CPACS Happenings (February 1977 Newsletter)

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The Department of Public Administration, originally part of the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Political Science, became a department of the School of Public Affairs and Community Service in 1972. In 1974, the department was designated by the University administration, the Board of Regents and the Legislature as one of the "Areas of Excellence" in the University System to receive special emphasis in development. As a result, an appropriation of $30,000 was made. This, together with an HEW grant of $47,500, made possible some expansion in faculty and staff, provided travel money, and enabled the department to invite practicing administrators to campus for contact with students.

The Department of Public Administration has become increasingly active in a number of areas. As much as possible faculty are given opportunities to do research. The faculty have provided educational programs for outlying communities and various courses for governmental employees in the Omaha area. They have also served as consultants to a wide range of federal, state and local organizations.

The curriculum emphasizes practical administrative courses, coupled with a suitable balance of administrative policy and organizational theory. Program options are designed to meet local needs. The undergraduate program requires three hours of Urban Studies. The remaining 119 hours attempt to give the student a broad liberal arts background including 12 hours of English, 6 hours of mathematics and computer concepts, 3 hours of statistics, 3 hours of speech, 3 hours of accounting, 12 hours of humanities, 12 hours of natural science, 18 hours of social science and a major consisting of a minimum of 30 hours of public administration and political science courses. In addition, a one-semester internship in a governmental agency is required.

The Master of Public Administration program requires 36 hours of graduate work. Options in gerontology, social work, local government, public works, planning administration and environmental management fulfill the need for increased specialization by public administrators. All students are required to take the Public Administration core courses and in addition complete 15 hours from the courses listed under the option they select. MPA students must complete a six credit hour internship. The required core courses in the graduate program include research methods, study of public organizations, organizational development, budgeting, and public personnel.

Three grant programs are currently in operation. Under the terms of the Afghan National Development and Training Program mid-level government officials from Afghanistan come to UNO to take courses in Public Administration and participate in workshops in public management and administration. As a part of their one-year stay in the United States they complete a three-month on-the-job training program with a public agency. The department, in cooperation with the UNO International Studies Program, administers the program under a contract with the Agency for International Development of the U.S. State Department.
The Nebraska City Management Association, the Nebraska League of Municipalities and the Department of Public Administration received a grant for the purpose of increasing and broadening contact among professional practitioners and faculty in the development of mutual long-range goals and objectives. The grant allows for the collection of data on management practices and training needs in Nebraska and includes three workshops. In October 1976 a workshop was held for practitioners and academics in Grand Island, and another will be held in May 1977 in South Sioux City. In February 1977 teams of practitioners and academics will conduct four days of workshops with Public Administration students. The grant is sponsored by the International City Management Association and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and funded by HUD.

The third grant is a Title IX grant given to approximately 80 Public Administration departments around the country. The funds are intended to provide programs and services not otherwise possible. The UNO program has used the grant for additional faculty to teach courses on the UNO campus, for making faculty available as consultants, and for academic administration and travel costs enabling the department to offer graduate courses at Lincoln. Also funded by this grant is the "administrator-in-residence" program which brings practitioners in the field to campus, allowing students contact with practicing professionals.

Dr Harry Reynolds was appointed department head in the fall of 1976. He holds an M.A. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Reynolds has been a major force in the development of the field of Public Administration at UNO since 1964.

Dr. Harold F. Gordon, an associate professor, directed a Title I grant for training county officials and is currently coordinating the intercampus MPA program at Lincoln. He holds a Masters degree from the University of Denver and the Ph.D. from the University of Colorado.

Dr. John E. Kerrigan, CPACS Dean, holds the rank of Professor in the department. Dean Kerrigan has an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Iowa and the Ph.D. from the University of Colorado. His particular area of interest is local government and public finance.

Dr. David F. Paulsen, M.A., Ph.D., University of Washington, is Professor of Public Administration. He combines teaching, research, development of management analysis and training programs, and departmental program administration and planning.

Stanley P. Powers is an assistant professor with an M.A. from the University of Florida, and has completed all coursework for the doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. In addition to teaching he directs the department's internship and employee training program, and works with state and local governments in management development programs.

Dr. David C. Scott, M.A., Ph.D., University of Iowa is Professor of Public Administration and former department chairman. He has been a strong guiding force in the Public Administration program at UNO. He has had wide experience in local government and has been consultant to several cities on various municipal problems.

Pat Winquest is departmental secretary.
Recommendations for reappointments for academic year 1978-79 are due in the Dean's office by Wednesday, February 23 for academic personnel now in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th year of service.

A symposium addressing "Strategies for Assisting Underprepared Students" will be held on Thursday, February 17, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Tower Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. Angelia Edwards, Wilda Stephenson and Ray Unks of the Goodrich faculty, along with Barbara Hewins Maroney of the Minority Affairs Office will speak. They will summarize what they learned from their participation in three recent national conferences dealing with underprepared students and will discuss candidly the successes and failures of various strategies attempted by the Goodrich Program over the last four years. The symposium is for faculty and graduate assistants and anyone interested in the topic will be welcome.

Shirley Waskel reports that two facilitator training workshops were conducted in January for the retirement preparation packages Planning and the Third Age. Sr. Ann Christopher, O.P., who received her specialist in Gerontology last spring, conducted a workshop for "Planning and the Third Age—Especially for Women Religious" on January 21. Sisters from a six-state area attended the workshop held at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent. Sr. Ann Christopher is presently in charge of retirement for her religious community in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sr. Francis Mark Condon, Gerontology graduate assistant, conducted another workshop in the Milo Bail Student Center on January 28. In addition, Dr. Francis has made several contacts with business and industry to introduce the Planning and the Third Age package in Massachusetts. She has tentatively set up a workshop with the Honeywell Corporation on March 14.

Two mini-conferences on housing and the elderly were held in January as part of a research project funded by the Administration on Aging. The conferences are designed to bring in authorities in the field of housing and the elderly, "to explore the dimensions of housing as related to the elderly," said Bill Bell, co-principal investigator of the project.

Dr. Wilma Donahue, director of the International Center for Gerontology in Washington, D.C, and Marie McGuire Thompson, housing specialist for the Center, attended the first conference January 5-6. Dr. M. Powell Lawton of the Philadelphia Geriatric Center and Dr. Susan Sherman from the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene attended the second on January 25-26.

The research team hopes to schedule two more conferences in February and one in March, Bell said. The Center for Applied Urban Research and the Gerontology Program are co-sponsoring the mini-conferences.

The faculty of the College met on December 15, 1976. A record of that session follows.


It was moved that students recommended by their respective
departments for graduation in December be accepted by the faculty.
The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The College will hold a reception for graduating students,
family and friends immediately following graduation on December
22 in Annex 24. Faculty are invited to attend.

Jan Beesley reported on registration and indicated that students
who were advised prior to the availability of counselor cards can
pick them up at registration if provided by the advisor. Faculty
who know of students who have been advised, but did not receive
a counselor card may provide Jan with a card with the student's
name typed on the top for the student to pick up at registration.
Schedules for registration staffing were distributed. Faculty were
reminded that CPACS students will be required to have both an
advisor's signature and counselor card in order to register.

Department heads who had not yet received confirmation of course
description changes for the catalog were asked to contact Jan.

Dean Kerrigan reported on University administrative changes.
Chancellor Ronald Roskens will become acting President of the NU
System as of January 1. He has stated firmly that from January 1
until he returns to UNO, he will be Systems President and not UNO
Chancellor. He will be President for a minimum of six months and
will maintain residence in Omaha and commute to Lincoln. He will
not have an office at UNO. Provost Herbert Garfinkel will become
Acting Chancellor until Dr. Roskens returns.

President Varner visited UNO in his new role at the UN Founda-
tion. The Foundation will sponsor a three-year fund drive and they
are looking for imaginative and fundable ideas to present to pro-
spective donors. Dean Kerrigan requested that department heads
present ideas to him by December 20th, to be passed along to
President Varner. Faculty are encouraged to think in terms of
departmental areas of interest but also to think of the University
as a whole. One traditional idea is that of an endowed chair. At
this point money is not a factor in developing ideas.

No final goal figure has been set. A consultant has been hired
to assist in the fund-raising campaign.

Faculty were reminded that final grades are due on Tuesday
December 28. They should be turned in to the Dean's office in time
to be to the Registrar by noon.

Dean Kerrigan congratulated Fred Holbert (Criminal Justice) and
Jim Garrett (Social Work) on the completion of their doctorates.
The meeting was adjourned.

John E. Kerrigan, Dean will go to Southern Illinois University
February 3-5 to evaluate the Master of Public Affairs program there.
"The Urban Police in American History: A Review of the
Literature" by Sam Walker, Criminal Justice, has been published in
the Journal of Police Science and Administration, Vol. 4, No. 3
(1976).

Bruce Horacek, Gerontology, will participate as a discussion
leader in a conference on "Rights of the Terminally Ill" at UN-L
February 4-5. The conference is for physicians, lawyers, health
care employees, clergy and the general public and is sponsored by
the UN-L Extension Division.

Donna Eden, Gerontology, has had a paper accepted for presenta-
tion at the South west Academy of Information and Decision Sciences
in New Orleans March 23-25. The paper, entitled "Individualized
Instruction for the Decision Sciences" was co-authored with Dr. Belva Cooley, assistant professor in the College of Business Administration.

David Peterson, Gerontology, will deliver the keynote address at the Kansas Citizens Council on Aging February 8 in Lawrence, Kansas. He will speak on "An Assessment of Purposes for Services to the Aging."

Christopher Bolton, Gerontology, participated in an invitational conference entitled "Analysis and Selection of Training Resources in Aging" held near Durham, North Carolina in early January. The conference was sponsored by the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development of Duke University.

Bill Bell, Gerontology, has had two papers accepted for presentation this spring. In March, he will present "The Effectiveness of Primary Relational Support Structures Under Disaster-Induced Conditions of Stress" at the Southwestern Sociological Association Meeting in Dallas. In April he will present "Aging and the Mass Media: A Critical Look at Prime Time Television" to the Midwest Sociological Society in Minneapolis.

Leo Missinne, Gerontology, will present a paper "Africanization of a University: A Response to a Need" at the annual conference of the Comparative and International Education Society in New Orleans, Louisiana February 16.

Peter Suzuki, Urban Studies, will speak on "Evolution of Primate Physiology" for a Department of Physiology and Bio-physics seminar at the NU Medical Center February 11. His book review of Gecekondu: Urbanization in Turkey (Cambridge University Press) will be published in the spring issue of Middle East Journal. The American Journal of Psychotherapy will publish a summary of Dr. Suzuki's article "A thematic Analysis of Turkish Films Viewed by Turkish Workers in Germany" which appears in the latest issue of Civilisations: Journal of the Institute of Differing Civilisations.

Several members of the Social Work faculty will be attending the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Phoenix, Arizona February 27-March 2. Dave Murray and Lucille Zelinsky will remain in Phoenix to attend the House of Delegates Annual Meeting which follows the program meeting.

Paul Lerner, December MPA graduate, has been named Special Assistant to NU Systems Acting President Ronald Roskens.

Bob Fowler, senior in the Goodrich Scholarship Program, has been accepted by the Southwest Outward Bound School for a survival experience. He will spend two weeks in the Baja region of Mexico learning techniques of wilderness survival and doing a three-day solo at the end of the expedition.

Jim Kane, Criminal Justice, has returned from an overseas teaching assignment and will be officed in Annex 20, room 302. Welcome back, Jim!

Diane Kolesnick is a new face in the Criminal Justice Department and new to UNO. Diane serves as department secretary. Welcome, Diane!

Margaret Oleson (Meg) is also new to the Criminal Justice Department, but not new to UNO. Meg serves as secretary for research in the department. Glad to have you with us, Meg!

Social Work has a new staff member as well. Margit Schiefelbein works part-time with the school as a clerk-typist. Nice to have you, Margit!
Gary Ross left his post as Academic Programs Coordinator for the Gerontology Program January 14 to accept a position at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. As a coordinator in the College of Medicine, Gary will develop a bachelor's degree program in long term care administration. He had worked in the Gerontology Program for three years.

Secretary Debbie Von de Veld left the Gerontology Program January 14 to become a full-time student at UNO. Debbie is a Goodrich Scholarship recipient and plans to major in business. She will be working part-time for work-study in the counseling and testing center.

Students expecting to finish degree requirements this semester should make application for a degree as soon as possible in the Registrar's Office. March 11 is the last day for filing applications for degrees to be received in May. All faculty, please remind students of this important deadline.

Irving G. McNayr, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, will be a guest of the Public Administration department February 13-18. As part of the "administrator-in-residence" program, Mr. McNayr will serve as a resource person on the city managers training grant and will be involved in a series of seminars for Public Administration students. He has been county manager of Montgomery County, Maryland and Dade County, Florida; city manager of Springfield, Missouri, Columbia, South Carolina, and Fairfax, Virginia; and program adviser for the Ford Foundation in the Middle East.
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Time: 1200-1300 hrs. Every Wednesday, Starting January 26
Place: M.B. Student Center, Room 315

Dates: Program:

Jan.
26 "In Search of Ancient Astronauts"* (Examines the theory that the earth once had visitors from outer space)

Feb.
2 "Berlin: Kaiser to Khruschey"* (A history of the tormented city from 1915-1963)
9 "Volga"* (Russia as seen from many facets)
16 "Greece: The Immortal Land"* (An overview of modern Greece)
23 "Nanook of the North" (Famous Flaherty film of Eskimo life in the '20's)

March
2 "In Search of the Lost World"* (On Mayan and Inca cultures)
9 "River Nile"*; "Masai Warrior" (Two films on Africa)
16 "Ireland: A New Look"*; "The Danube"*
23 "Himalaya: Life on the Roof of the World"* (Patterns of life); "Asian Earth"* (Life in a Hindu village in India)
30 "Modern Nigeria"*; "West Africa"*

April
13 "The Louvre: Golden Prison"* (A tour through the famous museum in Paris); "France: New Horizons"* (Travelogue)
20 "Nightmare in Red" (Historical changes in Russia from 1905 until after Stalin's death)
27 "Wings to Spain"*; "Netherlands: Struggle for Land"* (Land reclamation; life style)
(Final films in the series)

*In color

Reservations for all of the above films have been confirmed; nevertheless the program is subject to change.

For further information call 554-2658 or 59

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