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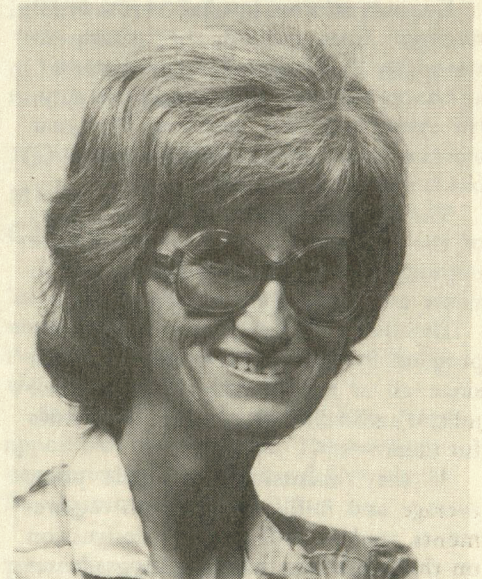
Joyce Carson, composer technician at the Center for Applied Urban Research, has been selected as UNO employee of the month for February.

In nominating her for the honor, her co-workers stated, "Her cheerful attitude has been a great asset to CAUR ever since she came on board in January, 1975. She gets things done well and on time...and is patient, calm, and works accurately under pressure. We would be very hard put to accomplish what we do here without her ingenuity, her devotion to the task at hand, and her dependability. She makes us all look good."

Formerly a typing specialist, Joyce took training over a year ago to learn to operate the IBM mag-card composer. Since then most of her time has been spent running this complicated machine. She "sets the type" for this newsletter, the *Review of Applied Urban Research*, the Foster Parent Training newsletter, all the day care instructional materials, and numerous booklets, flyers, and other

publications. Complicated tables with long columns of figures are one of Joyce's specialties.

As employee of the month, Joyce will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Hinky-Dinky, two free tickets to the UNO athletic event of her choice, two passes to one of the S.P.O. movies, and \$10 worth of Food Service coupons. She will receive a citation from Chancellor Weber, a plaque from the Board of Regents, and a lapel pin courtesy of the Faculty Senate and the Staff Advisory Committee.



JOYCE CARSON

CUIUA national meeting to be held here in March

The Council of University Institutes for Urban Affairs (CUIUA) will hold its annual national meeting in Omaha March 25-28 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center with the theme, "The Urban Connection: Federalism in the 1980's."

Co-chairpersons for the sessions are David DiMartino, senior research associate at CAUR, and Peter Shocket, director of the Institute of Governmental Research at the University of Cincinnati.

Between 100 and 150 persons are expected to attend the four days of activities scheduled. These include breakfast roundtables, paper sessions, plenary sessions, luncheons and speakers, receptions, and special events.

"Omaha Development: Private-Public Partnership," is the topic for a special session open to the public to be held on March 26. Dr. DiMartino is the chairperson.

The plenary speaker that day will be William Kunde of the Kettering Foundation.

CAUR will hold an open house March 26 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at its new offices on the third floor of the Kiewit Conference Center.

Milton Kotler of the National Association of Neighborhoods will be the luncheon speaker on Friday.

Peter Suzuki of the Department of Urban Studies will be chairing a session on neighborhood revitalization. Joan Holley, CAUR, will also be on the program.

Special events planned include a reception and tour of the Joslyn Art Museum, an evening at the Upstairs Dinner Theater, and a tour of Strategic Air Command headquarters.

For information about registration contact Dr. DiMartino, 554-3401.

OPEN HOUSE



Shelves or no shelves, CAUR is going to hold an open house on February 19 at its new offices in the Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam on the Mall.

Invitations are being sent to all CPACS faculty and staff to attend the event from 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

CPACS has five in UNO honors program

Five CPACS students are enrolled this year in the UNO Honors Program aimed at enriching the academic experience of those who have and maintain at least a 3.2 grade point average.

They are two students taking Social Work, Beth Ann Knebel and Cindy Rumsey; two Criminal Justice majors, Vicky Deniston and Janice Sanchez; and one Public Administration student, Ken Hamik.

Ken was selected last fall as one of 40 students from around the nation to attend the Washington Election Semester, an honors program at Maryland University. He spent the first semester this year working and studying in Washington, D.C. but is now back on campus.

The CPACS Honors Program, as part of the UNO project, aims to provide the opportunity for its students to get to know each other and the faculty better.

Dr. Julie Horney, who directs the program for CPACS, says, however, that since all of the students have full-time jobs, it's a bit difficult to work in activities for them.

If they maintain their grade point average and fulfill the program requirements, students will receive a designation on their diplomas that they are graduates of the University Honors Program.

The students contract for honors credit in their regular courses, write a senior honors thesis, and attend a number of honors colloquia on special topics.

Privileges granted to them as honors students include being allowed to register early, complimentary tickets to the ABC breakfasts where they sit at a table with the dean, and a dinner given for them by the chancellor.

JIM THORSON Gerontology

During December, Dr. Thorson did in-service training for staff of the Upjohn Health Care program and served as a consultant on program planning for Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs. He was also the author of a book review published in December in *Educational Gerontology*.

SUNNY ANDREWS Social Work

Dr. Andrews recently attended the planning meeting of the social work section of the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C. He is chairman of the section.

THREE CPACS STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS

Three CPACS students were graduated with honors at the December commencement.

Graduating summa cum laude was Bradley Pope who received the degree of bachelor of science in Criminal Justice, while Lordrick Emejuru, also a CJ student, was graduated magna cum laude. Janice Satra, who received a bachelor of science in Social Work, was also graduated magna cum laude.

The master of science degree was awarded to two Urban Studies, four Gerontology, and four Criminal Justice students. Receiving the degree of master of public administration were 17 students, and the master of social work was granted to nine.

Undergraduate degrees were received by 29 Criminal Justice students from both the UNO and UN-L campuses, the largest group of any of the CPACS divisions. Two received bachelor's degrees in Public administration, 11 in Social Work, and one in Urban Studies.

Accrediting tasks go to Social Work

Three Social Work staff members, Ezra Kohn, Herb Grandbois, and Sharon Elrod, have been selected by the Council on Social Work Education to become national accreditation reviewers.

As such, they will receive training next month at the annual program meeting of the Council in Louisville, Kentucky. They will then function on teams who visit schools of social work to review them for purposes of national accreditation.

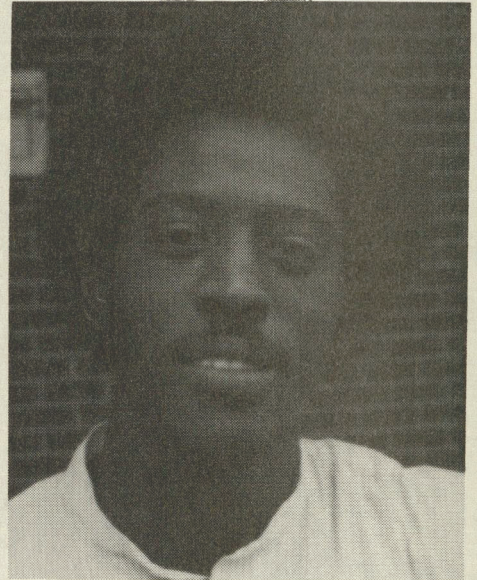
Another Social Work faculty member, Lucille Zelinsky, has served in this capacity for several years. She is now a member of the national commission on accreditation of the Council which reviews work done by these visitors.

This commission recently adopted new accreditation standards.

Dr. Kohn is an associate professor and Dr. Grandbois an assistant professor in the School of Social Work. Ms. Elrod is a part-time instructor and private practice counselor at the Center for Christian Counseling and a former chairman of the Social Work practicum committee.

Ms. Zelinsky is the coordinator of the undergraduate social work program.

Goodrich student is engineer grad



MICHAEL TIBBS

Michael Tibbs, the first Goodrich Program student to graduate in engineering, is now a full time assistant administrative coordinator of a minorities in engineering program.

Under the direction of the dean of engineering and technology, Mr. Tibbs, who received his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from UN-L in December, works with pre-college and college students who are interested in obtaining the associate or bachelor of science degree in engineering or technology.

The program, which is new in Nebraska, is supported by a number of local and national industrial organizations to increase the pool of minority persons who have engineering and technology degrees.

As an undergraduate, Mr. Tibbs worked part time in the program. Now, in addition to his full-time position, he teaches a class in introduction to technical mathematics and commutes to Lincoln to take courses toward his master's degree.

He works through the state public and parochial school systems, various corporations, and persons within the University of Nebraska system as well as other institutions of higher learning.

Recently he prepared a proposal to the Department of Energy to hold a five-week summer program for high school students.

April Social Work Institute to feature William Glasser

William Glasser, author of *Reality Therapy*, will present a workshop, "Stations of the Mind," at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center auditorium on April 8.

The all-day sessions constitute the spring Social Work Institute and are jointly sponsored by the School of Social Work and the Division of Continuing Studies, UN-L.

Open to the public and of particular interest to social workers, criminal justice and corrections personnel, psychologists, and psychiatrists, the workshop will feature role-playing as well as lectures.

The registration fee is \$30.00. Call Don Dendinger at the School of Social Work, 554-2793, for a brochure and

registration information.

Three other workshops have been scheduled by Social Work and Continuing Studies.

Ann Coyne will present one on grant writing at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln on January 30. She will also conduct a workshop, "Marketing for Human Services," on February 27 at the same place.

On March 13 Judy Tombrink will present "The Hospice and Other Services for the Dying" at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center, Omaha.

The fees for Dr. Coyne's workshops are \$35.00 each. For the March 13 session, a fee of \$25.00 will be charged. Full-time students may attend any of the workshops for \$15.00.

Safety restraint project helps day care centers

Through a series of workshops and a loan system, CAUR is promoting the use of child safety restraints and seat belts in Nebraska day care center vehicles under a two-year contract with the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare.

The project was prompted by the welfare department's concerns as the licenser of day care centers. A department study found that a major risk to children in out-of-home care was being transported without age-appropriate restraints.

Through funding from the Nebraska Highway Safety Program, the welfare department hired CAUR to undertake this three-part project.

First, CAUR is sponsoring workshops for day care center personnel on safe transportation of children. Each workshop will emphasize the effectiveness and proper use of child restraints for children up to age four and seat belts for older children and adults.

The first two workshops will take place in Omaha on January 28 and February 2. Nine more workshops will be conducted in other locations throughout Nebraska.

Second, CAUR is purchasing approximately 400 child restraints and is setting up a system whereby day care providers may borrow the restraints. Short- or long-term loans will be made, depending on

how often the centers transport children. In addition, seat belts will be distributed to day care centers that do not have an adequate number of the devices in their vehicles.

Finally, CAUR will develop a guide and a display to help day care personnel in educating parents on the use of child restraints and seat belts. The centers will also be supplied with brochures for parents.

Jack Ruff is coordinating the project. Kathy Sullivan has prepared the workshop curriculum.

CHILD RESTRAINT BILL OFFERED BY MARSH

Persons transporting children under four years of age would be required to use a child passenger restraint system if a bill introduced in the legislature by Sen. Shirley Marsh passes.

LB 69 would require the protection of young children by properly using a restraint meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards. According to the bill, any person violating the act would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

At a hearing on the bill on January 26 several doctors as well as Senator Marsh testified in favor of the bill. Seven persons spoke for it, and only one opposed it.

Staff Activity

TIM MATHERN
DON DENDINGER
Social Work

An article co-authored by Mr. Mathern and Dr. Dendinger, "Abortion: Toward Developing a Policy in a Catholic Social Service Agency," was published in the fall, 1980 issue of *Social Thought*.

The Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education has informed Dr. Dendinger that his proposal, "Continuing Education Needs: A Survey of Human Service Workers," will be funded by Title IA, HEA.

JOAN HOLLEY
MELE KONEYA
CAUR

The Center for Applied Urban Research has received a grant to determine the need for the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Program in Omaha. Dr. Holley will be the project director.

She and Dr. Koneya have been appointed co-editors of *Vanguard*, the newsletter of the National Community Development Society.

ED TWARDY
Public Administration

Professor Twardy will be giving a course in public management in Beatrice to the staff at the State Developmental Center beginning February 2.

ANN COYNE
Social Work

Dr. Coyne has been elected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honorary fraternity in the field of business administration.

SHIRLEY WASKEL
Gerontology

An article by Dr. Waskel, "The Elderly, Change and Problem Solving," will be published in the summer, 1981 issue of the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

MURRAY FROST
CAUR

Dr. Frost will have an article on Omaha office location patterns in a special symposium issue of *Environment and Planning A*, a journal printed in England.

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