CPACS Happenings (February 1979 Newsletter)

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Jim Kane, Bill Wakefield and 40 Criminal Justice students recently returned from "merry ol' England" after a 17-day tour during UNO's winterim. The trip was the culmination of Criminal Justice 480, Comparative Criminal Justice, which had devoted the fall term to the study of the British criminal justice system including seminars on British policing, courts, and corrections.

The group followed a busy schedule in England, with most of the time spent in London. Students visited Magistrates Courts, Crown Courts, prisons, police stations, and other criminal justice agencies. In addition lectures were given by representatives of the Metropolitan Police Anti-Terrorist Squad, Chief Constables, and juvenile probation workers.

One day was spent in rural Kent County where a real highlight of the trip was the time spent at the Kent County Training Academy with Chief Constable Barry Pain. Some of you may recall that the Chief Constable spent four days on the UNO campus last April as a guest of the Criminal Justice Department. The group reports that Mr. Pain outdid himself in returning the hospitality, offering them an unforgettable visit in Kent County.

All in all, it was a memorable experience for the students—and one Jim and Bill are anxious to repeat with a new group next year.

As the Gerontology Program continues its search for a permanent director, JoAnne Lofton is serving as interim director. Previously the coordinator of community service and continuing education, Ms. Lofton has worked for the Program since October 1972. She holds an M.S. in Foods and Nutrition from Tuskegee Institute. She has developed non-credit workshops for various state and federal agency personnel, supervised the gerontology outstate credit program, and administered community service projects for the Gerontology Program.

Ms. Lofton returned to the Program on January 2nd after a disability leave during which she had back surgery. During her absence Chuck Powell directed the Program.

Approximately 600 Nebraska foster parents will benefit from the recently completed training phase of the Foster Parent Training Project. In January, the "training of trainers" was completed and as a result forty teams, each comprised of one professional social worker and one lay person, are now initiating programs for foster parents in local communities throughout the state. The project was designed by Social Work faculty member Ann Coyne and is carried out by CAUR's Don Deppe and grant staff members Barbara Kendrick and Carol Ertl.
Reminders

The following activities/deadlines will be of interest to CPACS faculty and staff:

February 8  The CPACS Committee on Academic Standards and Curricular Development will meet in the Annex 24 Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. (Note time change.)

February 8  The Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council will meet in the Eppley Conference Center Marine Room at 2:00 p.m. Staff who have questions or wish to suggest items for the agenda may contact Jan Beezley at x2276.

February 9  Reappointment recommendations for AY 1980-81 for academic personnel in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th years of a specific term appointment are due to the dean's office.

February 16  Fall class schedules are due to the Graduate Dean and CPACS Dean.

February 19  The CPACS Committee on Faculty Appointments, Promotion and Tenure will meet in the Annex 24 Conference Room at 2:30 p.m. The main item of business will be consideration of reappointments for AY 1980-81.

Variety is the spice...

...and it certainly is the spice of the CPACS faculty and staff. A little more of our college variety is illustrated in the profiles which follow.

Program Coordinator for the Foster Parent Training Program is Barbara Kendrick. Office in the 501 Building at UN-L, Barbara was hired last spring to coordinate the training program which is co-sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare and UNO (specifically Social Work and CAUR). She had previously worked for Contact, Inc., a clearinghouse for information on Criminal Justice. There she put her art degree to work in the design and compilation of publications. She also holds a second degree in business.

As program coordinator, Barbara's role has included assistance with development of curriculum for the training, needs assessment, design of training materials, publicity and promotion of the program, and conducting training workshops. She notes that 40 teams (each consisting of one lay person and one social worker) have been trained and are offering foster parent training throughout the state. Her role now becomes largely one of support for these teams.

A print-maker and collage artist, Barbara's main professional interest is art. Over the past few years, she's been able to combine art with other fields in a number of interesting ways--such as criminal justice and foster parent training!! Personal interests include all kinds of music, but especially classical and jazz and an increasing interest in films. She is a member
of a community access radio station in Lincoln and is interested in a comparable idea for cable TV. Much of her time is spent with art. Barbara also has "two great teenagers" -- 17-year-old daughter Leslie is a pre-med student and 14-year-old son Jim has a real interest in photography.

Leo Missinne came to UNO in 1971 as a Visiting Professor in the College of Education. Subsequently, he spent three years as a professor in the Goodrich Scholarship Program and was honored by the Program last year for his continued interest and support. He is currently Professor of Gerontology. Leo was a faculty member at the Louvain University in Belgium prior to 1957. In 1957, he went to the Belgian Congo to the University of Louvainium, where he was Dean of the College of Psychology and Education.

His professional interest is in the observation and understanding of human behavior, particularly as it relates to aging and he teaches an aging and human behavior course for Gerontology. Leo is also interested in comparative international gerontology and teaches what he has been told is the only course in the United States on the topic.

A native and citizen of Belgium, Leo often returns there to visit. He loves to travel "anyplace new" and will go to Red China in February to study comparative gerontology there. There are only two continents he has not seen--Australia and South America--and he doesn't intend to miss those two either!!

One of the people who needs little introduction to CPACS staff is Helen Noyes, who has coordinated the Dean's Office staff since 1972. She came to UNO in 1969 as assistant to the director of what is now the Center for Applied Urban Research, and since 1972 has been secretary/staff assistant (the title changes, but the job is the same!!) to the CPACS dean. She came to Omaha from Silver Spring, Maryland, where she had been secretary to the director of the Aeronautics Division at the Applied Physics Lab at Johns Hopkins University. Prior to that she had been a homemaker for 15 years.

The easiest description of Helen's job over the last seven years is that she has kept the office portion of the dean's office running smoothly. In person and on the telephone she has handled communications with college faculty, staff, students and visitors. Her role has included keeping the calendar for the dean, being the chief typist and organizer, resident expert on forms and procedures, and internally managing the office with all the "nitty gritty" that entails.

Now on a half-time appointment, Helen is working her way to retirement--which is fast becoming her main professional interest. She and her husband Bill, plan to spend lots of time travelling--mostly in their recently purchased van--and she hopes to find the time at last to do all the things postponed by a career.
Anyone who knows Helen knows that one of her main personal interests is her grandchildren, who she loves to shop for, sew for, and visit in California as often as possible. In addition to being an accomplished seamstress, she enjoys needlepoint nad crafts and the ongoing project of decorating their home. She enjoys the challenge of an occasional chess game with Bill, but admits that the "challenge" is usually in being gracious about getting "creamed."

In 1973, Penny Nordahl began working for the Goodrich Program on a part-time basis, assisting in the establishment of the program's writing lab and study skills center. Since 1975, she has been a full-time staff member, and currently holds responsibility for the smooth functioning of the lab. In addition, she does tutoring, usually on a one-to-one basis, and is responsible for finding a capable tutor when she cannot provide the assistance herself. Last semester, she said, there were nearly 1500 student appointments with staff in the lab. Each summer, Penny offers a five-week program for new Goodrich Program students in which they work on study skills, reading, vocabulary and spelling. Her role also includes involvement in recruitment and personal counseling. Professionally, Penny would like to introduce more volunteer and peer tutoring into the Goodrich lab. She would also like to see the study skills center concept expanded by training others to offer such assistance in the community.

Prior to employment in the college, Penny received her B.S. in Education at UNO. She had previously been at home raising a family, and earlier had worked as an executive secretary in New York City for about five years.

Her personal interests include reading, playing tennis, collecting American stamps, camping, and she is an avid fan of the crossword puzzle in the Sunday newspaper. A member of the "Three Hits and a Miss" team in the university bowling league, Penny says team members take turns being the "miss!"

Social Work Professor Ron Ozaki joined the school faculty in 1968 when the program was on the Lincoln campus. He still calls Lincoln home, and commutes to Omaha to teach.

Ron came to Nebraska from Hawaii where he had been administrator of an alcoholism clinic for three years and simultaneously taught a social work research course at the University of Hawaii. The School of Social Work's search for a faculty member with a D.S.W. in social work research attracted him to Nebraska. Now he teaches social work administration and research, and teaches a seminar in the utilization of research in social work practice. In addition, he is associate director of the school and in that role has primary administrative responsibility for the graduate program, coordinates library acquisitions, and handles other
administrative chores at the request of the director. Ron says his major professional interest is in the area of social work administration.

A colonel in the Army Medical Service, Ron is active in the reserves and makes monthly trips to Fort Snell in Minnesota. He points out that this "second career" also has an education/training focus. In his spare time, Ron enjoys photography and "tinkering with electronic equipment." He also enjoys a variety of good music, but says he normally prefers it a bit softer than the music played by his children!

Now in his fifth year with the Department of Public Administration is Professor David Paulsen. Dave says his academic career began in the mid-1960's with the completion of the doctorate at the University of Washington. Prior to that, he had been in government service, working for the National Science Foundation and the Atomic Energy Commission. More recently he worked in the Office of Management Analysis in the Department of Commerce and the Land Management part of the Department of the Interior. He also taught at the University of Arizona, the University of New Orleans, and the University of North Dakota before joining the UNO faculty.

In Public Administration, Dave teaches administration of law, public policy and organization management. He has been responsible for the annual "clerks school" which is a certification program for city clerks in Nebraska, and for the Title IX grants which assist in the expansion of Public Administration programs. His primary interest area is organization and methods, but he is also at work on a book on "unconventional problem-solving" directed at practicing public administrators.

Dave has been a real supporter of the UNO football team this season, and plans to be a "regular" at the basketball games this winter. Currently enjoying a biography of Douglas MacArthur, he especially likes biographies and books on World War II for relaxation reading.

For two years before becoming a full-time faculty member, Janet Porter taught part-time for the Department of Criminal Justice. In 1975 she joined the staff as an assistant professor. Janet had previously been the chief probation officer for the Douglas County Juvenile Court and prior to that had returned to school for a law degree. She also had experience as a psychology instructor and member of the counseling center staff at Central Missouri State University.

In addition to teaching the law courses in Criminal Justice, Janet taught Social Work and the Law fall term. She is interested in training and is currently working under a grant from the Department of Public Welfare to provide legal training to child welfare workers in Nebraska. She will also work on a 1979 grant project to train corrections workers for the Iowa Department of Corrections. Juvenile delinquency and
the law is her main professional interest, but she also has a significant interest in correctional law. Janet loves to travel, and while in the military service, she traveled to the Azores, Europe, and much of the U.S. She taught for the UNO overseas program in England one summer, and claims that she's willing to "take of at the drop of a hat". She also enjoys books, and not only criminal law texts -- she has a wide variety of reading interests.

Chuck Powell is a community service associate and instructor with the Gerontology Program who also served as what he calls "Acting Interim Director" of the program first semester. His military career brought him to Omaha (via Paris) and immediately prior to joining the Gerontology staff in 1973, he worked in the Omaha area selling businesses.

Government programs and their effects on older people are Chuck's area of teaching and research. He is concerned with government at all levels and its intervention to assist older people -- from the national Social Security program to local volunteer efforts. As is true for all Gerontology professional staff, a portion of Chuck's role is in grants development. He has nearly completed the Ph.D. in Political Science at UN-L after "thousands of miles" of commuting. His major professional interest lies in politics, specifically the ways in which society will cope with the increasing numbers of older people and their consumption of increasingly large amounts of resources. Chuck is one of the college's resident philosophers and is always ready for a little intellectual karate. His bookshelf shows him to be a voracious reader, particularly of books on political and military history and democratic government. Also known in Annex 24 as "Mousetrap" Powell, he assists in control of the rodent population since the search for a qualified feline has been unproductive.

Stan Powers is an assistant professor in the Department of Public Administration. Immediately prior to joining the faculty here in 1972, he was a student at the University of Pittsburg's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Stan's background also includes service as the director of the Governmental Research and Development Division of the Industrial Relations Center (now called the Center for Human Resources) at the University of Chicago. He has also worked as editor of Public Management Magazine, which is the journal of the International City Management Association, and of The Municipal Yearbook, also an ICMA publication.

Stan notes that his major professional interest is in management and organizational behavior, and this is reflected in his role in the department where he teaches courses in organizational development. He also conducts training programs and organizational development programs for municipalities, the most recent one for the Council.
Bluffs Fire Department. He is currently at work on an analysis of the job of city manager as part of his doctoral dissertation. The study is aimed at determining the perceived level of importance of various factors in a city manager's job, and the perceived level of skill in those areas. He expects the information to be useful in the design of educational and training programs for city managers.

Personally, Stan is a real motorcycle buff. He owns a 1940 Indian Chief cycle which he rode in an antique cycle show in Ohio last summer (and which is occasionally seen on campus in the spring!) He is another CPACS member of the university bowling league, and other than that Stan claims to lead a very "sedate" existence.

Staff Activities

"We Asked for Workers, and Human Beings Came": Psychological Problems of Turkish Migrants in Germany," by Dr. Suzuki has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Social Psychiatry.

Dr. Horney's article "Menstrual Cycles and Criminal Responsibility" appears in the recent issue of Law and Human Behavior, Vol. 2, No. 1. She presented a paper on the same topic at the November meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Dallas.

"Aging in a Bakongo Culture" by Dr. Missinne has been accepted for publication in The International Journal of Aging and Human Development.

Ms. Stephenson appeared before the U.S. Senate Committee on Human Resources on February 1. The committee held a comprehensive policy oversight hearing on "The Coming Decade: American Women and Human Resources Policies and Programs." She participated in a panel addressing "Education and Work Preparation" to discuss the Goodrich Program.

The January issue of The Journal of Drug Issues contains Dr. Thorson's article "Nursing Responsibilities in Drug Administration."

"Is Capital Punishment Justified" was the title of the paper presented by Dr. Cederblom at a meeting of Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty on January 15th. On January 16th he lectured to the Sierra Club of Westpoint, Nebraska as part of the "Nebraska Forum on Human Values." He will participate in a panel discussion on "Crime, Punishment, and the Changing Law" on February 19th in Curtis, Nebraska as part of a program sponsored by the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities.

Free Inquiry will publish Dr. French's article "Bail as a Mechanism of Latent Justice" and "Corrections and the Native American Client" will appear in the Prison Journal. Working with the Nebraska Indian Commission and the Lincoln Indian Center, Dr. French participated in an Indian-directed probe into the Nebraska Indian problem January 10-14. Also, he was awarded one of two "honorable mentions" in the Human Relations
Area file of the C.S. Ford Cross-Cultural Research Award Contest.

CHRIS BOLTON
BRUCE HORACEK
Gerontology Program

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education has selected a symposium written by Dr. Bolton as one of three "special thematic symposia" for its annual meeting March 7-9 in Washington D.C. The symposium "Learning and Aging: An Exploration of Alternatives to the Traditional" will include presentation of the following papers: "Older Learners and the Concept of Transcendence" by Dr. Horacek; "Humanistic Instructional Methods for Older Learners" by Dr. Bolton; and "Affect as Content: Implications for Older Learners" by Dr. Rich Blake, UNO Guidance and Counseling. Among other participants in the session will be Dr. David Peterson, former director of the UNO Gerontology Program.

ARMIN LUDWIG
CAUR

"The Impact of Rural Nebraska Industrial Development Upon the Migration of Rural Youth", a project directed by Dr. Ludwig, has been completed. Co-authors of the report were Dr. David DiMartino and Gene Hanlon.

SHIRLEY WASKEL
Gerontology Program

"The Changing Roles of Women" was the subject of Ms. Waskel's presentation at the annual meeting of the University of Nebraska Hospital and Clinics Auxiliary on January 17th. On January 31st, she spoke to city employees on "Attitudes for Retirement" as part of the Omaha Pre-Retirement Program.

PAUL LEE
CAUR

Dr. Lee and research assistant Yeshen Chen have completed "A Study of Board Ownership in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area." Dr. Lee is also author of a recent article on China published in "Another Point of View" in the January 10th Omaha World Herald.

BILL BELL
Gerontology Program

Dr. Bell spoke on "Sexuality and Homes for the Elderly" at a January 31st workshop sponsored by the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, the Department of Public Institutions, and the UNL Human Potentials Committee.

SAM WALKER
Criminal Justice

Dr. Walker is the recipient of a summer research fellowship from the University Research Committee. The project involves a study of the origins and development of federal programs in the area of juvenile justice. On December 11, he spoke to the Harambe Club at the Nebraska Penal Complex on crime and the black community.

MURRAY FROST
CAUR

Dr. Frost has completed a study of "The Use of Correlation and Regression Analyses to Determine Bus Operator Hourly Wages."

DON DENDINGER
Social Work

As President-Elect of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Dr. Dendinger represented Nebraska at the President's Conference of the National Association of Social Workers in Washington, D.C. in December. He appeared before the Personnel Policy Board of Lancaster County in Lincoln on January 3 as a representative of the Professional Standards Committee of NASW to discuss declassification of Social Workers in the Community Mental Health Clinic of Lancaster County.

CAROL JENKINS
Gerontology Program

As of January 2nd, Ms. Jenkins resigned as Secretary I in the Gerontology Program. She had been with the program since 1976.