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CPACS Happenings (March 1979 Newsletter)

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Limited funds are still available for improvement of instruction projects through the UNO Office on Improvement of Instruction. Interested faculty should contact department chairpersons for information and forms.

Faculty interested in applied research or public service are eligible to apply for appointment as a CAUR Summer Associate. The summer associate will work with the Center on a full-time basis from June 1 to August 15 and receive a stipend of $3500. Application consists of a proposed project design, a list of potential funding agencies for a related or follow-up project and a resume, and must be submitted to the CAUR Director by March 15. Details of the program may be obtained by calling the Center at x2764.

Some faculty development funds are still available to CPACS faculty through the Dean's Office. Chairpersons have complete information on the faculty development program, and interested faculty should contact them as soon as possible to be considered for funding.

As part of the University planning process, the College is now engaged in development of a plan for the period 1979-84. A committee has been appointed to assist in drafting a CPACS plan. Members are: Phil Secret, Sunny Andrews, Murray Frost, Bruce Horacek, Harold Gordon, Peter Suzuki, and Sam Walker. Final college and campus plans are to be submitted to the University Planning Coordinating Committee by June 1979.

The College of Public Affairs and Community Service is the recipient of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union's "Community Service Award" for 1979. Dr. David Hinton, Acting Dean, was present at the Franklin Credit Union's Tenth Annual Meeting on January 28th to accept the award on behalf of the College. He was presented with an engraved plaque recognizing "the support and dedication of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service."

The Department of Public Administration will offer the fourth annual Municipal Clerks School March 5-9 in Kearney, Nebraska. Some 80 municipal clerks are expected to attend all or part of the program, which this year features two separate activities. The first part of the week will be devoted to "general administration" and will include sessions on such topics as decision-making, report writing, community relations, and performance evaluation. Thursday and Friday will be devoted to a special session "financial management" and will deal with fund accounting, computers and their applications, expenditure and revenue accounting, grant and capital accounting, and utility and enterprise accounting.

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The training provided in the program is approved by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the certification organization for municipal clerks. Clerks participating in the program over a three-year period may earn as many as half of the 100 points necessary to be certified, according to program director Dr. David Paulsen.

Paulsen and departmental administrative assistant Ken Adams will present the program, which is supported by funds from the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and by participants' fees.

The seventh annual "Senior Citizen Celebration Days" is scheduled for May 15-17 in the Milo Bail Student Center. The festival, sponsored by the Gerontology Program, will again offer three days of educational and social activities for persons 55 and over. Coordinator for this year's festival is Jan Scott.

After a year of profiles, we're nearing the end of the CPACS "alphabet" and introduce you this time to an "I", three "R's" and four "S's".

Acting Director and Coordinator of Community Services for the Gerontology Program is JoAnne Lofton who came to UNO in 1972. She had previously been a clinical nutritionist in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha. Prior to that, she was associated with Alabama's Tuskegee Institute both at the Carver Foundation and at the Veterinary School. Currently, as acting director, JoAnne's responsibilities are totally administrative. Normally, she is responsible for all community service programs, off-campus extension programs, and for short-term training. She is also involved in proposal development. Her main professional interest is in working with community agencies in the aging field, providing technical assistance.

The Army brought JoAnne and her veterinarian husband to Omaha in 1966 -- a bit of a jolt for JoAnne who had never seen snow before arriving here! JoAnne likes to design and make crocheted articles, enjoys sewing, cake decorating and reading. She and her husband have two daughters Donna (12) and Nikki (7).

Dr. Harry Reynolds, Public Administration, came here from the University of New York at Buffalo in 1964 as the beginning of a public administration program within the Political Science Department. Prior to Buffalo, he had been on the faculty at the University of Southern California from 1954-1961.

Within the department, Harry teaches public personnel management and organizational theory courses, and also teaches the introductory course. Current professional activities include work on a study of the public administrator's role in community decision-making and the preparation of a book on public personnel. He also serves on the editorial board of the Midwest Review of Public Administration and does invited book review
for the American Academy of Political and Social Science. In 1965, the American Society for Public Administration cited him for outstanding contribution to the field by an academic.

Harry's wife, Beverly, works as a librarian for the Omaha Public Schools. They have two daughters, the older in graduate school at USC and the younger a junior at Central High School. The Reynolds' share their home with a tomcat name "Cromwell." A "frustrated farmer" of sorts, Harry finds pleasure in home gardening.

Roy Roberg is an assistant professor of Criminal Justice who has been with the department for the past six years. His office is located on the Lincoln campus, although he does some teaching in Omaha as well. Roy holds a B.S. and an M.A. from Washington State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. Following his master's work, he served as a police officer in Washington, prior to coming to Nebraska.

Roy's primary professional interest is in organizational theory. He teaches organizational administration, community relations, the introductory criminal justice course, and comparative law enforcement systems. He has completed work on his latest book Managing Criminal Justice Organizations: A Contingency Approach. Coming from the West Coast (Seattle) Roy still misses the mountains and the ocean. (We guess an "ocean" of snow just isn't the same!) He enjoys the outdoors and especially water sports. He does acknowledge that winters here are a challenge -- just never knowing for sure whether or not you'll reach your destination.

A relative newcomer to CPACS is Jack Ruff, Housing Coordinator at the Center for Applied Urban Research. Jack joined the staff about a year and a half ago following seven years with the Department of Economic Development in Lincoln. Prior to that he had taught for two years at Minot State College.

Jack's role at CAUR is one of further development of community service and research as it relates to housing. He has initiated and completed a Title IA program for the Franklin Community Credit Union, and a residential land-use project for Norfolk, Nebraska. A housing allocation formula study was done for 28 cities of the first class in Nebraska, and a new Title V project has been initiated which will deal with community leadership in 17 Nebraska cities. As you might guess, Jack's main interest is in community development work. He serves on the State Housing Advisory Council and as an adviser to the Nebraska Chapter of the Housing and Community Development Organization.

Personally, Jack is sports oriented. He coaches youth basketball, is a softball umpire, fishes, and hunts small game. (After trying for larger game, he decided to "hunt what I could get!") His indoor activity is woodworking -- mostly simple furniture.
Carol Schreck is a Secretary I in the School of Social Work, and has been with the School for a little more than three years. A native of Templeton, Iowa, Carol originally came to Omaha to attend business school. She subsequently went to work for Allied Financial Services where she was a typist.

In Social Work, Carol is informally referred to as "the admissions secretary". She handles all admissions materials for graduate students in the program, and maintains the files on both graduate and undergraduate students in the program. In addition, Carol assists with the telephone answering, typing and other secretarial duties in the office. In the future, she looks toward a job as an executive secretary.

Carol has a new interest in yoga -- and says she's found some "new" muscles too! She also likes to swim when the weather allows and may get to try skiing for the first time this year. She loves to read, apparently including cookbooks, since she admits a fascination for trying new recipes.

Public Administration chairperson Dr. David Scott is a CPACS "veteran", the first and current head of the department. Dave came to UNO in 1965 as Political Science chairperson and served one year as head of both departments in 1972-73.

Immediately prior to coming to UNO, he was visiting professor of political science at Southern Illinois University for a year. He joined the faculty of Southwest Missouri State College in 1948 as professor of political science and subsequently served the college as business manager for three years. During his time there, he was active in local government and was mayor of Springfield from 1959-62.

In addition to duties as chairperson in the department, Dave is adviser for Public Administration undergraduates and teaches courses in budgeting and municipal administration -- two areas which have long been his special professional interests.

Those of you who know Dave, know that he is a "9-month professor" who enjoys his summers as a boat mechanic at Bridge Bay Marina, Yellowstone National Park. Other personal interests include woodworking (especially collecting and refinishing antique furniture), auto mechanics, camping and fishing.

Jan Scott (no relation to Dave!) became project director for the Center on Aging in April, 1978, but was hardly a stranger to the Gerontology Program before that. As a graduate student majoring in guidance and counseling with a gerontology specialization, she worked part-time in the college beginning in 1976. Prior to coming to UNO, Jan received a B.A. in art from Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. Currently as project director she deals with the people who receive research, education and public service grants.
from the Center on Aging, has taught both assertiveness training and micro-counseling skills to the elderly, and assisted in the writing of a career manual for students interested in careers in aging. With her background in art, Jan would like to work toward a combination of art and gerontology in her career.

Personal time, as you might guess, is spent largely with art. Jan has a special interest in weaving now --- Anybody want to commission a wall hanging?? You also enjoy sculpture, ceramics, and painting. A real animal lover, she has a cat and tropical fish, and would have lots more pets if she could. Her husband will begin a residency in orthopedic surgery after graduation from medical school this spring.

One of the "charter members" of the Goodrich faculty, assistant professor Phil Secret came to UNO in 1972. Previously, he had been a graduate student in political science at UNL.

Phil recently completed his doctorate in political science, and this year is coordinator of the social science curriculum for Goodrich. With two other faculty members, he teaches social sciences, and is currently involved in teaching a module on "the Supreme Court and its role as a public policy maker." Academic and personal counseling are also part of his job description as a Goodrich faculty member. In addition, Phil teaches a course on the "Afro-American Political Experience" which is cross-listed in Black Studies and Political Science.

The areas of his field which interest Phil most are public law and black politics. He is now at work on an evaluation of the effects of the 1965 voting act, especially its impact on black voting behavior. One of Phil's personal interests is music (classical, jazz, and blues) and although he doesn't admit to real skill on the guitar, he enjoys playing. In good weather, he plays tennis and says he's a good spectator for many other sports. He also likes all kinds of movies and, like many of his colleagues, loves to travel.

### Staff Activities

**JOHN PEASE**  
Public Administration

PA graduate assistant, John Pease, has been awarded a grant from the Computer Augmented Instructional Experimental Program to develop a computer-assisted learning approach to the stock market decision.

**JACK RUFF**  
CAUR

Mr. Ruff is director of a project which will measure the effect of pre-service and in-service training on the quality of community life and leadership. A portion of the costs will be met by a UNL Title V grant from the Rural Development Act of 1972.

**SUNNY ANDREWS**  
Social Work

Dr. Andrews has been elected president of the India Association of Omaha for 1979.
Mr. Powell has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Council of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging.

Dr. Horney was recently elected to serve as a representative to Committee B of the UNO Graduate Council.

Dr. Dendinger has been appointed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Omaha Chapter of the Nebraska Welfare Association.

In December, Dr. French was notified of his designation as a Graduate Faculty Fellow.

Dr. Walker has been appointed as a reviewer for the Public Programs section of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Ms. Lofton has been appointed to the Nutrition Project Council of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging.

Dr. Eskridge was notified in February of his appointment to the University of Nebraska graduate faculty.

Dr. Scott was the luncheon speaker at the Seminar for Newly Elected/Appointed Officials in Lincoln on February 17th.

Grants from the University of Nebraska Center on Aging and the Mexican American Commission will allow CAUR staffers Burch, DiMartino, and Ruff and student assistant Manuel Montelongo to develop a needs assessment of elderly Hispanics in the Omaha area.

Dr. Bolton co-conducted a workshop on "Peer Counselor Training for the Elderly" at the annual meeting of the Mid-America Congress on Aging, February 22 in Kansas.

Ms. Collins and Dr. Kohn co-authored an article "Continuing Professional Education: Making Room for the Non-Traditional Student" which will appear in the April 1979 issue of New Campus.

Dr. French has been invited to chair the round table session "Explaining Recent Changes in Female and Youth Offense Rates" at the meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems to be held in Boston in August.

"Developing a Post-Watergate Criminal Deviance Continuum", a paper by Dr. French and S.N. Wailes of Jackson State University, was presented at the 9th Annual Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Research Symposium in Richmond, VA, February 17th.

His paper "Cultural Conflict, Violence and Victim Precipitation among American Minorities" has been accepted for presentation at the Third International Symposium on Victimology to be held in Muenster, Germany in September.
MURRAY FROST CAUR
Dr. Frost was recognized by the University of Nebraska Regents recently for "meritorious service and dedication to improving the quality of the University." Congratulations, Murray.

DONNA EDEN
Gerontology
Dr. Eden is teaching a five-week course "You and Your Aging Parent" which is co-sponsored by Gerontology and the YWCA.

ETHEL WILLIAMS CAUR
Ms. Williams served as part of the team which performed a three-day evaluation of Greater Omaha Community Action (GOCA).

ROY ROBERG
Criminal Justice
"An Empirical Assessment of the Criteria Utilized for Promoting Police Personnel: A Research Note" by Dr. Roberg and John Laramy has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Police Science and Administration.

BILL BELL
Gerontology
"The Death Attitudes of Older Adults: A Path-Analytical Exploration" by Dr. Bell and Constance Batterson, was published in the March issue of Omega. As part of the Center on Aging "Brown Bag" series, Dr. Bell spoke at the UNL Faculty Club on "Sex in the Later Years," and he will speak at two upcoming workshops on "Stress and Aging" in March.

DAVID DIMARTINO CAUR
Dr. DiMartino's article "The Impact of Regional and National Trends on the Small City" appears in The Small City and Regional Community, Robert P. Walensky and Edward J. Miller, eds., Foundation Press, University of Wisconsin.

NEW STAFF MEMBER, MARY FAUTH
We welcome Mary Fauth who joined the Gerontology staff on February 15 as Secretary I. She previously worked at the UNMC College of Pharmacy.

A PERSONAL NOTE
CAUR Director Don Deppe reports proudly that daughter Beth, a student at the University of North Carolina, has been selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She is majoring in Political Science and Economics. We extend our special congratulations to Beth!

PA Graduate Assistants
Public Administration graduate fellows and assistants are at work on a variety of projects:

JANE MILLER.........is working for the State Department of Economic Development, Community Planning Section.

ALLAN EUREK.........is researching a legislative project for the Nebraska Association of County Officials.

FRANK VELINSKY......is an administrative assistant for the Omaha City Council.

WADE CASCINI........is working for the Lancaster County Lincoln Health Department, Administration Section.

FLORENCE KANE.......is assisting the Visiting Nurses Association in developing a personnel plan.

SUE QUAM..........is working with the Columbus city manager to develop a questionnaire on Nebraska park and recreation facilities.

JOHN PEASE........assists the Department with computer programming.