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## SOCIAL WORK MONTH

## MINI-GRANTS

## GRADUATE FACULTY

## COMMENCE- MENT

MARCH 1978

MARCH IS SOCIAL WORK MONTH--according to the School of Social Work. An open house was held at UNO March 7th for people interested in careers in social work. A second open house will be held March 14 at UNL. The activities are jointly sponsored by the School of Social Work, the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and the Omaha Association of Black Social Workers.

Over \$18,000 in mini-grants has been awarded by the University of Nebraska Center on Aging during January and February. Twenty-nine proposals from university faculty and staff were reviewed by research, education and public service subcommittees to determine how well they related to aging or elderly people. Most projects involved faculty from two or more disciplines.

Eight research grants totaling \$13,512 were approved. These included doctoral dissertations, research and research development. Travel to workshops and professional meetings and curriculum development projects were funded through eight education grants totaling \$3,146. Under public service, two grants for programs planning and development and one for technical assistance and consultation were approved for a total of \$1,361. Project results will be shared with other faculty in an informal seminar, when appropriate.

More than \$4,300 remains in the education and public service budgets for faculty who may wish to submit additional proposals. For more information, contact Tina Coverman, Graduate Assistant, at 554-2272.

Since October of 1977, the College has been notified of the following Graduate Faculty appointments. Christopher Bolton (Gerontology) and Salima Omer (Social Work) have become members of the Graduate Faculty. James Thorson (Gerontology) and Peter Suzuki (Urban Studies) have been notified of appointments as Graduate Faculty Fellows. Congratulations!

Faculty should note the following information on graduation:

- 1) Commencement will be held at UNO on May 13, 1978.
- 2) The deadline for degree applications is Friday, March 10. Students expecting to graduate in the spring must file applications with the Registrar by that date.
- 3) All worksheets must be into the Registrar by noon on April 21st. This means that they must be

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submitted to the CPACS Dean's Office by Wednesday, April 19th at noon.

- 4) All incompletes and other problems should be resolved with the Registrar's Office by May 1, 1978.

Your cooperation in meeting these deadlines promptly will be greatly appreciated!

## NEW SERIES

With this issue of "Happenings" we begin a new feature about the people who "make it happen" at CPACS. After all, CPACS is only a funny acronym without all the neat people who give it life! We hope you'll enjoy seeing and learning about the individuals who make up the faculty and staff of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service.



MARY ADAMS

Mary Adams is an associate professor in the School of Social Work who began her career with the University 10 years ago in Lincoln. She accepted a faculty appointment after working with Lincoln Family Services for four years. Particularly interested in community service, Mary teaches social work practice with an emphasis on families, support systems for families, and children. Along with her teaching responsibilities, she devotes many hours to several committees and boards dealing with the problems of child abuse and neglect.

On a nine-month contract, Mary is able to spend her summers travelling, an activity she enjoys greatly. She has two daughters, the older one just finishing law school, and a six-year-old granddaughter who gives her ample opportunity to "study children first hand."



JAN BEEZLEY

Jan Beezley has been at UNO for nearly eight years, the last six as assistant to the CPACS dean. Formerly a writer-editor for the Center for Urban Affairs (now CAUR), she returns to the editing role once a month as editor of "Happenings." She provides the necessary staff assistance and coordination for CPACS standing committees, and is responsible for the college's role in orientation and registration -- in addition to whatever else the deans of the college think up for her to do.

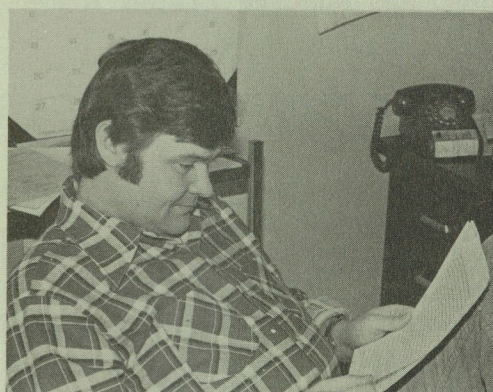
Anyone who has tried to sneak in a minute on Jan's calendar knows that it is generally full. Actively involved with her church, she has served as a member of its executive board for the last three years. She is also an active member of the United Way Volunteer Bureau Committee. Any spare time is spent swimming, cooking, crocheting, knitting, or macrame-ing.





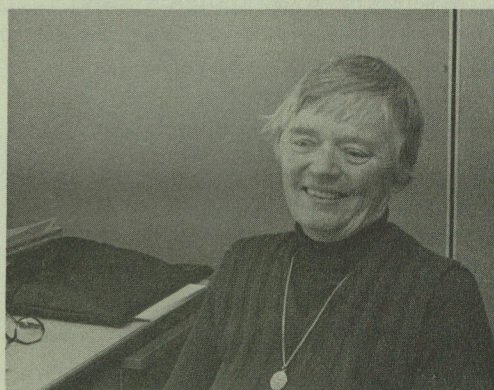
BILL BELL

Bill Bell is an associate professor and Coordinator of Research in the Gerontology Program. Before coming to UNO three years ago, he directed a Gerontology Program at Arkansas which offered the first gerontology degree program in the country. He teaches 3-6 hours each semester, but his role in the program emphasizes research. Bill says he finds research with a community service focus the most rewarding. Although his scuba diving activity is somewhat curtailed in Nebraska, he does enjoy canoeing, hang-gliding, and flying in his spare time. Bill is in the process of building an airplane, and anyone brave enough can check with him about tickets on the first flight!



CHRIS BOLTON

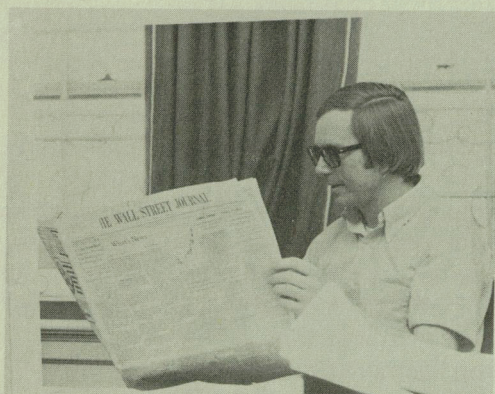
Chris Bolton is the Gerontology Program's Project Coordinator, and is involved mainly with the program's educational efforts. During his four years at UNO, Chris has been responsible for development of the out-state continuing education program in gerontology, is currently conducting a study to define job role expectations for those working with the elderly, and teaches a graduate course in educational gerontology. Fifteen percent of his time is now devoted to the new Center on Aging as Assistant Director. Chris professes to be an amateur home remodeler, enjoys jazz, and at one time was bassist for a faculty jazz trio in Oklahoma. He enjoys living in the Midwest (even the winters!!) and camping (in warmer weather we trust) is a favorite family activity for Chris and Susie and their two children.



NAOMI BRILL

Naomi Brill was originally hired by the School of Social Work as a practicum coordinator 15 years ago, and subsequently became part of the full-time teaching faculty. She received the MSW from Columbia University, worked for a family service agency in New York, and was a social worker for the American Red Cross during World War II. Her interest in people and their diversity has her currently involved in writing a book which discusses her perspectives on life and how they were developed. Prior to beginning her teaching career, Naomi was a full-time homemaker and was raising three children. She is personally fascinated with the ecology movement, enjoys bird watching, extended travel, and has recently taken up cross country skiing. She is an avid reader of mysteries, a music-lover, and even manages to squeeze in some piano playing in rare spare moments.





BOB BUCHANAN

Bob Buchanan joined the Public Administration faculty as an instructor in the fall. Prior to his appointment at UNO, he was a doctoral student in American Government and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. This term he is teaching two sections of the introductory PA course, a class in public budgeting, and a Political Science course in public policy. He also serves as adviser for off-campus PA students at Offutt and downtown. Nearing the end of his first year of teaching, Bob reports that he enjoys it very much.

The Nebraska winter has proved trying for Bob who claims to "hate winter." On a nine-month teaching contract, he plans to spend the summer working on his dissertation which deals with the effects of a change in Medicaid on the cost of long-term health care. Bob loves the Virginia mountains, and the ocean, and enjoys hiking, fishing, and what he calls "hunting without a gun."



GINGER BURCH

Ginger Burch became a member of the staff at the Center for Applied Urban Research two years ago as a senior research associate. Dealing with the human service research contracts for CAUR, Ginger has become well acquainted with community services in Omaha. A recent project involved an evaluation of the Douglas County Court System. Along with her other work, Ginger is also supervising Social Work master's students in independent research.

Coming to the Midwest from Fairfield Connecticut, Ginger finds Omaha a lovely place to live -- provided there are winter vacations in the South! An outdoors person, she enjoys hiking and down river canoeing. Indoors, she likes to read, spend time with son Peter who lives at home, and enjoys any opportunity to visit her other two children or her brand new grandson.

PETER SUZUKI  
Urban Studies

Dr. Suzuki presented a paper on "The Cabbie-Client Relationship in a Black Operated Jitney System" at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D.C. in February.

He prepared a four-course Japanese dinner for an ethnic cooking class at Metro Tech, using recipes which he contributed to the Melting Pot: An Ethnic Cookbook. Dr. Suzuki reports that nearly all of the students survived!

JAMES GARRETT  
Social Work

On March 28, Dr. Garrett will conduct an in-service training workshop on social work and the law at Lutheran Family Service.



JOHN KERRIGAN  
Dean

Dean Kerrigan has contributed a chapter titled "Undergraduate Professional Education in Public Affairs Psychology" for a new book The Psychology Major: Training and Employment Strategies, to be published this spring.

DAVID PETERSON  
Gerontology

On February 17th, Dr. Peterson spoke to the presidents of the six community colleges in Nebraska on "Possible Coordination of Gerontology Activities Statewide."

ROY ROBERG  
Criminal Justice

Dr. Roberg's article "An Analysis of the Relationships Among Higher Education Belief Systems and Job Performance of Patrol Officers in a Municipal Police Organization" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Police Science and Administration.

SHIRLEY WASKEL  
Gerontology

Ms. Waskel presented a paper on "Pre-retirement Needs" at the national meeting of the Association for Gerontology and Higher Education in Dallas on March 10.

JANE WOODY  
Social Work

Dr. Woody attended a workshop on divorce and the children at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, March 23-25. She also conducted a two-hour training session on "Children of Divorce" at Immanuel Community Mental Health Center. The session was open to human services workers and the general public.

BILL BELL  
Gerontology

Dr. Bell has contracted with Charles C. Thomas Publishers, Springfield, Illinois, to write a book on "The Sexual Attitudes and Behavior of Older Adults." In mid-April he will present a paper on "Disaster Impact and Response: Overcoming the Thousand Natural Shocks" at the meeting of the Southwest Sociological Association in Dallas.

FRED HOLBERT and  
VINCE WEBB  
Criminal Justice

"Inmate Support for 'Flat-Time' Sentencing and Related Proposals: A Research Note" by Drs. Holbert and Webb, has been accepted for publication in the spring 1978 issue of Criminal Justice Review.

VINCE WEBB  
Criminal Justice

The Journal of Criminal Justice will publish the article "An Assessment of the Costs and Benefits of Disciplinary Status for Criminal Justice" by Webb and Dennis Hoffman of Portland State University.

Dr. Webb participated in the Executive Training Program in Advanced Criminal Justice Practices sponsored by LEAA in St. Louis February 8-10. He represented the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

His invited book review of Legal Policy Analysis by Stuart Nagel and Marion Neef will appear in the forthcoming issue of Criminal Law and Criminology.



HOBART BURCH  
EZRA KOHN,  
JAMES GARRETT,  
SHIELA COLLINS,  
LUCILLE ZELINSKY  
Social Work

These five members of the Social Work faculty attended the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in New Orleans (where it was a wonderful 68<sup>0</sup>!) February 26-March 1. Dr. Kohn presented a paper at the meeting. Ms. Zelinsky remained March 2-3 to attend the CSWE House of Delegates session which followed the conference.

LAURENCE FRENCH  
Criminal Justice

Recent publications by Dr. French are: "An Assessment of the Black Female Prisoner in the South" in Signs: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society, vol. e #2, 1978; "Correctional Sexploitation in Our Nation's Prisons and Jails" and "An Assessment of Violence and Its Control in Southern Appalachia" both in Sociological Research Symposium VII (edited by J. Sherwood Williams et al) Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, 1978.

He will present "Native American Neo-colonialism" at the 4th Annual "Third World Workshop" in Chicago on March 17; and will talk on "Indian Stress and Violence" (with Hornbuckle) at the 2nd National Conference on Need Assessment in Health and Human Services in Louisville, KY, March 27-31.

The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry will publish his article "Suicide and Female Aggression" (co-authored with Forbes Bryce, Bradford College).

LEE KALLSTROM  
Gerontology

February 3-4, Dr. Kallstrom participated in a panel presentation on program developments for the aged/developmentally disabled at the Neuropsychiatric Institute of UCLA as a part of a meeting of a group of five universities which have grants concerning the aged developmentally disabled adults.

SAM WALKER  
Criminal Justice

Dr. Walker recently completed the manuscript for his book Popular Justice: A History of American Criminal Justice, which will be published in 1979 by Oxford University Press. He has been appointed to the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the Nebraska Indian Commission.

Our congratulations to new grandparents Hobe and Ginger Burch. Marcus Alexander Burch was born February 9th. Hobe insists that he is much too young to be married to a grandmother--but then Ginger isn't old enough to be married to a grandfather either, so it all works out!