chancellor, returned for a brief visit to be honored at the dedication of the Ryan Lounge in Building II.

Commenting on the University's 20th anniversary, Ryan said, "The day will come when 20 years will seem a very distant mark, the University has come such a long way."

"Being associated with the University in its earliest days was the greatest opportunity of my professional career. It was an event to establish a public urban university in the city of Boston."

Ryan cited the legislative support of former Senate President Maurice A. Donahue and of Robert H. Quinn, then a

state representative from Dorchester and now Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the University of Massachusetts.

"Nobody really thought we were serious," joshed Ryan in the well-attended affair that found many of the "original" faculty of 72 in the audience.

Ryan presented the John W. Ryan Scholarship to Brian O'Hearn and unveiled—along with trustee Judge John T. Sweeney—an oil painting in his honor.

Dr. Duncan Nelson, jauntily attired in a floppy hat, delivered a stirring poem in honor of the event. It was replete with ripostes and humor.

Dr. Ryan was later feted at a Union Club dinner and at a downtown reception the next day.



Original members of the UMass/Boston faculty gathered with first Chancellor John W. Ryan and his wife — flanking his oil painting — at the dedication of the Ryan Lounge in Building Two. Left to right: Professor Thomas Brown (History); Professor Herbert Kamowitz (Math); Associate Professor Walter Weibrecht (Chemistry, Chairman of the 20th Anniversary Committee); Professor James Ryan (Spanish); Mrs. Patricia Ryan; former Chancellor Ryan; Professor Ernest Becker (Chemistry); Deputy Provost Fuad Safwat (Biology); Professor Taffee T. Tanimoto (Math); Professor Alfred Hoelzel (German) and Alumni Director Donald Costello.

Archbishop Law guest at CPCS Gerontology Program graduation

The Most Reverend Bernard F. Law, Archbishop of Boston, was among honored guests attending the fourth annual graduation exercises of the Gerontology Program of UMass/Boston's College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) on May 15 at the John F. Kennedy Library.

Keynote speaker was John Parker, minority leader of the Massachusetts State Senate.

Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and CPCS Dean James Jennings presented certificates to 35 students. Dr. Scott A. Bass is Director of the Gerontology Program.

Other special guests included Gerard

Indelicato, Special Assistant to Governor Michael Dukakis for Educational Affairs; Richard Rowland, Secretary, Dept. of Elderly Affairs; Mrs. Euterpe Dukakis, mother of the Governor; Phillip Johnston, Director, Governor's Office of Human Resources; Frank J. Manning, President, Mass. Association of Older Americans; William Cash, Boston Globe; Barbara Brilliant, WBZ-TV; Michael Taylor, Commissioner, Boston Commission on Affairs of Elderly, and Katherine and Philippe Villers, founders Villers Foundation.

Following the exercises, a reception and dinner was held.

profile

Metco pioneer Ellen Jackson sees slow progress in fight for equality

Ellen Swepson Jackson, 47, of Roxbury, is a woman who has a dream, a dream that people of all races will finally "see" that they have more problems in common than not and will then get on with the business of finding solutions for them.

Her dream and her diligence in sticking to it even as she pursued her own education, career, and the rearing of five children was recognized when she received an honorary degree at UMass/Boston during commencement exercises at the Harbor Campus.

Her position at Northeastern University makes Jackson one of the few women in the country holding a high university administrative post. It calls for her to monitor all federal regulations at the university and assist in the development of plans and programs that involve equal opportunity for women and minorities on the faculty, administration staff and among the student body.

Being a woman dean is important to Jackson and, she feels, to women everywhere. She has an ardent interest in equality for women without being a militant feminist. She watches the numbers carefully, not only for jobs but for educational opportunities both at her own university and nationally.

She concluded recently that women in general "are still very far away from where men are, in terms of educational mobility, whether black or white, and in terms of the really high administrative positions, the gender gap is still wide."

Going back to the beginning of the feminist idea in her lifetime, Jackson continued: "We have gained something professionally and in terms of self-fulfillment...but the collective picture of where we fit into the structure is that we are still very low."

This is not always due to keep-out practices against women for administrative posts, Jackson believes. "It is because the family is still embodied in how we operate, the total family, which makes it necessary for us to take time to manage family things. Most men are not interrupted in this way."

Practically from the time she earned a B.S. at the former Boston State Teachers' College, Dean Jackson has been involved both officially and as a concerned parent in trying to bring equal quality education to the Boston and Massachusetts public school systems.

In 1965, she founded and became executive director of "Operation Exodus," the first black grass roots inner city busing program that transported 1000 students to less crowded schools and was the forerunner of the METCO



Ellen S. Jackson

program which sends black students to suburban schools.

Jackson says what happened for the METCO riders will happen for inner city students only "when there is a more sincere commitment from local, state, and federal government to effectively recognize the kind of services that must be provided."

She said that, as a result of both these programs, getting into college was made easier for the city youngsters who were involved. But, in general, "it is still hard for inner-city kids to move on to post-secondary education. They still have the same problems and the same quality of education."

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She said these were "more sensitive teachers who also have faith in their own ability to teach; better quality courses, and a perception that Black kids and minority people can learn...this goes deeply into what a teacher feels about students."

An important step toward achieving these services does not involve money, although more money is needed for

education, she said. "Some states have picked it up and I think it is very important that we are not afraid of self-audit as teachers which means recertification and teacher competency testing."

Dean Jackson received her Masters Degree in Education from Harvard University in 1971; was a Research Fellow in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at M.I.T. and a Teaching Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and Institute of Politics.

Dean Jackson has received many awards from organizations including the NAACP, the Presidents Award from Freedom House, the Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce Ten Outstanding Leaders award, Citizens Award of the Mass. Amvets, Sojourner Truth Award, National Association of Negro Business Professional Women, and the Women of Conscience Award from the Council of Women of the U.S.

A day care center at Mission Hill is named in her honor. In 1979 she was selected by the Schlesinger Foundation of Radcliffe to be one of 71 prominent Black women to participate in a Black Women's Oral History Project to collect and transcribe the memoirs of those who "in making significant contributions to their professions and their communities, had improved the quality of life, not only for black people, but also for all Americans."

She was Director of Freedom House Institute on Schools and Education in Roxbury from 1974 to 1978 and helped promote cohesiveness between the community and the Boston Public School system and a transition into desegregation of the schools as ordered by Federal Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr.

From 1971 to 1974 she was Contact Project Director for the Bureau of Equal Educational Opportunity, State Department of Education. And, from 1969 to 1970 she traveled the U.S. as National Executive Director of the Black Womens' Community Development Foundation, Inc. of Washington D.C. trying to identify those Black agencies who needed funding for their work in bringing about economic and educational change.

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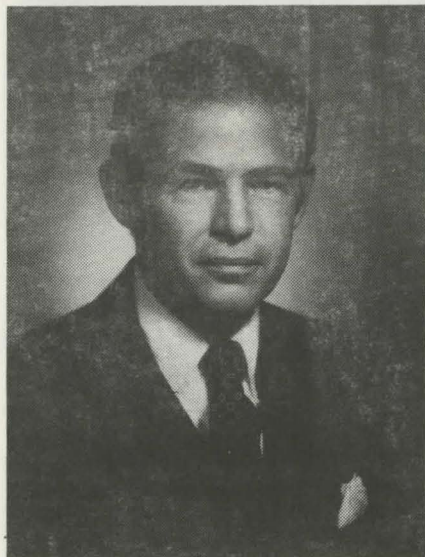
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UMass Boston honors...

MacDougall chairs Bank of New England



Roderick M. MacDougall

Roderick M. MacDougall of Weston received an honorary degree at UMass/Boston's Commencement on Sunday, May 20 at the Harbor Campus.

MacDougall is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of New England Corporation.

MacDougall, 58, succeeded Mark Wheeler as president of New England Merchants National Bank and its holding company in January, 1974.

He began his banking career in 1951, immediately after graduating from Harvard with a B.A. in economics. He joined Morgan Guarantee Trust Co., where he rose to vice-president before he moved in 1967 to Marine Midland Bank-Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. MacDougall served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946. He is married to the former Barbara Parker. They have four children, two sons and twin daughters.

MacDougall has been active in a number of community activities including the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts General Hospital, United Way and the Museum of Science.

Alumnus James O'Leary brings efficient management to MBTA



James F. O'Leary

James F. O'Leary of West Roxbury, General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, received an honorary degree at UMass/Boston's Commencement at the Harbor Campus, on Sunday May 20.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of UMass/Boston. O'Leary was graduated in the class of 1970.

O'Leary, 33, received a degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1973. He served as a general counsel to the state Executive Office of Transportation and Construction.

In 1982, O'Leary was voted one of the Ten Outstanding Young Leaders in the community by the Greater Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce.

O'Leary came to the General Manager's position with the MBTA in 1981. On February 11, 1984 his contract

was renewed by Governor Michael Dukakis.

"He has provided the right leadership for the MBTA," said Gov. Dukakis.

O'Leary has been credited with stabilizing finances, improving service, upgrading equipment and pushing new construction on the T.

O'Leary was honored along with U.S. District Court Judge Davis S. Nelson, the Commencement Speaker; Richard H. (Dick) O'Connell, former Executive Vice-President and General Manager of the Boston Red Sox; Rev. James K. Allen of the historic First Parish Church, Dorchester; Roderick MacDougall, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of New England, and Dean Ellen Jackson of Northeastern University and a leader in the METCO program.

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UMass/Boston's Nursing Honor Society was chartered as an official chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, a national honor society of nursing, on May 20. Dr. Mae Pepper conducted the installation ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Library. Sigma Theta Tau has over 75,000 members in 191 chapters in colleges and universities throughout the United States, informs Patricia MacDonald. Some 140 nurse leaders were included as charter members.

Officers installed: President, Ernest Griffiths; President Elect, Arlane Saperstein; Vice President, Ruth Fitzgerald; Secretary, Deborah Smits; Treasurer, Joan Tarpey; Counselor, Maureen Young.

Dr. Robert W Guimond of the Biology Dept., an attorney with special interest in medico-legal problems, was a panelist at a meeting of the New England Chapter of Citizens against Military Injustice (CAMI). He discussed legal problems attendant with instances of medical malpractice in the military.

George Russell, Boston's new collector-treasurer for Mayor Raymond Flynn, is the husband of Faye Sampson-Russell of Career Services. Russell was a vice-president of the State Street Bank before taking his new position.

John Conlon named Associate Dean of Academic Studies in CAS

John J. Conlon has been named Associate Dean for Academic Studies at UMass/Boston, announced Dean Richard M. Freeland of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Conlon has served in a variety of roles since coming to UMass/Boston in 1974 as a teacher. Most recently he was Associate Dean for Special Programs.

Conlon was graduated from Catholic University in 1968. He obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English from Tufts University.

A resident of Bridgewater, Conlon, noted Dean Freeland "has a long record of service to the College, including several years as Director of the Teacher Certification Program, and Assistant Dean for Academic Studies."

Conlon has taught English, Italian, and Law and Justice. His most recent publication, *Walter Pater and the French Tradition*, was published in 1982.

He assumes his new duties in June.



John J. Conlon

Mary Barrett to chair NAACP committee

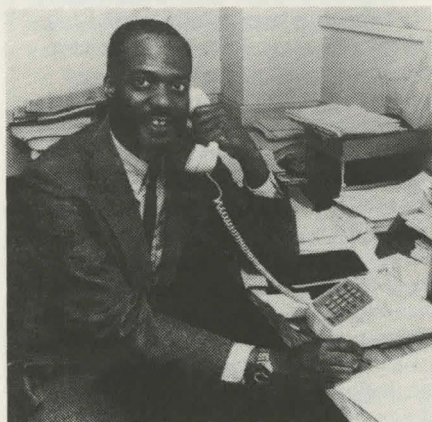


Mary R. Barrett

Mary R. Barrett, Associate Director of Athletics at the University of Massachusetts/Boston, recently served on the evaluation team which reviewed the Physical Education and Athletic Departments of Hamilton College, Clinton New York.

In addition, Ms. Barrett a native of Malden, Mass., was named chairperson of the Women's Committee on Committees of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This committee is responsible for the selection of members to all NCAA Women's sports committees.

Charles Diggs appointed director of CPCS Student Service office



Charles D. Diggs

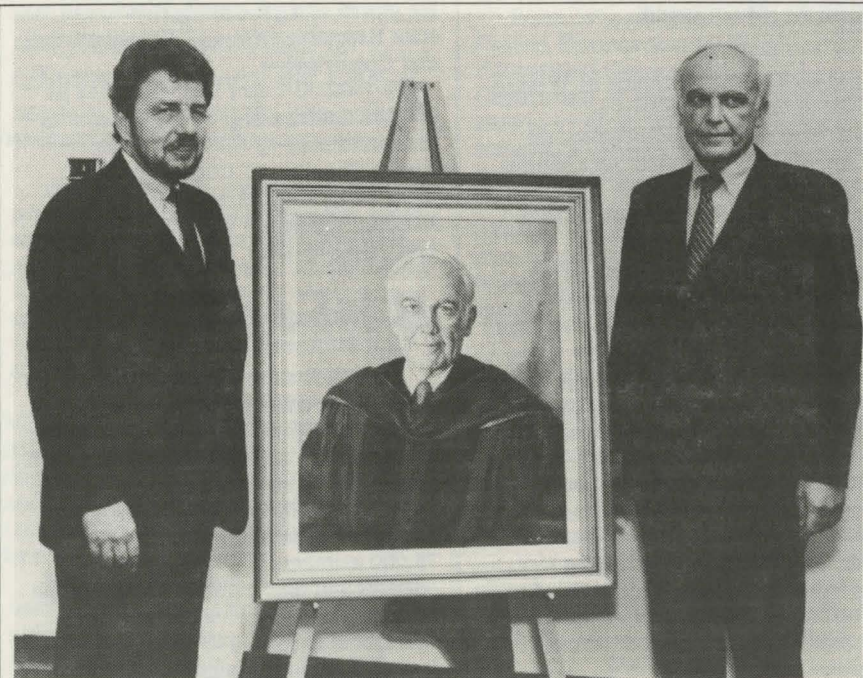
Charles D. Diggs has been named Director of Student Services at UMass/Boston's College of Public and Community Service, announced CPCS Dean James Jennings.

Diggs, a native of Washington, D.C., had previously served in administrative roles for the Cambridge College Institute of Open Education in Cambridge and the National Accrediting Commission for Cosmetology Arts and Sciences in Washington, D.C.

After a four year enlistment in the United States Navy, Diggs earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of

Pennsylvania and a Master's degree from Cambridge College.

Diggs is a product of the District of Columbia Public Schools System. He attended River Terrace School, Carter G. Woodson, Jr. High School before graduating from Eastern High School.



The unveiling of a portrait of former UMass/Boston Chancellor Francis Broderick, right, took place recently at the Faculty Club with Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, left, making a few opening remarks before displaying the painting which now hangs in the Administration Building.