CPACS Happenings (December 1976 Newsletter)

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This is the second in a series of articles on program units of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

In the Spring of 1972, the University received a $266,832 appropriation from the State Legislature for increasing the number of tuition waivers for low-income students. The University determined that this appropriation could be most effectively used by providing not only tuition waivers but a substantive experimental program in undergraduate education based upon the premise that low-income students suffer from a deficiency in academic preparation as well as a fiscal deficiency when they contemplate the possibilities of college studies.

The Goodrich Scholarship Program, named in honor of the Omaha State Senator Glenn Goodrich, who authored the enabling legislation, is a response to the challenge set for the University in the documents, The Regents' Commission on the University of the 70's and Toward Excellence II--"to make a major response by dramatically expanding educational opportunities for blacks and generally for poverty students.'

Ninety-five students were accepted into the Goodrich Program in September, 1972 and approximately 50 students have entered each year since. Three students graduated in December 1975, and 9 at the 1976 spring commencement. The current enrollment is 192. (Cont. on page 4)

Downtown Center. By November 15, architectural firms will be narrowed to 5 and by December 15, final selection will be made. Before the end of the year, UNO will have a defined schedule. Based on the information submitted by the units in CPACS, a summary statement indicates that each of the units have considerable enthusiasm in developing linkages to the downtown center but have many doubts and concerns regarding the total transfer of any program unit. (Cont. on page 6)

In September, the Center for Applied Urban Research (CAUR) contracted with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) to evaluate the effectiveness of an LEAA Juvenile Justice program in five cities--Spokane, Washington; Oakland, California; Spartansburg, South Carolina; Waterbury, Connecticut; and Tucson, Arizona. (Cont. on page 7)

Criminal Justice has been awarded $85,000 in a 12-month extension of the educational development grant. This extension will allow the program to 1) interrelate the research and public service mission of the program, placing special emphasis on the needs of the criminal justice system in Nebraska and 2) recruit distinguished faculty for limited time periods to teach, assist in research development, and consult the program.
AASCU Exchange

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities is developing a faculty exchange program. Currently, a directory of interested faculty is being compiled. Faculty interested in the program may obtain forms from the Dean's Office. These need to be completed and sent to John Farr, AASCU representative, by December 10.

Classes for Seniors

The UNO Faculty Senate has approved unanimously a proposal extending tuition-free classes to senior citizens at no cost. This is on a non-credit, space available basis, with the Gerontology Program handling registration procedures.

An "intent to register" session would be held two weeks before final/late registration. At that time, senior citizens would indicate three classes they would like to attend. Instructors would be notified of the "intent to register" and would then grant permission to attend if space is available.

Personnel

Sue Francke has resigned her position as Community Service Assistant in Gerontology effective November 30. She will return to school as a graduate student in Urban Studies. Sue has also been asked to take on a special assignment for the Dean's Office. She will be preparing slide presentations for the College and its units and CPACS units can expect to see her gathering information for this project starting in December.

Carol Jenkins began work on November 10 as Clerk/Typist in the Gerontology Program. Previously she was a student working in the Special Education Department at UNO.

Activities

* November 10-13, Dean John Kerrigan participated in the conference of the American Institute of Decision Sciences in San Francisco. He served as chairperson and discussant for the session "Problems in Public Finance."

* Dr. David Peterson and Bruce Horacek (Gerontology) were keynote speakers for the Statewide Gerontology Conference which was held in Huron, South Dakota. Dave spoke on "Aging and the Future--Trends in the Field and Predictions" and Bruce on "Observations with Meaning for South Dakota: Where Do We Go From Here."

* Dr. Bill Bell and Gail Kara, (Gerontology) discussed the manual "Planning for Natural Disaster, A Planning Tool" on KIOS radio in October. The manual, developed by the Gerontology Program and the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, has been accepted for national distribution to area agencies on aging.

* Three Gerontology staff members participated at the Gerontological Society National Convention in New York City. Dr. Christopher Bolton participated on a panel exploring "Evaluation of Training." Bruce Horacek presented "Gerontology and Social Change" during a panel discussion on
radical gerontology. Dr. Bill Bell presented a paper on "Natural Disasters and Coping Behavior by Age and Interpersonal Setting."

* Dr. Leo Missinne, (Gerontology) participated on the "International Education" panel of the European Studies Conference last month in Omaha.

* Dr. Peter Suzuki (Urban Studies) will speak on "Some Aspects of Primatology: Behavior Patterns of Macaques and Baboons" at the December meeting of the Audubon Society.

* Ms. Wilda Stephenson (Goodrich) and Ms. Barbara Hewins-Maroney, (Coordinator of Minority Affairs) have been invited to participate in a planning and dissemination workshop entitled "Higher Education and the Potentially Successful High Risk Student," sponsored by OPERATION HOPE, in Santa Barbara, California.

* Phil Secret (Goodrich) has been selected to be included in the first issue of Who's Who Among Black Americans 1975-1976. Congratulations Phil!


* Dr. Sam Walker (CJ) has been appointed co-editor of a special issue of the Iowa Journal of Social Work (Vol. VII, No. 4) devoted to "Criminal Justice and Social Welfare." He attended a planning meeting in Iowa City on November 13-13 to reorganize the journal. It will be reconstituted next year as Social Development Issues. Sam will serve as an Associate Editor.

* Dr. Bill Wakefield (CJ) with Joel Snell and Richard Holquist (Dana College) have had an article: "The College Professor, the College Student, and Credentialism" accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the College Student Journal.

Bill has been contracted by W.C.B. Brown Publishers to review a forthcoming text: Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Offenders: A Guide to Procedures and Causes.

* A review by Dr. Hobart Burch (SW) of Giving in America: Toward a Stronger Voluntary Sector was published in the summer 1976 edition of Public Welfare.
The Dean Says...

There will be a CPACS faculty meeting at 3 p.m. on December 15 in Annex 19.

The Dean will meet with all CPACS tenured faculty at 1 p.m. on December 17 in Annex 24.

All CPACS department heads will be involved in an administrative retreat all day on December 20th. Department heads will be notified of location and details.

UNO Commencement will be December 22nd at 7 p.m. A reception for CPACS students, their families and friends will be held following commencement in Annex 24. CPACS faculty are encouraged to attend the commencement and reception. Helen Noyes will contact departments about faculty planning to attend.

A graduation reception will be held on the Lincoln campus on December 23rd from 3:45-5:00. Faculty members involved with Lincoln programs are encouraged to attend, and I will be there to present diplomas.

The University will be closed December 24th, 27th, 31st and January 3rd.

Final grades are due in the Registrar's Office by December 28th at noon.

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Goodrich...

Dr. Sharp Lewis, formerly with UNO's Counseling and Testing Center, became program director in 1972, and served in that capacity until the spring of 1975. At that time, Ms. Wilda Stephenson, who had been associated with the program from its beginnings, accepted the role of Assistant Director and in August of 1975 was named Director.

The Goodrich Scholarship Program does not offer a major, and students in the program may be enrolled in any of UNO's academic programs. To remain in the program, however, students are required to enroll in 6 credit hours of Goodrich-sponsored courses during each semester of the freshman and sophomore years.

The sequence consists of courses in English composition and critical reasoning in the first semester of the freshman year; a humanities course focusing on contemporary American culture during the second semester; and a two-semester course in social sciences during the sophomore year.

A maximum amount of personal contact is stressed. In most of the required courses, students meet with instructors for one hour per week in small tutorials to explore reading and lecture topics in greater depth. Many projects such as the writing of essays are conducted with individual contact with the instructor.

A communication lab has been developed which involves all freshmen entering the program. It provides both academic and personal counseling and encourages students to more
fully explore their individual attitudes and goals. Job counseling is also provided for students needing to supplement their incomes. A Writing Lab and Study Skills Center was established in 1973 at the request of Goodrich faculty who saw a need for specific assistance with basic writing skills.

The Goodrich Scholarship Program is designed to support 200 students who are recruited from Nebraska high schools. Criteria for acceptance to the program are as follows:

1. Applicants must demonstrate financial need based on an analysis of the Financial Aid Form.
2. Applicants must show academic promise as determined by an aggregate of such criteria as extrinsic motivation, personal interviews, and references from teachers, ministers, school administrators, community leaders, associates, etc. It has been found that these criteria are often as valid for predicting success in college as traditional measuring devices. This in no way excludes those academically strong students (by traditional standards) who demonstrate financial need.
3. Applicants must be residents of the State of Nebraska. With a few exceptions, the students enrolled by and large come from the Omaha metropolitan area. An effort is made to respond to the community's racial and ethnic make-up when final selections are made.

Ms. Wilda Stephenson, Director, holds an MA in Education from Creighton University. Her background includes fifteen years of classroom teaching experience in Omaha's inner city schools, a team teaching experience in the Teacher Corps, and three years as Associate Director of the Midwestern Teacher Corps Recruitment Center at UNO.

Dr. Jerry Cederblom, received the Ph.D. in philosophy from Claremont Graduate College. He joined the program at its inception in 1972. He coordinates the humanities sequence in the Goodrich Program and holds a courtesy appointment in the Philosophy Department.

New to the program last year, Dr. Angela Edwards is a clinical psychologist. She recently received the Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Coordinator of the program's social science sequence, she also holds a courtesy appointment in UNO's Psychology Department.

Ms. Diane Gillespie has been associated with the program since its beginning. She received the MA in English from Southern Illinois University and holds a courtesy appointment in English. She teaches English 111 to Goodrich students and has conducted workshops for UNO faculty dealing with minority students.

Dr. David W. Paulsen (not to be confused with Public Administration's Dr. David F. Paulsen!) holds the Ph.D. in philosophy and humanities from Stanford University. He joined the Goodrich faculty in 1973 bringing with him six years of college teaching experience. He co-authored the book Political Research Methods: Foundations and Techniques published in 1976. He holds a courtesy appointment in
Philosophy and Religion

Mr. Philip Secret received the MA in Political Science from UN-L and is currently pursuing the doctorate. Another "charter member" of the faculty, he teaches in the social science sequence. He holds a courtesy appointment in Black Studies and has served as faculty adviser to BLAC, an organization of UNO black students.

Mr. Raymond Unks also was involved in the initial stages of the Goodrich Program's development. He received the MSW from Wayne State University and holds a courtesy appointment with the School of Social Work. He represents the College on the UNO Faculty Senate.

Ms. Helen Hiatt serves as Assistant to the Director, assisting with day-to-day operation and counseling students. She received the MS in Counseling and Guidance from UNO.

Penny Nordahl, BS in Education, UNO, is assistant coordinator for academic support services, and coordinator of the Writing Lab and Study Skills Center.

Nancy Schrepf is secretary to the program and is currently working toward a degree in Sociology at UNO.

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Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure. Bill Wakefield is chairman of the committee. For this committee to function, unit criteria are necessary. Each CPACS unit has been asked to provide departmental reappointments, promotion and tenure guidelines by January 15. These guidelines must be cleared by the department, the college, then sent to the Provost's Office for approval. Dean Kerrigan explained the history of the College guidelines and noted that CPACS will move toward closure on this issue this year.

Procedure for Student Grievances. The process established by most program units is as follows: It is initially handled by the faculty member, then goes to a department committee and on to the CPACS Curriculum Committee, the Dean and the Provost.

North Central Accreditation: The North Central Accreditation team will be on campus December 6-8. They will have the right to any files or records.

HPER Funding. UNO made application for federal funds, also sought by the city of Omaha and several school districts. Some thought the UNO application was not appropriate. The request is still in, however, but reduced to $3.5 million.

Summer School Funding. The CPACS budget allocation is $35,000. This is the first year that requests probably will exceed the money available. It appears that there will be two 5-week daytime sessions, and evening sessions of six, seven and eight weeks.

Teaching Enrichment Program. There is $660 available to CPACS. Department chairpersons should have the information and forms. If not, the Deans Office will supply them. This money is in addition to UNO travel money.

CPACS Data File. Dave Hinton is setting up a file of data on CPACS, collected for the use of departments as well as the Dean's Office. Guidance and Counseling has now computerized ACT scores and this information is available.
Faculty Representation at Graduation. Each faculty member is expected to attend at least one graduation a year. In December, CPACS will hold a reception for our graduates, following commencement exercises which begin at 7:00 p.m. Dec. 22 in Omaha. In Lincoln, a University reception for the December graduates is scheduled on December 23 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Other Comments. As curriculum committee chairperson, Sam Walker commented that the committee is considering whether or not CPACS should have college core requirements.

Catalog copy for 77-78 catalog, including course descriptions, is due in the Dean's Office on November 24 (undergraduate only).

Registration. Schedules for next semester should be available at MBSC Information Desk November 10. Registration is January 10-13. The system will be the same as for fall except, there will be no #2 cards. Use enrollment forms. Details will be given at the Faculty meeting on December 15th.

The next Faculty meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m., Annex 19. The faculty will vote on December graduates at that time.

A question was raised as to whatever happened to the idea of faculty evaluation of administrators.

Ray Unks, Faculty Senator, raised a question about CPACS faculty opinion on procedures for publishing faculty evaluations. Contact Ray with comments.

Sue Francke of the Gerontology Program presented a slide presentation on the program which will be given for the regents as a report on Gerontology "Area of Excellence."

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The program is an effort to provide alternatives to care for young people arrested or detained because of non-criminal disruptive behavior, such as truancy, through collaborations of local affiliates of the National Assembly of National Health and Welfare Organizations.

On November 4th and 5th field researchers from the cities involved and the local program staff met in Omaha to lay out the details of the research design and plan the relationship of researchers to local program staff. This was the first of several research meetings to be held in Omaha on the evaluation process. The field researchers are social scientists, primarily college professors, from universities in the cities involved. Dr. Ginger Burch (CAUR) is director of the project.
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- UNO Commencement 7:00 PM
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* Notice of Reappointment to academic personnel in 2nd yr spec term apptd for 1977-78
* Last day of classes
* CPACS Faculty mtg 3:00 PM

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Happy Hanukkah!
Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!