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To: CPACS Faculty and Staff

This issue of the Happenings places special emphasis on many of the research, service, and instructional activities during the past year which have involved communities throughout the state. I believe the scope of our outstate activities is well illustrated in this report. Note, for example, the many communities on the map with which we have worked.

I also take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

John E. Kerrigan

CAUR

Day Care Training

In October, 1979, CAUR was given a contract by the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare under a Title XX grant to furnish training for day care providers in the 72 counties of Nebraska located in regions I, II, III, and IV.

Three types of activities were developed under the direction of Ginger Burch: workshops, a newsletter, and independent study. Marian Meier edited the newsletter, the workshop materials, and the independent study courses. Almost every member of the CAUR staff was involved in planning, implementing, and evaluation of the 42 workshops held in 17 sites around the state.

Towns where workshops were held included Chadron, Gordon, Alliance, Scottsbluff, Sidney, Ogallala, North Platte, Lexington, McCook, Kearney, Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus, Norfolk, O’Neill, Bloomfield, and South Sioux City.

This year CAUR has been involved in another phase of day care training under a Title I grant. “Practical Skills for Administrators” is the title given to a series of workshops in administrative and business training for day care center directors. This activity is also under the direction of Dr. Burch.

A third type of training involving day care personnel is the safety restraints project coordinated by Jack Ruff. Kathy Sullivan has prepared the curriculum for the series of 11 workshops to educate day care center teachers and directors in the use of child safety restraints and seat belts when transporting children. A loan system for the restraints is also being developed.

Career Planning

“Mid-life Career Planning for Nebraska Rural Women” is the title of a project directed by Carole Davis. With Dorothy Graham as consultant, a curriculum was developed for a workshop series consisting of six two-hour sessions.

Local community college counselors were trained to present the workshops which were held at North Platte, Hastings, Grand Island, Central City, Lexington, Kearney, and Norfolk.

Foster Parent Training

The Foster Parent Training Program, originally planned by Ann Coyne of Social Work and Don Deppe who was director of CAUR and developed by Barbara Kendrick, project coordinator, and Carol Ertl, technical consultant, began in May, 1978 as a Title XX project.

The curriculum has received national recognition, and several states as well as British Columbia, have indicated interest in adopting it for their foster parent training.

During the second year, curriculum on Fostering the Adolescent was developed and also an orientation program which is used by agencies to train caseworkers...
Danny Sullivan, age 2½, is seated in a Century 100 Safety Car Seat, one of the types of restraints being loaned to day care centers in Nebraska through a program being administered by CAUR. Danny is the son of Daniel and Kathy Sullivan. His mother works part-time at CAUR.

and recruit foster parents.

Now Betty Largen is adapting four of the Fostering the Adolescent lessons for self-instruction. Audio tapes have been developed so that people can call in and listen to them.

A newsletter, Share, is edited by Jan Jensen, project secretary, and distributed statewide.

Work with Municipalities

For Norfolk, CAUR did a needs assessment and attitude survey in new community development areas. A brochure was prepared to explain the availability of housing rehabilitation grants and loans in that city. Jack Ruff was in charge of these projects, assisted by R. K. Piper, graduate student in Urban Studies.

Now in progress is a survey to determine attitudes toward government services and to find out about shopping patterns of Blair residents. Jack Ruff is also director of this project. Tim Himberger and Larry Lavelle, Urban Studies students, have been working on it.

R. K. Piper did a community attitude survey for Louisville and will be working in Seward on the Nebraska Business Development Institute's evaluation of business and government activities.

Jack Ruff participated in the annual state convention of the Nebraska Association of Housing and Renewal Organizations. He gave a talk on "Long and Short Term Marketing Strategies for Public Housing Projects." Dave DiMartino spoke on the census and housing in Nebraska.

Kearney, Bellevue, and Waverly are among the Nebraska cities which have been assisted in writing grant applications for community development projects.

Jack Ruff was program director for a series of five workshops in October on public housing management. These workshops, held in Gering, North Platte, Grand Island, Norfolk, and Nebraska City were sponsored by the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

Innovation Center

The exchange of technical information among municipalities and other governmental units in the state is the aim of the Innovation Center which is in its preliminary stages.

Research

Several recent research projects at CAUR have involved various areas of the state. Some representative studies are listed.

"Survey of Nebraska Women's Employment Participation, Attitudes, and Needs" involved a random survey of 1,640 women from throughout the state to determine current labor force characteristics, attitudes toward working women, and needs for training and information. Murray Frost was the project director.

"Older Hispanics in Nebraska: Their Characteristics, Attitudes, and Needs" involved subjects in Omaha, Lincoln, and the Scottsbluff area. The study was conducted by David DiMartino and Carole Davis.

"The Impact of Leadership Training on the Development of Selected Nebraska Communities" focused on 15 Nebraska towns having populations of 2,500 to 5,000. Jack Ruff was project director and Gene Hanlon principal investigator.

Publications

The Review of Applied Urban Research publishes articles condensed from longer research reports as well as some written especially for the publication. It is distributed to about 2,200 persons throughout the state and nation.

Two community development newsletters are produced through CAUR. One, the Vanguard, is a nationally distributed publication, and the other is for the state of Nebraska. Joan Holley and Mele Koneya are the editors, and Marian Meier is the technical editor.

GERONTOLOGY

Workshops

Four workshops were developed this year for the Iowa Department of Social Services by Gerontology Program faculty.

"Losses of Aging: Working with the Elderly" is the title of the series which deals with demographic data, theories of the aging process, biological processes, and death and dying.

The first workshop was presented in November, 1980 in Des Moines. The second was held in Cedar Rapids, and the third was given in Council Bluffs. The series will conclude with a June workshop, again in Des Moines.

Dr. Leo Missinne, Dr. Bruce Horacek,

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BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLES were a popular feature of the CUIUA (now UAA) national conference held in March. Many conventions and workshops sponsored by various departments of CPACS are statewide or national in scope. Shown above are (left to right) Gary A. Giamartino of the College of Charleston, Vince Webb of UNO, Yong Hyo Cho of the University of Akron, Patricia Florestano of the University of Maryland, Odessa Woolfolk of the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and Donald J. Epp of Penn State. The two with their backs to the camera are not identified.
Energy and the elderly to be conference topic

"Energy and the Elderly: A Public Policy Response" is the title of a national conference to be held this month at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

The purpose of the May 21-22 meeting is to take a look at what has happened to the elderly in terms of recent rapid increases in energy costs.

Project director is JoAnne Lofton, coordinator of community service education for Gerontology. She expects between 100 and 200 persons from around the country to attend.

The principal speaker is Dr. Kenneth Boulding of the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado who will deliver the keynote address, "Mature People in a Maturing Society."

Other speakers include Dr. Dorothy Newman, a retired researcher with the U. S. Department of Labor and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, and Dr. James Montgomery of the Department of Housing, Family Management, and Consumer Economics at the University of Georgia.

"The Elderly as Energy Consumers" will be Dr. Newman’s topic, while Dr. Montgomery will discuss "Energy and the Rural Elderly: Is There a Solution?"

Hal Daub, one of Nebraska’s congressional representatives, will talk about national policy and legislation.

Two Lincolnites will be among the convention speakers. They are Dean Beck, administrator of the division of income maintenance in the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare, and James Wiley, executive director of the Nebraska Council on Aging.

Carroll Leary from Omaha, associate area vice-president of the American Association of Retired Persons, will also be a speaker.

Other speakers include L. F. Cervantes, S. J., commissioner of the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, and Edward Freel, deputy director of the Office of Policy/Energy with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

The conference is designed for service providers, researchers, energy industry personnel, administrators, educators, and others who are interested in public policy and administrative actions related to the elderly energy consumer.

Conference proceedings will be distributed to planners and participants in the 1981 White House Conference on Aging as well as policy makers and administrators in the fields of energy and aging.

The conference is being partially funded by a grant from the Administration on Aging of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Burch leaves directorship

Hobart Burch has resigned as director of the School of Social Work, effective September 1. No successor has yet been named.

Dr. Burch has been director for five years, having come to CPACS August 1, 1976. He was formerly executive director of the National Social Welfare Assembly with headquarters in New York City.

He will continue as a Social Work staff member with the rank of professor, teaching courses in Social Welfare Planning, Social Policy, and a macro-practice course to be determined.

"The school is now in a sound and stable condition," said Dr. Burch in discussing his reasons for resigning as director. "There is more than one person on the faculty who would make a good director," he continued. "I want the greater freedom and creative opportunity associated with teaching."

GERONTOLOGY PUBLISHES PAPERS ON AGING

The Gerontology Program has just published "Issues 1981," a series of papers dealing with problems of the elderly, at the request of the Nebraska White House Conference on Aging Coordinator and Advisory Committee.


Gerontology staff members who wrote articles are Chuck Powell, Leo Missinne, Jim Thorson, Victoria Wilcox, Bruce Horacek, Diana Loughran, JoAnne Lofton, Mona Casey, Shirley Waskel, Sherry Bauer, and Fran Porter.

CUE – CAUR merger takes place April 1

The Center for Urban Education officially became a part of the Center for Applied Urban Research on April 1.

In a memo to the Board of Regents Chancellor Weber stated, "Reorganization will allow the budget capability and resource flexibility to expand training and educational services building upon the CUE presence in North Omaha and ongoing CAUR activities at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

"Planned activities include establishment of neighborhood socio-economic profiles, development of a neighborhood resource and data bank, work on community development strategies, and expansion of community education activities," he continued.

"CUE and CAUR both enjoy well established reputations at both the local and national levels for their research, service, and training efforts," he noted. "CUE staff have demonstrated a commitment to the development of training programs and to urban outreach activities which complement the missions of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service."

Some CUE staff members will move to the downtown CAUR offices, and some CAUR staff will go to the CUE building on North 16th Street. Administrative details of the merger remain to be worked out.

FIVE FROM CPACS STAFF ATTEND P.A. MEETING

John Kerrigan, CPACS dean; Dave Hinton, assistant dean; Harry Reynolds, professor of Public Administration; Ed Twardy, PA instructor, and Ethel Williams, PA instructor, attended the annual national conference of the American Society for Public Administration held in Detroit the week of April 6. Several graduate students accompanied them.

Dr. Kerrigan and Dr. Hinton presented a paper, "Individual, Professional, and Organizational Ethics."

GERONTOLOGY WORKSHOP

Gerontology and HPER co-sponsored a workshop on dance, movement, and exercise for older adults on May 8 at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church. The workshop was primarily for personnel in the Senior Companions Program.
FLOYD WATERMAN

Although Floyd Waterman has moved to the CAUR office in the Kiewit Conference Center, he still has the title of director of the Center for Urban Education which was recently merged with CAUR.

At CAUR he will work with training programs, continue to build interface with low income areas, seek grants to deal with urban social problems, and further the university outreach within the community.

Dr. Waterman came to UNO in 1965 as an associate professor of education and taught in the department of elementary education. In 1966 when the university received the first Teacher Corps grant, he began working with that program and established a Teacher Corps at Macy, the first one on an Indian reservation in the country. Later he advised Teacher Corps programs on Navajo reservations, and in Alaska, North and South Dakota, and Montana. Beginning in 1975 he had a national contract for developmental training activities as technical assistance for 130 to 150 Teacher Corps projects at a time plus 15 or 20 publications.

Dr. Waterman received the doctor of education degree from Columbia University in New York City where he was a research assistant and instructor before coming to UNO. He was born in Utah and received the bachelor's and master's 

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EDNA ALEXANDER

Although she will be retiring in July, Edna Alexander became an official member of the CAUR staff when the merger between it and the Center for Urban Education took place April 1.

Edna worked at CUE for nine years. Before joining CUE she spent 15 years with the Urban League as assistant director of the employment division and three years as administrative assistant to the director of the City Housing Department.

She began her sojourn at CUE as administrative assistant to the director for the Midwestern Teacher Corps centers, and when that contract closed in 1974 became assistant director of CUE. She wrote newsletters, edited books, set up conferences, arranged travel and did a lot of it herself, and kept generally very busy.

Edna received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education at Alabama State Teachers College with a minor in music. She taught second and third grades in Florida and also music. For a time she was assistant to the director of aYWCA and spent three years as a reporter for the Tampa Daily Times. Now she gives organ and piano lessons and plays the organ for her church.

She also likes to play bridge when and if she can find the time, and when she retires she's looking forward to lots of slam bids.

FERN HIRMBERGER

CAUR's new typing specialist/receptionist is Fern Himberger.

Before she came to work for CAUR Fern was a typist at the Douglas County Mental Health Clinic. She has also been student services coordinator, a receptionist, and assistant to the registrar at Bellevue College.

Fern is a graduate of an accounting and business management course at the Commercial Extension School of Commerce, and she expects to receive her degree from UNO in about a year.

Her hobbies are reading (currently everything by Isaac Asimov) and oil and watercolor painting, but her son painted her house which is on almost an acre of ground in Sarpy County. This summer she expects to have about a fourth of that in garden. A lot of food is needed to feed her three teen-age boys.

DAVID C. SCOTT AWARD GIVEN TO ANDERSEN

The David C. Scott award for excellence in public administration was presented to Richard Andersen, Omaha chief of police, at a luncheon of the Nebraska chapter of the American Society for Public Administration on May 13.

John Kerrigan presented the award which is named for the chairperson of Public Administration.
Carole Stephens (center) serves punch to Joyce Carson (left) and Betty Mayhew. At the right is John Kerrigan visiting with Larry Siegel (back to camera) on the Annex 24 terrace.

Photos by Marian Meier

It's finger-lickin' good! John Kerrigan enjoys his chicken, even though the day was just a little chilly to sit outside to eat. JoAnne Lofton is on the right.

Barb Case (above) has to hurry to get the ball over. Larry Siegel looks on.

Tall Phil Secret (left) has no trouble spiking one. Willa Martin is just visible.

Bill Wakefield (below, left) has a mean serve and a great follow through, too.

Sunny Andrews (above) may not be as tall as Phil Secret, but with a mighty leap he gets the ball over. John Kerrigan watches.

Several hardy CJ types (below) enjoy the sun. From left are Sue Peterson, Dennis Hoffman, Ineke Marshall, Chris Marshall, and Julie Horney.
Staff Activity

JASON CHEN
CAUR

Jason Chen, who has worked as a research assistant at CAUR more than four years, has resigned to take a position with an Omaha engineering firm, Lee, Mabin, Batheja, and Associates. Jason recently received the M.S. degree in civil engineering from UNO.

HERB GRANDBOIS
Social Work

Dr. Grandbois was in Washington, D.C. recently reviewing grant applications to the National Institute of Mental Health for social work training.

JIM THORSON
Gerontology

Dr. Thorson gave the keynote address at the Conference on Creative Ministries with Older Adults sponsored by the Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City on April 28.

He is the co-author, with Judy Thorson of UNMC, of the chapter, “How to Keep Elders Alive” in the recently published book, Eldercare: A Practical Guide to Clinical Geriatrics.

Dr. Thorson and Mark Perkins of Old Dominion University are the authors of an article published in the latest issue of the International Journal of Aging and Human Development. The article’s title is “An Examination of Personality and Demographic Factors on Attitudes Toward Old People.”

Dr. Thorson presented a lecture, “Isolation and the Elderly,” on March 27 at the Creighton University Medical School.

SHIRLEY WASKEL
Gerontology

“Stages of a Woman’s Life” was the title of a presentation given by Dr. Waskel on April 7 for the New Horizons group. She also conducted a half-day of training for the Red Cross Parenting Program on April 2. Her topic was “How Adults Learn.”

CHUCK POWELL
Gerontology

Dr. Powell has been serving this year as chairman of the advisory committee for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging. He presided at the conference, held in Omaha April 27 and 28 after 11 regional hearings in all parts of the state.

BRUCE HORACEK
Gerontology

Dr. Horacek gave two talks at the Holy Family Education Program in March, “Life Review and the Aging Process” and “Grief and the Aging Process.”

 DANIEL MARTINEZ
Goodrich Program

Dr. Martinez is one of several recipients of research awards from the University Committee on Research. He has received a grant-in-aid which he will use to write a comprehensive review of Machiavellianism.

Three papers by Dr. Martinez have been accepted for publication in Psychological Reports, “Geographical Mobility and Machiavellianism,” “The Factorial Structure of the Mach V Scale for Chicano and White College Students,” and “Chicano and White Student Deviations on the Items of the Machiavellian Scale.”

MURRAY FROST
CAUR

Dr. Frost spent March 26, 27, and 28 in Los Angeles reviewing proposals from colleges and universities to the National Science Foundation for grants under the Local Course Improvement (LOCI) Program.

JANE WOODY
Social Work

Dr. Woody will be on sabbatical for the 1981-82 academic year. She will be working on writing up the results of the study she has been working on this past year on families of divorce, including several articles and preparation for a book on the subject. She also plans to develop two new courses in the area of marriage and family therapy. Although her plans aren’t definite yet, she may spend the first half of the year in Florida and the remainder in Omaha.

JOAN HOLLEY
CAUR

Dr. Holley was elected president of the Nebraska chapter of the Community Development Society at its annual meeting in Grand Island on April 22.

HOBART BURCH
Social Work

Dr. Burch has been elected as the new CPACS representative to the Faculty Senate.

CPACS STAFF MEMBERS TO GET SERVICE AWARDS

Five CPACS staff members received service awards at the annual ceremony on May 8 in the Milo Bail Student Center.

Jim Kane, associate professor of Criminal Justice, and Leo Missinne, professor of Gerontology, received ten-year service awards.

Those receiving five-year awards were Ginger Burch, senior research associate at CAUR; Hobart Burch, professor and department chairperson of Social Work; and John Kerrigan, dean of the college.

ANN COYNE APPOINTED TO WELFARE POSITION

Ann Coyne has been named deputy director of client services for the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare. She previously has been a consultant to this agency.

Ann will be on leave of absence but will continue to teach one course in Social Work and to work with graduate students.

BARBARA KENDRICK
CAUR

Ms. Kendrick is exhibiting three collages in the Wellsprings of America Women’s Art Festival May 18-24 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

FLOYD WATERMAN

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degrees there. Before going to Columbia he taught in Utah and in Great Neck, New York.

The Watermans have a daughter living in Japan, and they plan to visit her and her family this summer and make the acquaintance of a granddaughter they have never seen, one of their “four beautiful granddaughters.” A son is in law school in Utah, and another son was killed in an automobile accident nine years ago.

“What I really like to do is hike in the mountains,” says Dr. Waterman, although he hasn’t had much time to do that lately. He also enjoys opera and listening to other classical music.

Active in professional organizations, he has been a member of the national executive committee of the National Association of Teacher Educators. He was chosen for membership in the Outstanding Educators of America and received the Charles F. and Mabel Davis award from the Franklin Community Credit Union “for outstanding leadership in the struggle for dignity, human rights, and economic development in the minority and low income community.”
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Chuck Powell, and JoAnne Lofton were the faculty members involved in developing and presenting the workshops which have been attended by 25 to 30 persons each. Evaluations have been averaging 8 on a 9-point scale. The purpose of the series is to acquaint social service personnel with problems and the potential of elderly individuals.

Research on HMO's

Chuck Powell and JoAnne Lofton have been conducting research in four different out of state areas aimed at finding out about Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) and their relationship to the elderly. They have gathered data in Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, and Washington, D.C.

"Barriers to HMO's for the Elderly: Factors Affecting Enrollment, Utilization, and Self-satisfaction of Elderly HMO Members," is the official title of their project which was funded by the Andrus Foundation in Washington, D.C., in November, 1979 and which has just ended.

Other Activities

In December Dr. Leo Missinne conducted a workshop in Scottsbluff on Psychology of Aging.

As many as 50 workshops a year have been conducted by Gerontology in Nebraska over the past ten years in all areas of the state. The most recent in the series, leading to a specialization certificate in gerontology, was held in the spring of 1980.

Other workshops have been conducted in Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, and Iowa. Gerontology was also responsible for training persons in nutrition for the elderly in an 11-state area.

Now in progress is an off-campus course on Mental Health and Aging taught in Lincoln by an adjunct professor, Dr. Gary Indenbaum.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Clerks' School

Each year for the past six years, Public Administration has conducted the Municipal Clerks' School in varying locations in Nebraska. This year it was held in Grand Island, last year in Kearney.

Dr. David Paulsen is the director, assisted by Ken Adams, administrative assistant. Dr. Harold Gordon and Ed Twardy were participating faculty members in this year's school. State and local government personnel also took part.

Aimed at enabling clerks in Nebraska municipalities to achieve certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the sessions have provided instruction on such topics as administrative law, public property, nuisance control, accounting and budget practices, social relationships, stress management, and statistics.

Three themes are stressed in the annual sessions with a different offering for each of three years which then repeats. The program is jointly sponsored by the Nebraska Clerks Section of the League of Nebraska Municipalities and by Public Administration.

Other Activities

"Elements of Public Management" is a course being taught by Dr. David Paulsen at Kearney this year. Every other week sessions are held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Ed Twardy is conducting a graduate seminar in public management for the management staff of the Beatrice Development Center. Thirty-five are enrolled.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Probation Officers' Training

Criminal Justice has been providing a series of workshops under a contract with the Nebraska Probation Administration to train probation and parole officers in legal matters.

Workshops were held in January, March, and April in Omaha, Lincoln, and North Platte.

Janet Porter directed the development of the study modules. Funds were provided by the National Institute of Corrections.

SOCIAL WORK

Off-campus Courses

While increased transportation costs and fewer students in any one location have cut down the number of off-campus courses offered in Social Work, several are still in progress.

Weekend courses where students can come in on Friday nights and all day Saturday are being substituted, and they are held in fewer locations.

This spring Welfare Planning is being taught in Scottsbluff by Hobart Burch, and Ann Coyne is teaching Evaluation of Social Programs in Lincoln as weekend courses. Social Work Supervision and Micro-Intervention will be taught in Lincoln in May and June under this newer program.

All off-campus courses except those in Douglas and Sarpy Counties, both credit and non-credit, are administered by Don Dendinger, assistant professor of Social Work and program development specialist with the Division of Continuing Studies at UN-L. He has also served as state president of the National Association of Social Workers.

The extension program was originally developed by Ezra Kohn who still teaches in it. Several people who have taken their course work in Scottsbluff under this program will receive the MSW this year.

Last fall a regular credit course, Social Work in Mental Health, was taught in Beatrice by Sally Lidie, a part-time instructor. Others offered in Scottsbluff included Social Work Practice, Research (other than thesis), and Independent Study taught by Ezra Kohn. Dr. Kohn is also teaching Social Work Practice this spring.

An important contribution to the outstate effort has been community involvement as local task forces in Scottsbluff, Grand Island, Norfolk, and Beatrice have helped to plan, deliver, and evaluate these courses.

Workshops


Other recent workshops included one on grant writing by Ann Coyne in Lincoln, "Marketing for Human Services," and "The Hospice and Other Services for the Dying" by Judy Tombrink in Omaha.

Other Activities

Herb Grandbois is developing extension courses for social workers on Indian reservations.

Hobart Burch is chairman of the Human Resources Planning Project for the Department of Public Institutions. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health to improve the quantity, distribution, and effectiveness of mental health manpower. The project is being directed by Jim Harvey who received his MSW from UNO.