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This front view of Annex 26 is from Elmwood Road and is one of the most university people don't often see as the back entrance is nearer to the rest of the campus and is more frequently used.

Annex 26 Photo-Mural Features Tugboats

Spread across the east wall of the basement recreation room in Annex 26 is a photo-mural showing two tugboats on the Mississippi River.

One of them is named the “Henry C. Ogram.” The other, her name somewhat out of focus but still legible, is the “Margaret Dawson.”

Henry C. Ogram was once the owner of Annex 26 and the tugboat. Margaret Dawson was the wife of his business partner, Hi Prucha.

The boats were built in Blair about 20 years ago and were run down the Missouri to the Mississippi at St. Louis where they were operated for a couple of years pushing barges as part of Mr. Ogram’s trucking business. Later they were sold to Standard Oil.

The Ograms would have liked to take the tugboat picture with them when they moved out, but the expense involved and the fact that it probably would have never looked the same caused them to leave it in place when they left.

The white Dutch colonial house at 320 South Elmwood Road was once the home of W.B.T. Belt, the president of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

The Belts bought the lot from Margaret and Ward Burgess in 1924 and in 1929 completed the green-trimmed house which now holds offices for the Criminal Justice Department.

When Mr. Belt died, his widow sold the house to Henry and Mary Ogram who lived there for over 25 years. The university acquired it from them in 1976, but the Ograms continued to live there for some little time. When they moved to their present home at 9853 Harney Parkway South in Regency, they were allowed an additional $15,000 for their replacement dwelling and moving expenses.

Mr. Ogram is president of a real estate and rental property management company at 610 Leavenworth and also owns several truck terminals.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogram never had children of their own, but two nieces of Mrs. Ogram’s once lived with them in the house on Elmwood Road.

The house contains 3,376 square feet of floor space on the first and second floors and is located on a 150 by 350 foot lot.

The basement has a laundry room, furnace room and three-quarter bath, plus the pine-paneled recreation room with recessed

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Projects Benefit CPACS and Students

From the Dean

Since the inception of the College, students in the various programs have been active in many diverse educational activities; some in the classroom, others related to service and research projects through internship programs, graduate assistantships, special studies courses, and individual interests. We are devoting a portion of this issue to becoming better acquainted with our students. We will be devoting future issues to the same cause and invite your comments on interesting students and their projects or activities we should be featuring in CPACS Happenings.

Sincerely,
John E. Kerrigan

A junior in Public Administration, Ken Hamik has been busy with three projects at the Center for Applied Urban Research under the direction of Jack Ruff. He has worked on the grant from the National Science Foundation through the Denver Urban Observatory to set up the Nebraska Center for Local Government Technical Assistance (innovation center). In connection with this project he has surveyed cities to determine problem areas and helped to develop the plan for this center.

In another project he has been the Nebraska legislative liaison person for CPACS, keeping the college informed of the status of bills in the legislature that might be of interest to the various departments.

The third project has been data gathering and analysis to assist Norfolk with its pre-application and application for a Community Development Block Grant to restore dilapidated parts of the city.

Ken feels that this practical experience has been very valuable since he has been able to apply theory to real-life situations, working with experienced people in the field. He has particularly enjoyed working on the first project and seeing it through its initial stages.

A student in the UNO honors program, Ken has applied for the Washington election semester, a national honors program at Maryland University. He feels his experience at CAUR this year should help his application.

Ken is an Omaha native who attended Creighton Prep and the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He taught history, math, and science for a time on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He plays guitar and sings, and you might find him holding forth at the Steak and Ale on 72nd Street on weekends.

Tom Horgan, a graduate student in Public Administration, has been working with Dr. David F. Paulsen on the Municipal Clerks' Training Program. He has prepared and assembled the material for the manual used in this training aimed at enabling clerks in Nebraska municipalities to achieve certification. Tom also attended the school held in Kearney in March and assisted in direction of small group discussions.

Tom feels his exposure to professionals in the field of municipal administration of small Nebraska communities and the development of the materials for the training sessions provided him with a good working knowledge of a clerk's responsibilities, something that will be very valuable to him as he pursues a career in local and state government.

Tom is originally from Sioux City, Iowa where he attended Morningside College and received his undergraduate degree in political science.

Sue Ellen Quam, a graduate student in Public Administration, has a fellowship assignment to the State Department of Economic Development as a staff assistant. She is supervised in that position by Shepard Perkins, the deputy director of community affairs.

Her project is to develop a guide book for smaller cities in Nebraska so that they can go through a step by step process to develop their own organization and programs to broaden their economic base and revitalize their communities. This guide book will provide information about sources and availability and the steps, procedures, and ideas to help small towns to get organized and stay organized.

To accomplish the assignment Sue has been researching printed material and interviewing people with experience in the field. She feels it has been an important project and has been very enthusiastic about working on it. She feels it will make a lasting contribution to the Public Administration department and so is anxious to see it implemented.

Sue is from Fairbury and received her undergraduate degree from UN-L in history and psychology.

BILL WAKEFIELD
Criminal Justice

Dr. Wakefield served as the discussant for the session on student research at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Oklahoma City. In addition, he chaired the session on "Alternative Strategies in Higher Education" at the Improvement of Instruction Conference Mini-Convention in March.

Bill also has been notified of acceptance of his article, "Crime Control Programs in College Undergraduate Curricula," to be published in a forthcoming issue of College Student Journal. In addition, he spoke to the St. Paul Community Association in April on "Criminal Justice in England."
Tim Mathern, a graduate student in Social Work, is "employed" two days a week at the Lutheran Family and Social Service in a "micro placement" where he's working under the direction of Curt Anderson.

This practicum involves working with administration and staff in agency planning, program evaluation, staffing, and public relations among other things.

Tim feels that this experience has given him practice in a work-like situation but without all the daily demands of a regular job. He's had time to review the literature and to organize his thoughts, something that is often a luxury when on the job. His work experience has enabled him to integrate the theory and practice of social work methods and will be very valuable in his future employment, he feels.

Tim received his undergraduate degree in sociology from North Dakota State in Fargo. He worked for six years at the Catholic Family Service there before coming to Omaha to take graduate studies, and he plans to return after he receives his master's in May.

As if a wife, two children, and another one due in July weren't enough to keep him busy in addition to his course work, Tim teaches classes in social policy as a graduate assistant. This has been as much if not more of a learning experience than his class work, he says. He is also president of the Student Social Work Organization.

"Working at the Center for Applied Urban Research has been a marvelous opportunity for me to get some practical experience in community service and community development type projects," according to R. K. Piper, Urban Studies graduate student.

This spring semester he has been working at CAUR in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development on a community development project in Louisville. The project involves the use of a community attitude survey to assess needs and then a Town Hall meeting to increase citizen participation and involvement, define community priorities, and establish goals and possible projects including the compilation of a resource book.

R. K. has also been working with Omaha neighborhood groups in helping them organize, develop more effective channels of communication among themselves, and obtain a stronger voice in community affairs.

R. K. has lived in Omaha most of his life and received his undergraduate degree in urban studies at UNO. He hopes to pursue a career in community service work.

Elizabeth Hruska is a graduate fellow in Public Administration who has been working in the CAUR office under the direction of Ethel Williams and Jack Ruff.

Her major project has been a study of the Long School neighborhood. She collected and analyzed data for use by the neighborhood in obtaining redevelopment funds through use of a questionnaire administered by neighborhood residents to other residents and local businesses.

Liz has also worked on the South Omaha tour as a research assistant and has done telephone interviews for the Metro Area Transit study and for Metro Tech.

Liz feels that working at CAUR has helped her combine her interest in research and community development activities and that she's learned to improve skills in both areas.

A native of Omaha, Liz received her undergraduate degree from UNO in urban studies and was given the outstanding student award in that subject in 1977. She was also a Goodrich Program scholarship student, having been in the first class in that program when it was inaugurated.

She received a HUD 701 internship for two years and worked at the Health Planning Council of the Midlands and Planning and Community Development in Council Bluffs.

MANUEL MONTELONGO
Goodrich Program

A graduate assistant with the Goodrich Program, Manuel was recently notified he had been accepted for admission to the College of Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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lighting for the photo-mural, and a built-in wet bar. The CJ student organization now occupies the basement area.

About the only thing done in the way of reconstruction when CJ occupied the building in August of 1978 was to install a door that could be locked in the entrance to the living room.

Most of the original drapes and wallpaper have been preserved in this beautifully decorated house. The wide center hall features a buff-patterned paper, partly covered up with bulletin boards. A pop machine strikes an incongruous note in the front entry.

The living room is now offices for two persons, and secretaries work in what was once the dining room with its handsome builtin corner cupboards.

Matching print drapes and wallpaper are found in a small downstairs bedroom, originally built as a maid's room.

The second floor has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The former master bedroom has an adjoining sitting room with a fireplace. All are now used for offices.

A picket fence still surrounds most of the yard, but part of it has been taken down and stored in a small shed attached to the three-car garage. Paint is peeling from this structure and the picket fence which are still the original buff color they were when the Ograms lived there. The house was repainted its present white with green trim when the university acquired it.

A pond was filled in, but an unused shuffleboard court still remains, one end drifted over with twigs and leaves.

Next month HAPPENINGS will feature the sixth house occupied by CPACS departments, the former Delehant home now known as Annex 27.

SHARON DAVIS
CAUR

Dr. Davis conducted a three-hour workshop on "Homemade Play Materials" at the Nebraska Region V Day Care Conference on April 26. The conference was held at Southeast Community College in Lincoln.
Staff Activity

BRUCE HORACEK
Gerontology
Dr. Horacek conducted an in-service workshop April 21 on the aging process for ENOA's Friendly Visitor/Telephone Reassurance Program. He will conduct a workshop on dying and bereavement May 12 for the staff and clients of McAuley-Bergan day services program for the elderly. Dr. Horacek has recently become an editorial consultant for Wadsworth Publishing Company of Belmont, California on textbooks on aging.

LEO MISSINNE
Gerontology
Dr. Missinne held a workshop April 16 for the staff at Immanuel-Fontenelle Nursing Home. The topic was “Elderly Patients are Human Beings.”

CASSIA SPOHN
Goodrich Program
Dr. Spohn was awarded a summer fellowship by the University Committee on Research. She will be collecting and analyzing data on decision making by male and female trial judges. The title of her project is “Women as Policymakers: The Case of Trial Judges.”

LAURENCE FRENCH
Criminal Justice

Dr. French presented a paper, “Indian Justices/Indian Injustices,” at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings in Milwaukee in April. He was the organizer and chairman for the Native American issues session at these same meetings. Dr. French has been appointed to the three member national steering committee for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Affirmative Action Program.

G. L. KUCHEL
Criminal Justice
Dr. Kuchel made a presentation on criminal justice curriculum at the student career day sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Criminal Justice Education held in Kearney in April. He also presented lectures to the training class at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on “Psychology in Law Enforcement” and “Minorities and the Police.” Another presentation made in April was to the Iowa Association of Criminal Justice Educators in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

FAYE DANIELS
Goodrich Program
Faye recently joined the Goodrich staff on a full-time temporary basis and is assisting in the office.

BARTER P. KENDRICK AND CAROL ERTL
Foster Parent Training Program
Ms. Kendrick and Mrs. Ertl recently conducted a five-day workshop for foster parents and caseworkers on the Ft. Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. The Foster Parent Training curriculum designed by them for Nebraska has been adopted for use in training foster parents in North Dakota.

MYLON WINN
Public Administration
Mylon Winn attended the Annual American Society for Public Administration meetings in San Francisco April 12-17.

He took nine of the Public Administration graduate students to the meetings, Tom Horgan, Sue Quam, Dave Groshans, Cal Hiner, Liz Hruska, Adolph Okoro, Dave Anderson, Christine Hille, and Tony Aduloju.

Mylon presented a paper, Citizen Activism, Incrementalism and the Seattle Area's Sewage Disposal Program: Saving Lake Washington From Environmental Disaster, at the Southwest Political Science Conference in Houston, Texas, in April.

EDWARD TWARDY
Public Administration
Dr. Twardy attended the American Society for Training and Development annual meetings in Anaheim, California April 26-May 1.

HARRY REYNOLDS
Public Administration
Dr. Reynolds attended the Midwest Political Science meetings in Chicago in April.

JANE WOODY
Social Work
Dr. Woody was a small group workshop presenter at the Annual Spring Social Work Institute held in Lincoln in April. The Institute topic was Child Sexual Abuse Treatment and featured Dr. Henry and Anna Giaretto of the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program of Santa Clara County, California. She has had the article “Counseling for Post-Divorce Families” accepted for publication in Social Perspectives.

EZRA KOHN
Social Work
Dr. Kohn presented a paper at the annual program meeting of the council on Social Work Education in Los Angeles. He also chaired the annual meeting of the inter-university consortium on International Social Development in Los Angeles and chaired the Region VII Dissemination conference on child welfare in Kansas City.

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