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The Criminal Justice Department is developing a new organization for its majors. Bill Wakefield has been involved in forming the new group which held its first meeting on November 16th. Approximately 50 students and several faculty attended the meeting designed to assess the interest in such an organization. Another organizational meeting was held November 30 to compile a slate of candidates for election to office. The election of officers of the organization will be held December 7 at 12 noon in MBSC rm. 314. Nominations will again be open at this meeting and all those interested are strongly urged to attend. Priorities and activities for the coming year will also be discussed. The purposes and goals of the new organization are:

--to insure student representation and input into department operations and directions for the future.
--to develop closer working relationships between faculty and students.
--to serve as a resource for future career planning
--to involve students in activities directly related to the criminal justice field and their college careers. Such activities as internship programs, community service activities, tutorial services, sponsorship of workshops and seminars, encouragement of research, will be developed.

Anyone wishing further information about the organization may contact Bill Wakefield, UNO Annex 20, 554-2610.

Graduate students in the Public Administration Program, with the help from the Public Administration Department, have started organizing a Student Section of the American Society for Public Administration. During two months' efforts the students have drawn up and ratified a constitution, elected officers and have begun proceedings to be recognized by the UNO Student Senate as a student organization. The next step will be approval from the Nebraska Chapter of A.S.P.A.

The goals of the organization are:
--to give students the opportunity to meet practitioners in the field of Public Administration
--to provide career information
--to allow students a chance to meet together socially.

A recruitment program has begun and the program committee is setting up events for the spring semester. The major event this academic year will be a trip to Phoenix,
Arizona in April for the national convention of A.S.P.A. It is hoped that at least two van loads will go. John Beer, president of the Nebraska Chapter of A.S.P.A., is assisting in contacts with the Capitol Chapter of Des Moines, Iowa to recruit students from the University of Iowa to go as well. The group has applied for a grant from national headquarters to help finance transportation costs.

Organization officers are Ray Szutu, Chairperson; Howard Kensinger, Vice Chairperson; and Jean Bergei, Secretary Treasurer. Executive Council members are Jim McGee, Eric Trump, Sahandra Cartwright, and John Thomas. Stan Powers is faculty adviser. The executive council will meet once a month and there will be a general meeting once each month. Public Administration and other interested students may contact Ray Szutu, Student Section President, for additional details. Contact Ray at Annex 27, phone # 554-2625.

The University of Nebraska Center on Aging held its first Executive Committee meeting November 14 to acquaint its members with background on the Center and give them an opportunity to discuss its organization and functions.

The Center, which is now in the planning stages, will be a university-wide organization. The first two years of funding are provided by a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging to the Gerontology Program. The Center will encourage and coordinate aging-related activities on all three campuses.

Comprised of four faculty representatives from each campus, the Center's Executive Committee is made up of the following:

**UNL:**
- Dr. Hazel Fox, Department of Food and Nutrition;
- Dr. Nicholas Babchuk, Department of Sociology;
- Dr. Wesley Meierhenry, Department of Adult and Continuing Education; and
- Dr. Nick Stinnett, Department of Human Development and the Family;

**UNMC:**
- Dr. Patricia Miller, College of Nursing;
- Dr. Denham Harman, Department of Internal Medicine;
- Dr. Frank Menolascino, NPI; and
- Gary Ross, School of Allied Health;

**UNO:**
- Dr. Richard Blake, Department of Guidance and Counseling;
- Dr. Richard Flynn, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation;
- Dr. Shelton Hendricks, Department of Psychology; and
- Dr. Peter Suzuki, Department of Urban Studies.
The director and assistant director of the Center, Dr. David Peterson and Dr. Chris Bolton, Gerontology, serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The next Committee meeting will be December 6.

The Gerontology Program is distributing a new slide presentation on "Aging and Sexuality; A Physiological Approach," an educational program designed for persons who work with the elderly.

The presentation was originally a class project developed by M. Diane Estes, a UNO graduate student working toward an M.S. in Guidance and Counseling with a Specialization in Gerontology. Ms. Estes, a registered nurse, has worked with the elderly in both long-term and acute care settings.

Eleven and one-half minutes in length, "Aging and Sexuality" consists of 54 slides, an audio cassette tape and the corresponding script. The program, which can be purchased or rented, assists care staff, family, program administrators, educators, counselors and others who work with the elderly to better understand sexuality among older persons.

A Volunteer Service is being organized on the UNO campus. The Service will be directed by Suzanne Dunlap, Administrative Assistant in Student Development Services, and will eventually be housed at the Information Center in the Eppley Building.

Please contact Suzanne Dunlap at 2409 or 2800—
1) if you work in an office in need of volunteers (during special occasions and/or all year long) or if you know of any areas on campus who could use volunteer help,
2) if anyone in your office is interested in volunteering their talents and time to help offices in need,
3) if anyone is interested in being part of the Volunteer Service and helping to maintain a file of volunteers and a file of offices in need of volunteers and to assist in making referrals

Faculty are reminded that due to construction at the fieldhouse, faculty will robe for commencement in the Engineering Building, Room 101 at 6:30 p.m.

CPACS will hold a graduation reception for its students immediately following graduation on December 22nd. Invitations have been mailed to all graduating students, inviting them, their families and friends to the reception which will be held in Annex 24. Faculty are encouraged to attend.
HOLIDAYS

The university will be closed for three holidays. December 26 and 27 and January 2 are holidays for all faculty and staff. Have a happy holiday season!

ORIENTATION

Orientation for new students will begin on January 3 and continue through registration. Entering freshmen will be advised and registered on January 4 and transfer students will be advised on January 5. Advisement will continue during registration January 11-13. Departments will receive information shortly about specific staffing needs for orientation and registration.

NEW STAFF

Welcome, welcome to Susan Holm! For those of you who may not yet know Susan, she is Secretary II in the Dean's Office, and the person who usually answers the telephone (among other chores!) for the Dean's Office, Urban Studies, and the Division of Training and Public Affairs. Susan joined the staff in September after Mike Heaton decided to leave the college to stay home with her children. We apologize, Susan, for the tardy welcome, but we're sincerely happy to have you with us.

Jan Scott has joined the Gerontology Program staff as a graduate assistant to help with the development of the University of Nebraska Center on Aging. Glad to have you with us, Jan.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Dr. Murray Frost and Dr. Armin K. Ludwig have had their paper, "The Attractions of Interstate Radial Freeway Corridors for New Office Sites," accepted by a review panel and will present it at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board.

Paul S.T. Lee, CAUR, chaired one discussion session on the subject "Urbanization in the Third World: Paradigms, Problems and Prospects" at the Third World Conference held at the Omaha Hilton Hotel, October 27-29, 1977. Peter Suzuki, Urban Studies, was the discussant in the same session.

Jack Ruff of the CAUR Housing Division sponsored Home Repair and Energy Conservation Fair October 28—November 11 at the UNO Center for Urban Education. Information and displays focused on 16 topics ranging from insulating and landscaping for sun and wind protection to solar heating and air conditioning. Participants included faculty and students from the Colleges of Engineering and Home Economics and the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union.
G. L. Kuchel, C.J., attended the annual meeting of the Midwestern Assn. of Criminal Justice Educators in Chicago on November 2nd and 3rd. He was elected 2nd Vice President of the eleven state organization.

Sam Walker has had the following articles accepted for publication:


Fred Holbert, C.J., has been appointed to the State Criminal Code Review Committee by the Legislative Executive Committee. The task of the committee is to review the code for inconsistencies and ambiguous language prior to final passage by the Legislature.

Dr. Janet Porter participated in a panel discussion of "Delinquency--Problems and Solutions" at a conference relating to Jobs and the Environment, a Community Response, Saturday, November 19, 1977, at the UNO Center for Urban Education.

Julie Hornsey presented a paper--"A Critical Analysis of Behavior Modification in Corrections" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, November 17th-19th.

Roy Roberg also presented a paper at this same convention, entitled "An Analysis of the Relationships Among Higher Education Belief Systems and Job Performance of Patrol Officers in a Selected Police Organization."

Lawrence French, C.J., had his article "A Cultural Perspective Toward Juvenile Delinquency" accepted to be published in the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice. Another article, "The Perversion of Incarceration: A Social-Psychological Perspective," was accepted by the Journal of Corrective and Social Psychiatry. French presented his paper, "The Educational Dilemma Facing the Urban Indian" at the Third National Conference on Urban Education. He received a Faculty Teaching Enrichment Travel Grant to attend these meetings, November 20-22 in Norfolk, Virginia.
Dr. Don Deppe presented a paper, "Public Service Strategies in Higher Education: Their Contributions to Urban Education," at the Third National Conference on Urban Education in Norfolk, Virginia, November 20–22. The paper was co-authored by Deans Kerrigan and Hinton.

Jim Thorson has just received the John Tyler Mauldin Award "for outstanding leadership and service in the field of aging." The award is presented each year by the Georgia Gerontology Society to the person who has made the greatest contribution to improving the quality of life of older Georgians.

Thorson, who came to the UNO Gerontology Program this past July, says he wasn't aware that his leaving the state would have such a positive impact on the quality of life of older citizens of Georgia. "I might have left Georgia years ago if I'd known that it would do older people all that much good," Thorson quipped.

Dave Peterson, Gerontology, spoke on "Myths and Stereotypes of Old Age" at the annual workshop for nursing home administrators, sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Homes for the Aged on November 11.

Bruce Horacek, Gerontology, participated in the meeting of the National Committee on the Humanities and Aging on November 18, during the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society in San Francisco.

JoAnne Lofton, Gerontology, spoke on "Food Concerns of the Elderly" at a Conference on Aging, sponsored by the Kearney State College Department of Home Economics. The workshop was attended by secondary home economics instructors and Future Homemakers of America leaders.

Chuck Powell, Gerontology, has received word from Springer Publishing Co., New York, N.Y. of plans to publish his book, Programs and Services for the Elderly: A Survey. The book will be included in a new series on Adulthood and Aging.

Harry W. Reynolds, Jr., Chairman, Public Administration, has been chosen to be chairman of the editorial board, Midwest Review of Public Administration, for 1977-78. He has served on the editorial board since 1966; this is Dr. Reynolds' second tour of duty as board chairman.

Six Public Administration students involved in the National Development and Training Program for Afghanistan have recently returned from a ten day trip to Atlanta, Georgia, where they attended the convention of the International City Management Association. Enroute the students stopped in Chicago, where Stan Powers arranged for them to attend a two-day seminar in Management Development at the University of Chicago.
Lucille F. Zelinsky attended the Fifth NASW Professional Symposium, November 19-22 in San Diego. Prior to the conference, she attended the NASW Pre-Symposium Study Tour in Hawaii from November 12th to the 18th.

Salima Omer presented a paper on Participatory Democracy and Social Development at the Third World Conference held at UNO in October, 1977.

A paper by Dr. Omer on Institution Building is being published in Social Development: Concept, Methodology and Substance, ed. by Jones and Pandey, McMillan and Company, India.

She also chaired a session on 'The Conceptualization of Social Development at the Annual meeting of the Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development at the Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Peter Suzuki has had accepted for publication: "Japanese [ŋ], American English [ŋ], and Dutch [X] as expressives of lexeme paradigms," in Anthropological Linguistics; also accepted for publication: "The Archaeological Remains of Hiligowe, Indonesia Decoded," Anthropos: International Review of Ethnology and Linguistics.

REMINDERS:

Dec. 8 Dept. Head Mtg. 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 22 Dept. Head Mtg. 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 28 Grades due to Registrar
Jan. 6 Curriculum Committee Meeting, Annex 24, 8:30 a.m.
Jan. 9 Summer Schedules due to dean
Jan. 13 Personnel recommendations for faculty now in first year of specific term appointment due to dean.
Jan. 19 Dept. Head Mtg. 11:00 a.m.
Jan. 24 Personnel Committee Meeting, 3: p.m.
Jan. 26 Dept. Head Mtg. 10: a.m.

NEWS FLASH!

The School of Social Work has been notified by the Council on Social Work Education both the graduate and undergraduate Social Work programs have been given unconditional accreditation for the next five years.

P.S.

The 1976-77 CPACS Annual Report is completed and copies are available in the Dean's office for anyone interested.