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CPACS HAPPENINGS

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Newsletter of the College of Public Affairs & Community Service

Award to Stephenson

On May 7, 1977, Wilda Stephenson, Director of the Goodrich Program, received an Alumni Achievement Award from the Alumni Association, University of Nebraska - Lincoln. She received one of six awards presented to outstanding alumni at the Association's Reunion Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

In making the presentation, the Alumni Association summarized her accomplishments as follows: "Wilda Chue Stephenson '43 returned to school ten years after receiving her Bachelor's degree in Education to earn her Master's from Creighton University in 1955. She worked as a teacher in the Omaha Public School system for the next eight years, first at Long Elementary, then Horace Mann Junior High and then in Business Education at Central High.

"During the summer of 1962, Stephenson led an in-service training program 'Operation Crossroads Africa' for Liberian teachers of intermediate grades in teaching methods. In 1968, she became Teacher Corps Team Leader at Druid Hill Elementary School in Omaha and supervised five graduate interns in elementary education. As Associate Director of Midwestern Teacher Corps Recruitment Center, she was responsible for recruitment of Teacher Corps interns from 13 midwestern states. She was employed as visiting Lecturer with the Goodrich Scholarship Program at UNO in 1972 and in 1975 became Director of the Goodrich program, which offers financial assistance to those in need and encourages seemingly unlikely college students who show potential.

"Stephenson has been deeply involved in public service and service to the education profession, serving as past Coordinator of the "I Am Somebody" workshops in Omaha, as a Board member of Christian Urban Education Service, a member of the Advisory Council on Synod Related Colleges for the U.S. United Presbyterian Church, a member of the Urban League of Nebraska Education Committee and National Chairman of Teacher Corps Team Leader Council, among her many other activities. In 1974 she received the Charles and Mabel Davis Community Service Award, the Image Award from Lothrop Elementary School and the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union Black Heritage Award.

"Through her devoted service to her community and her profession, and through her continued enrichment of the world around her, Wilda Chue Stephenson has earned the Alumni Achievement award."

Congratulations, Wilda. We're glad to have you here enriching the world of CPACS!

CJ Workshops

The Department of Criminal Justice held two workshops at UNO on June 6 and 7. The workshops were conducted for the purpose of discussing criminal justice agency needs for educational services and how the university can assist through provision of professional development activities, short courses and research. On Monday 24 people representing law enforcement agencies attended and 30 attended the session for corrections agencies on Tuesday. Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas were represented at the workshops.

The workshops were designed and carried out primarily by Dr. Gayle Schuman, Consultant to the Criminal Justice Program, and Dr. Gordon Misner, Visiting Research Professor. In addition, the Criminal Justice Department was represented by Vince Webb, Pete Kuchel, Fred Holbert, Bill Wakefield, Janet Porter, and Jim Kane. Jim Garrett (SW), Ed Hauswald, Murray Frost, Ginger Burch (all CAUR), and CPACS Deans Kerrigan and Hinton were also in attendance. The sessions were made possible by funding from the Educational Development grant from LEAA.

Social Work

A draft of the Social Work self-study has been completed and is now in circulation for comments and suggestions.

In addition to the continuation of an NIMH training grant, the School of Social Work has received a special three-year grant from NIMH for the development of a creative continuing education project for human service workers in rural Nebraska. The project, centered in Scottsbluff, is to be funded for \$38,000 per year for the three years. It is a joint project with the Division of Continuing Studies at UN-L.

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Disabled Elderly

The Gerontology Program is sponsoring a workshop on "The Service Needs of the Developmentally Disabled Elderly" to create a greater understanding of the programmatic needs of older persons with cerebral palsy, mental retardation, autism, and epilepsy.

Co-sponsored with the Center for the Development of Community Alternative Service Systems (CASS), the workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 315 of the UNO student center.

It will consist of presentations by persons serving the developmentally disabled, as well as discussion groups.

Topics covered will be: human and legal rights, normalization, model programs, issues in curriculum development and public attitudes.

Funded by the U.S. Office of Developmental Disabilities, the workshop is part of a three-year project to develop a community-based service system to allow developmentally disabled persons to remain independent as long as possible.

The workshop is on July 26 and is open to the public and no registration is required. For more information, contact Jeff Scott at 554-2272.

Mobilizing Leaders

The Gerontology Program has recently conducted a series of workshops to teach senior citizens to become more effective members of advisory groups and to teach community agencies to more effectively utilize their input.

Entitled "Mobilizing Community Leaders: Senior Citizens as Community Resource," the workshops were funded by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development under Title 1 of the Higher Education Act.

JoAnne Lofton, coordinator of short-term training and technical assistance, Gail Kara, short-term training specialist, David Peterson, director of the Gerontology Program, and Chuck Powell, community service associate, conducted the workshops.

Divided into three one-day sessions, workshops were offered free to participants in Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte and Scottsbluff.

At the first session, topics included: the problems of aging, the potential senior citizens have as a community resource and the potential communities have for active senior citizen involvement.

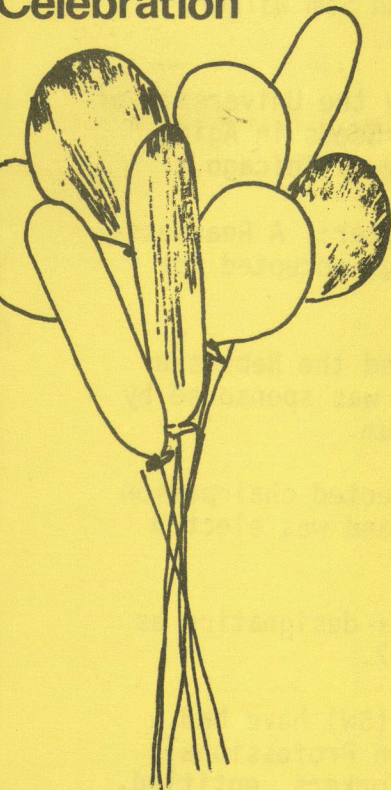
The second day, participants learned about the advisory group structure and developed leadership and participation skills through experiential activities.

In the final session, the participants drew up an action plan for mobilizing the senior citizen/community relationship.

Two-day workshops on the same topic were developed for two additional Nebraska locations through contract with area agencies on aging.

Conducted by Mrs. Lofton, Ms. Kara and Mr. Powell, these workshops were held in Fairbury, June 13-14 and are scheduled for Hastings, July 8 and 15.

Celebration



Close to 1,500 senior citizens attended the fifth annual Senior Citizen Celebration Days, sponsored by the Gerontology Program May 17-19 in the UNO student center, which provided senior citizens an opportunity to display their talents, enjoy the talents of others and to receive valuable information on subjects of concern to them.

A total of 676 health tests were administered--138 for hearing, 165 for free breathing, 101 for oral cancer and 272 for blood pressure.

Forty organizations and individuals sold their handmade arts and crafts and baked goods in the Nebraska Room where 24 agencies handed out literature about services for older persons.

Particularly well attended mini-courses were: Citizen Input to Legislation; Job and Volunteer Opportunities; Travel Tips; Everyday Law; Common Consumer Concerns; Arthritis; Death and Dying; and Diabetes. Three film festivals on nature, famous people and travel also drew large audiences.

The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging attracted good crowds for its three meetings--a town hall meeting, Nutrition Advisory Council meeting and Advisory Board meeting.

Some of the more popular events during the Celebration Days were: a style show, arranged by Sears, Crossroads; a dance with music provided by a senior citizen band; and entertainment over the lunch hour by the Jackson Swingers, known for their recent performance at the White House. All-in-all it was a great festival!

Student Awards

Three Gerontology students were recognized for outstanding achievement at the second annual Gerontology Specialists Awards Banquet held at Anthony's Restaurant in the end of April.

Connie Brennan and Sister Francis Mark Condon, S.S., shared honors for the graduate award. Carmella Washburn received the undergraduate honor. Each was awarded \$100 to be used to further their education in Gerontology.

Dr. Jacquelyne Jackson, associate professor of medical sociology at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. spoke to the 70 students and faculty members who attended. An authority on the black elderly, Dr. Jackson discussed the needs of professionals in serving the minority elderly.

Sponsored by the Gerontology Program, the banquet was held to honor spring and summer graduates.

Grant

The Career Training Grant for the Gerontology Program has been re-funded at \$260,000 for the coming two years, beginning July 1. The grant, which provided the initial funding for the Gerontology Program, supports the development and introduction of new courses, financial aid to students; staff for advising students and coordinating their field placements; maintenance of a "job bank;" and encouragement of interest in the field of aging among faculty and students.

Staff Activities

Three members of the CPACS faculty have been recommended by the provost for University merit pay raises. They are Diane Gillespie, Goodrich; Leo Missine, Gerontology; and Sam Walker, Criminal Justice. Congratulations to each of you.

URBAN STUDIES

Peter Suzuki (US) was awarded a fellowship by the University of Chicago to participate in a seminar on "Research Needs in Aging." The seminar was held June 19-25 at the University of Chicago.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Sam Walker (CJ) has an article, "Ten Years Later: A Reassessment of The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society," accepted for publication in Crime and Delinquency.

On May 19 and 20, Bill Wakefield (CJ) attended the Nebraska Symposium on Rape in Grand Island, the symposium was sponsored by the Nebraska Criminal Justice Education Consortium.

Bill, who is a Faculty Senate member, was elected chairperson of the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee and was elected to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

DEAN

John Kerrigan, Dean, has been notified of his designation as a Graduate Faculty Fellow effective, May 21, 1977.

CAUR/ SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Genevieve Burch (CAUR) and Hobart Burch (SW) have had a paper accepted for the 1977 Biennial Symposium on Professional Practice of the National Association of Social Workers, entitled, "Interaction of Research and Program Professionals in the Evaluation of Program with Process as the Primary Goal."

Dr. Sunny Andrews (SW) and Benjamin Cacioppo (member of the School of Social Work's Continuing Education Committee) have had their paper on "Respite Care for Parents of Handicapped Children" accepted for the same meeting. Sunny is Director of Social

Service, and Ben is a social service staff member at Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Center.

Bev Tomhave (SW) retired in the Spring, but will be with the School of Social Work on a part-time basis in the fall teaching in the supervision courses.

GERONTOLOGY

Jeff Scott joined the Gerontology staff in mid-May as program assistant for the Developmental Disabilities grant. Jeff has just completed his Specialization in Gerontology in his work towards a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Jim Thorson will join the Gerontology Program July 1 as academic coordinator and assistant professor. He was formerly employed at the University of Georgia as program specialist in gerontology at the Center for Continuing Education and instructor-assistant professor for the Department of Adult Education.

Donna Eden and Bruce Horacek, Gerontology, taught mini-courses during Senior Citizen Celebration Days in the UNO student center. Donna taught two sessions of "Common Consumer Concerns," May 18 and 19. Bruce taught a course on "Death and Dying" May 19.

This summer, Aging Magazine will publish "A Festival of Education for Older People," an article about the Senior Citizen Celebration Days co-authored Bruce Horacek and Susan Francke.

Bruce has also delivered several talks in May. He spoke on "Facts and Fiction of the Aging Process" before the local chapter of P.E.O. on campus May 3. His topic was "Contemporary Values and the Older American" when he spoke to the Lutheran Men of Omaha May 13. He addressed the question "Are Nursing Homes the Best Way to Care for the Aged?" at Anthony's May 31, for the Community Health Forum.

David Peterson, Gerontology, acted as an outside reviewer on Career Training Programs for the HEW Administration on Aging in Washington, D.C., May 23-27. He gave the keynote address on "Myths and Realities of Aging" for the Northeast Kansas Aging Conference at Kansas State University June 2.

David Peterson and Kathy Ryan were interviewed May 16 on KVNO radio station's Forum. Dave spoke about the University of Nebraska Institute on Aging and the background of the Senior Citizen Celebration Days. Kathy told of the plans for the 1977 Celebration Days.

Kathy Ryan, Gerontology, appeared on NETV's Grand Generation, May 7, 8, and 14 and on KMTV's Conversations with Joni Baillon May 9 to promote the Senior Citizen Celebration Days.

Bill Bell and other Gerontology faculty had their Disaster Preparedness Planning handbook published by the Administration on

Welcome Jeff & Jim!

Aging, recently. The handbook was written as part of the Gerontology Program's research project on Service Priorities for the Elderly in Natural Disasters. It has been distributed throughout the aging network to state and regional offices on aging and area agencies on aging. It will be used as a core tool in disaster preparedness training.

Bill Bell, Gerontology, is collaborating with faculty at the University of Denver and Ohio State University in a two-year longitudinal study on the impact of natural disasters on the older population.

Chris Bolton, Gerontology, has been invited to teach a week-long course on "Program Planning in Gerontology" in August at the North Country Summer Institute of the North Country Community College of Saranac Lake, N.Y. The course will be offered at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

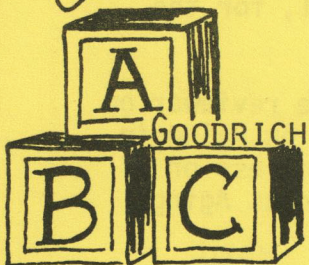
Chris Bolton, Gerontology, and Robert McCune, Dean of the College of Continuing Studies, appeared on TV Classroom in a discussion of "The Role of the Urban University." The show was aired on KYNE channel 26 June 16 and on KMTV channel 3, June 18.

Connie Joy left the Gerontology Program June 21 to begin work on her doctorate in sociology at the University of Minnesota. She had worked as research assistant for seven months on the Gerontology-CAUR grant regarding housing policy for the elderly.

Sister Francis Mark Condon, S.C., resigned her post as a graduate assistant in the Gerontology Program June 17. She has accepted a position as coordinator of a new Volunteer Paralegal Program sponsored by the Junior League of Omaha under the auspices of the Volunteers Intervening for Equity (V.I.E.) Program. Sister Fran had been with the Gerontology Program since November, 1976.

With great pleasure we announce the arrival of Gannon Gillespie, son of Diane Gillespie (Goodrich) and Michael Gillespie (UNO Philosophy Department). Red-haired Gannon arrived on June 9.

*Best Wishes
Connie & Fran!*



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PAF's due for
July 30 Regents
Meeting

Independence Day University Closed	Dean Kerrigan out Deans Council 9:00			PAF's due for July 30 Regents Meeting
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Dean Kerrigan out	CPACS Department Heads 1:30	Faculty Senate 2:30	EPAC 2:30	Last day to sub- mit credentials to Graduate Studies for Fall admission. Fall orientation begins - (UNO)
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Dean Kerrigan returns	Deans Council 9:00			
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	Deans Council 9:00 CPACS Department Heads 1:30			
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