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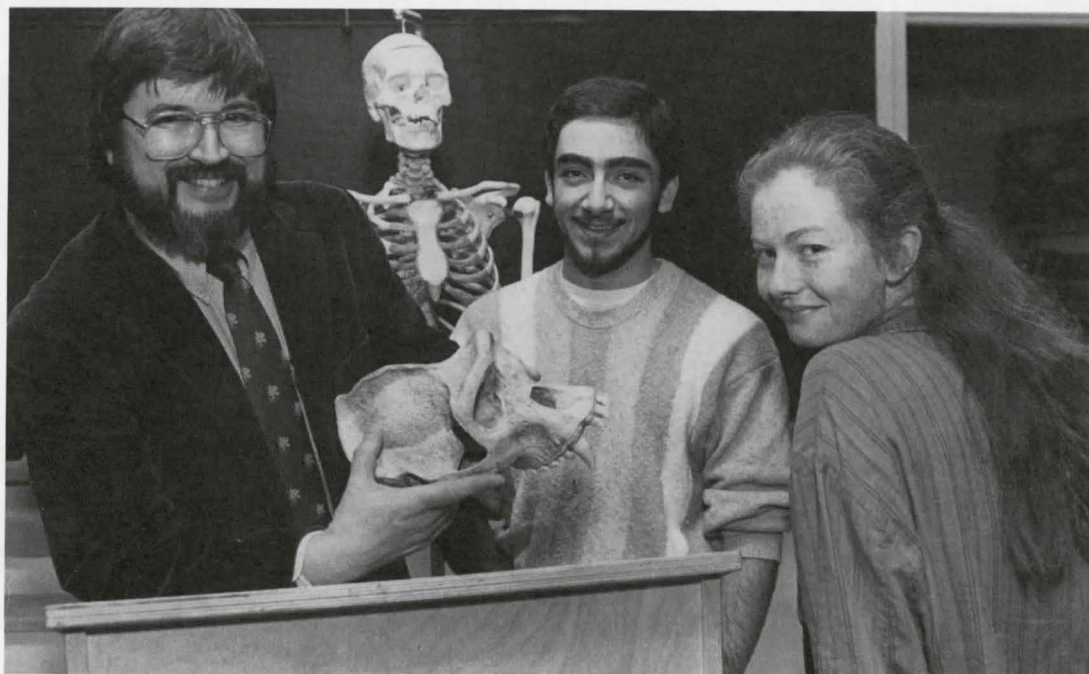
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Anthropology Professor Michael F. Gibbons discusses a male gorilla's head with students Michael Ashkouri and Cathy O'Brien. Prof. Gibbons was one of 16 UMass/Boston faculty among 79 honored at a special 125th Anniversary Dinner.

Dr. Macedo co-authors honored book

A book co-authored by UMass/Boston Professor Donald Macedo has been selected as one of the outstanding books in the educational area by the American Educational Studies Association. This is the highest honor AESA bestows on books in this field.

Dr. Macedo is Assistant Professor of English and Director of the graduate program in Bilingual/ESL studies.

In October, 1986, Dr. Macedo received five separate grants totaling \$1,293,707 for research and teaching in bilingual education and English as a Second Language (ESL).

In *Literacy: Reading the Word & the World*, co-authored with Paulo Freire, the reader is invited to reexamine the literacy crisis.

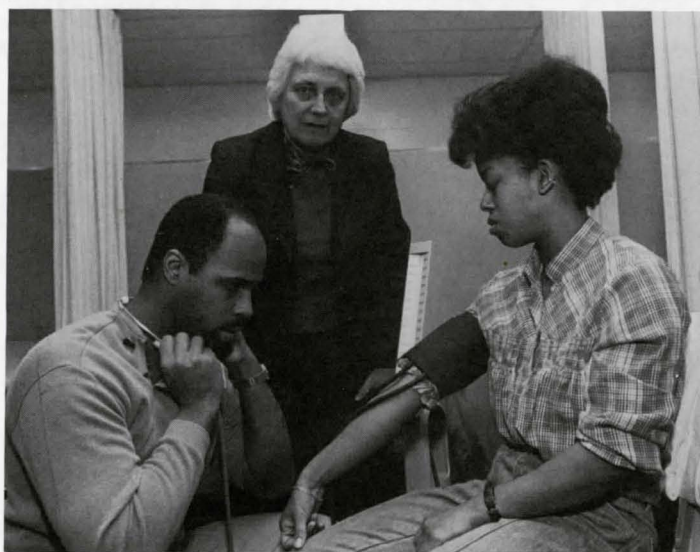
In their words, "Literacy is not reading and writing words in and of themselves, as if the reading and writing of words

did not imply another reading, anterior and simultaneous with the first – the reading of reality itself."

They analyze the connection

between literacy and politics according to whether it produces existing social relations, or introduces a new set of

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Professor of Nursing Frances L. Portnoy is shown with students Lawrence Purdy of Mattapan and Martha Reynolds of Dorchester. She was recently honored at 125th Anniversary Dinner.

19 named to commission to study future of University

A 19-member commission to study the future of the University of Massachusetts was announced by Board of Trustees Chairman Andrew Knowles.

The 125th Anniversary Commission on the Future of the University will examine and make recommendations on the future role of the institution in the Commonwealth, its governance and financing.

The committee was proposed by President David C. Knapp and was approved by the Board of Trustees.

The report is expected by December 31, 1988.

David Saxon, former president of the University of California and currently chairman of the Corporation at M.I.T., is chairman of the commission.

"UMass is 125 years old, but it has developed into a nationally-recognized public university only within the last quarter-century," said Dr. Saxon. "The Commission's task is to advise the trustees and the state on not only the goals for the next stage in the University's life, but also the means appropriate for achieving them."

Mortimer Appley, former president of Clark University and former graduate dean of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, is executive director.

Commission members were named with the advice of President Knapp in consultation with Chancellor Franklyn Jenifer of the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

Named to the Commission were:

- Lt. Governor Evelyn Murphy.

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UMB's Richard Stomberg wins first prize at NE Flower Show

A sticky March snow is falling outside, but the setting is tropical inside the UMass/Boston greenhouse on Morrissey Boulevard, where award-winning horticulturist Richard Stomberg is walking among his pet projects.

"I love orchids," Stomberg says. "There are many different kinds. They're so eclectic."

Stomberg's ability to recreate different natural habitats was recognized in February at the 117th annual New England Flower Show at the Bayside Exposition Center. His exhibit, titled "View From Your Window," won first prize in the educational category. The presentation highlighted five habitats: log, water, rock wall, rock garden, and woodland garden.

It was the sixth consecutive year that Stomberg had won an award at the show. He has been honored in the past for exhibits showcasing themes such as pollination and carnivorous plants.

Preparing and erecting champion exhibits is a year-round job, Stomberg said. Two weeks after collecting his latest flower show award, he's already sprouting ideas for next winter's program.

Stomberg, 32, has served nine years at the Harbor Campus as manager and caretaker of the greenhouse atop the fourth floor of the Science Building.

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Richard Stomberg displays some of his wares at the Harbor Campus greenhouse.

Stomberg's principal chore is to provide research material to the University's biology department, but he also lectures UMB students and teaches botany classes at the Boston Center for Adult Education.

It's mostly quiet in Stomberg's steamy environs, but signs of life are plentiful. Lemon, lime, coffee, and grapefruit trees thrive. A banana tree, he says, won't bear fruit until May.

Stomberg's love for gardening is deeply rooted, although he's unsure of its origin. He grew up in Newton, in a home where neither farming nor gardening were dinner table topics. "My parents took care of the yard, but that's about it," he said.

Stomberg traces his affinity for plant life to his junior high school years, when a neighbor recruited him as a summertime gardener. He worked similar outdoor jobs during ensuing summers.

As a college student, Stomberg was selected to participate in a horticultural program at the prestigious Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain. After receiving a bachelor's from UMass/Amherst in plant science, Stomberg worked for a year as a

carpenter before arriving at UMass/Boston and making his passion his living. He's been happily toiling here ever since.

Preparing and erecting champion exhibits is a year-round job, Stomberg said. Two weeks after collecting his latest flower show award, he's already sprouting ideas for next winter's program, although he's not apt to get specific.

"Gardening," he said, "is an exercise in creating an illusion."

Aside from the roughly 60 hours of physical labor in setting up a presentation, Stomberg

noted the conflicting values he must observe.

"A flower show exhibit has to be educational, but it also has to be beautiful," he said. "It's got to appeal to the judges, the horticultural highbrows, and be simple enough for the general public."

"That balance," he added, "can be difficult to achieve."

Stomberg, who lives in an apartment in Arlington, is looking to buy into a rural lifestyle. As he said, a bit philosophically, "I've got a lot of plants to grow and a lot of gardening to do."

Four from UMB to present studies at ISAM meeting

Four members of the UMass/Boston faculty and staff will make presentations at the Independent School Association of Massachusetts annual meeting to be held May 5 at Boston College.

Robert Dentler, Director of the Institute for Learning and Teaching will present "Teacher Burnout."

Other presenters:

- Ron Ancrum, Director of Undergraduate Admissions:

"College Transition: The Role of Faculty and Administrators."

- Delores Gallo, Critical & Creative Thinking: "The Use of Role-Playing and Improvisation for the Development of Imagination."

- Carole Remick, Associate Director, UMB Co-op/Internship Program: "High School Journalism Workshop."

- Lucia David, ILT: "TAG: Program for Talented and Gifted Hispanic Students."

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Prof. Elaine Werby of the College of Public and Community Service has been elected to the national Board of Directors of the Family Service America (FSA), the headquarters organization for a network of family services in the United States and Canada. Prof. Werby will serve a three-year term.

She chairs FSA's North Atlantic Regional Conference, a regional group of member agencies and formerly served as president of Family Service of Greater Boston. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Boston College.

FSA serves 290 member agencies.

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UMass/Boston's talented women's indoor track team finished second to Christopher Newport College of Virginia in the NCAA Division III final at Smith College after capturing the title the past three years.

However, six Lady Beacons achieved All-America status: Genesia Eddins, who won the 800 (2:07.42) and anchored the winning 1600 relay team; Jackie James (2nd, 8:18); newcomer Charlotte Winward (6th, 8.43) placed in the 55 m hurdles. Other All-America performances were turned in by Murtonda Durant (3rd, 444 m), Darrelle Boyd (4th, 800 m) and Sonji Larts, who teamed with Durant, Eddins and James to win the 1600 relay (3:50.83).

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AMS Press has announced the publication of *George Moore: An Annotated Bibliography of Writing About Him*. John J. Conlon, CAS Associate Dean, is one of the team of a dozen American and European scholars who produced the work, over a decade in the making. The volume contains entries spanning a hundred years and written in many languages.

Dr. Conlon's other recent publication is a lengthy study of Joseph Conrad's work in a

new, four-volume *Guide to Popular World Fiction* (Research Publishing).

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Prof. Edward Strickland has been named recipient of the Black History Month Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Scholarship and Artistic Arenas by radio station WRBB-FM, Boston, the radio station of Northeastern University.

Since September, 1987, when he was on sabbatical, Dr. Strickland has been a Master Artist in Residence at Northeastern.

An article by Dr. Strickland on John Wilson, winner of commissions to do monuments to Martin Luther King for the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C. and Buffalo, N.Y. appeared in a recent issue of *Art New England*.

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UMass/Boston, along with the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, *Patriot Ledger* (Quincy), *Middlesex News* and Associated Press, will sponsor a free two-week workshop this summer for talented minority high school juniors and seniors interested in a career in Journalism.

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Dr. Estelle Disch appointed Special Assistant

Estelle Disch, Associate Professor of Sociology, has been appointed Special Assistant to Jocelind Gant, the Director of Affirmative Action/Sexual Harassment.

Prof. Disch will handle complaints and arrange training on sexual harassment prevention for campus supervisors and faculty. She will also work on other discrimination issues.

A certified clinical sociologist, Dr. Disch received a B.A. in Government from Jackson College, Tufts University in 1965, a M.A. in Sociology from Tufts in 1967 and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Tufts in October 1976.

She has taught at Tufts, Boston University, Boston State, Smith College, and, since 1982, at UMass/Boston in the Department of Sociology.

Dr. Disch has arranged a series of Sexual Harassment Training Sessions for faculty and other supervisory personnel. It follows:

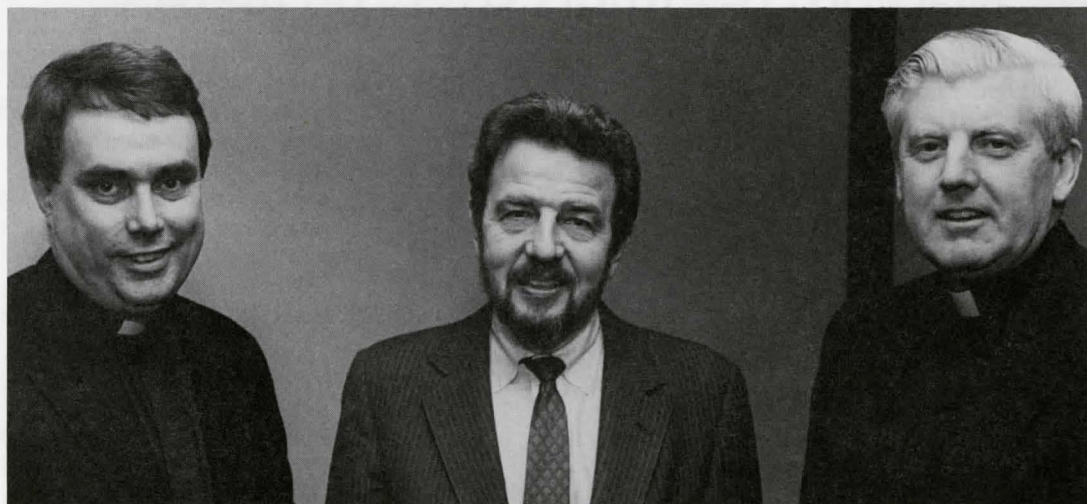
- Wednesday, April 6, 1:30-3 p.m., M-3-130
- Wednesday, April 6, 3:30-5 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Healey Library.



Dr. Estelle Disch

- Tuesday, April 12, 1:30-3 p.m., M-3-130
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- Wednesday, April 27, 1:30-3 p.m., Chancellor's Conference Room.
- Wednesday, April 27, 3:30-5 p.m., Chancellor's Conference Room.
- Tuesday, May 3, 3:30-5 p.m., Downtown Campus, Room 222.

UMB hosts luncheon for new B.C. High president Dr. Joseph R. Fahey.



Rev. Joseph R. Fahey, S.J., right, new President of Boston College High School, was feted at a recent luncheon hosted by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan at the Harbor Campus. At left is UMass/Boston chaplain Fr. Jerry Hogan. Fr. Fahey is the 25th president at neighboring BC High School.

Trustee chair Andrew Knowles names commission members

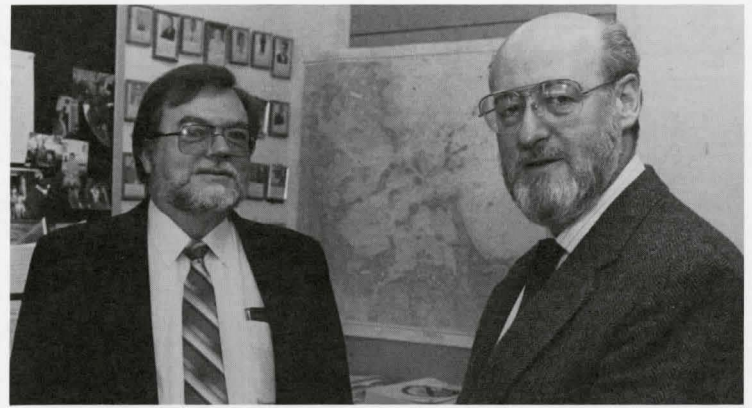
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- State Senator Walter Boverini (D.-Lynn), Majority Leader.
- John Ryan, president emeritus, Indiana University and first Chancellor at the University of Massachusetts/Boston.
- James Carlin, treasurer and director, Consolidated Group, Inc. and trustee, University of Massachusetts.
- Judge Richard Banks, Roxbury District Court.
- Jill Conway, visiting scholar, M.I.T. and former president, Smith College.
- Sally Dias, superintendent, Lynnfield (Mass.) Public Schools.
- Attorney Paul Doherty of Springfield.
- United States Representative Joseph Earley.
- State Representative Charles Flaherty (D.-Cambridge), Majority Leader.
- Leroy Keith, president, Morehouse College.
- Betty K. Knowles, former trustee, University of Massachusetts.
- Barbara Newell, professor, Florida State University and former president, Wellesley College.
- Edward E. Phillips, CEO and chairman, The New England.

- Attorney Charles Ryan, former mayor of Springfield.
 - Mitchell Spellman, M.D., dean of medical services, Harvard Medical School.
 - Ray Stata, chairman and president, Analog Devices and former member, Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education.
 - Henry Winkler, former president, University of Cincinnati.
- Said Trustee Chair Knowles: "The Board is looking to the commission, individuals of economic, educational and political prominence, to identify the conditions that can help the University maximize its potential."

The University currently includes three campuses – in Boston, Amherst and Worcester – which together provide undergraduate, graduate and professional education, engage in a wide range of research activities and provide technical services across the Commonwealth.

"The trustees and the university community have established ambitious goals and objectives. Now is the time to determine how they can best be attained. The commission will help the university lay the foundation for the next century," said President Knapp.



Dr. John Farrington, right, discusses his lecture with Dr. Joseph Cooney of Environmental Sciences program.

Dr. John Farrington speaks at Distinguished Lecture Series

Dr. John Farrington will be the second speaker in the 1987-88 Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by Graduate Studies, according to Dean Fuad Safwat.

Dr. Farrington, a recent addition to the faculty, is the Michael P. Walsh Professor of Environmental Science.

He will speak on "The PCB Problem in New Bedford Harbor: Environmental Science Research and Policy Management Issues."

Prof. Farrington will present a brief history of the PCB pollution problem in the Acushnet River Estuary (New Bedford-Fairhaven harbor), including some of the biochemical research efforts and results obtained there.

The major focus of his lecture

will be the interactions among academic researchers, various local, state and national government entities. He also will talk about how the experience gained there is applicable to other urban harbors, including Boston Harbor.

Prof. Farrington received his doctorate in Oceanography from the University of Rhode Island. He had been associated with the famed Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution since the early 1970s. He is an active member of the National Academy of Sciences.

The lecture will be held on March 10 in the Chancellor's Conference Room, third floor, Administration Building. It is free and open to the public.

Dr. Macedo co-authors study on literacy

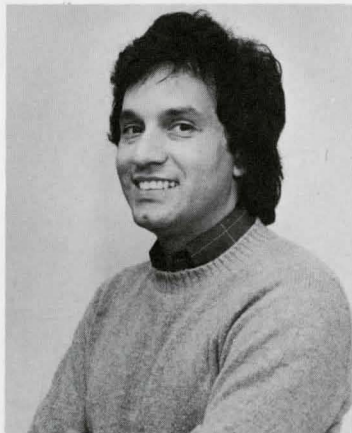
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cultural practices that promote democratic and emancipatory change.

By expanding our definition of what it means to read, and by describing actual techniques used by Freire in his literacy campaigns, Macedo and Freire point the way, not only to worldwide literacy, but to real social transformation.

The book was published by Bergin & Garvey (\$12.95), has an introduction by Henry A. Giroux and a foreword by Ann Berthoff.

Wrote the *New York Times*: "Mr. Freire first became widely known in this country with the



Dr. Donald Macedo

publication of his *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* more than 15 years ago."

Commented critic Jonathan

Kozol: "Macedo has brought out Freire's voice in the warm, personal and prophetic tones that are too frequently denied when Freire's words have been congealed in print... The book should reach every person concerned with literacy in this nation."

Dr. Macedo, 37, came to the United States from Cape Verde in 1966. He was graduated from Boston English High School and attended the Instituto Internacional in Spain before entering UMB where he graduated in 1973. He also studied at New York University and Boston University, where he earned an Ed.D. in Applied Psycholinguistics in 1979.

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Frances L. Portnoy, R.N., Ph.D., Professor in the School of Nursing, and Principal Investigator of a Department of Health and Human Services Grant, in conjunction with Sally Tripp and Dr. Ellan Cole, Division of Nursing, UMass/Amherst, conducted a symposium for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Chicago. It was entitled: "Gerontology Theory and Practice: Innovations in the Nursing Experience."