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NEWSLETTER OF THE College of Public Affairs and Community Service

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT The Department of Criminal Justice has received a three-year grant of \$628,000 to strengthen undergraduate programs and develop graduate programs relevant to the higher educational needs of persons preparing for a career in the administration of justice and for furthering the capabilities and career potential for personnel already working within the criminal justice system. An intercampus University Steering Committee will be appointed to guide this project which is scheduled for completion in June 1976.

TITLE V TRAINING GRANT The Gerontology Program is the recipient of a Title V Training Grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Administration on Aging. This grant provides for workshops for nutrition personnel, and specifically allows the Gerontology Program to train project directors and managers of congregate meal sites for the elderly from a ten-state area. Workshops will take place from October 1973 to June 1974, and it is expected that about 500 people will be trained in some 17 workshops.

NO TIME TO BE OLD UNO's TV Classroom is currently presenting a 15-week series on the elderly. Called "No Time to Be Old," the series is written and produced by Roderick Macdonald of the UNO Gerontology Program. Mr. Macdonald and Mr. William Couch, also a Gerontology staff member, co-host the programs, which are topically oriented to the interests of senior citizens. Upcoming shows will deal with health problems of the aging, social security and welfare, education for older adults, and nutrition.

The 30-minute program runs until October 27, and can be seen on Channel 3 Saturday mornings at 7:30 or on Channel 26 Monday evenings at 8:00.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP Family Service of Omaha-Council Bluffs and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service at UNO will co-sponsor a one-day workshop on Thursday, September 27th at the UNO Conference Center. The conference topic is "Fostering Social Change Within Existing Political Structures." Featured speakers are Willie H. Griffin, Executive Director of the Omaha Urban Housing Foundation; James M. Evans, Jr., Executive Director of the Urban League of Nebraska; and Virgil H. Carr, Director of the Inner-City District Program for United Charities of Chicago.

The conference fee is \$7.00 (\$4.00 for students). Registration materials and information may be obtained from the UNO Conference Center.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS Recently CPACS has welcomed several new staff members. They include:

DR. HARVEY MARTENS, Director of Research and Planning. Dr. Martens received the Ph.D. in Social Science from Syracuse University in New York, where he was a faculty member at the Maxwell School. Dr. Martens' particular academic areas of interest are public administration, political science, and metropolitan studies. At UNO, Dr. Martens will also serve as Co-Director of the Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center and as Chairman of the newly-organized Grants Development Committee.

DR. PETER SUZUKI, Associate Professor of Urban Studies. Dr. Suzuki was awarded the Ph.D. in Anthropology and Sociology from Leiden University, Holland. Most recently he was a lecturer in sociology and anthropology for the University of Maryland at its campus in Munich, Germany.

MR. KWAME ANNOR, Research Assistant, Center for Applied Urban Research (CAUR). Mr. Annor, who is completing work on the Ph.D. in comparative politics, taught formerly at Grambling College. His research interests include community involvement studies, urban and Black cultural problems, comparative politics, and local level political participation and processes.

DR. WILLIAM ARKIN, Consultant, CAUR. Dr. Arkin received the Ph.D. in sociology from Washington University in St. Louis, and has specialized in cross-cultural studies on drug abuse and addiction, deviance and social control, and alternative life styles.

DR. LYNNE DOBROFSKY, Research Associate, CAUR. Dr. Dobrofsky received the Ph.D. in sociology from St. Louis University. She taught recently in Tokyo, Japan, where she was a lecturer of sociology for the University of Maryland's Far East Division. Dr. Dobrofsky's research interests are in social control and deviance, women's roles, collective sentiments, and public policy.

DR. PAUL LEE, Research Associate, CAUR. Dr. Lee received his undergraduate education at National Chung Hsing University in Taiwan and the Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Washington State University, where he was previously a post-doctoral research associate. Dr. Lee's major research interests are in quantitative methods and international trade.

DR. PETER PFLAUM, Senior Research Fellow, CAUR. Dr. Pflaum holds the Ph.D. in political science from Florida State University. Immediately prior to joining the CAUR staff, he was Regional Social Service Program Specialist with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Pflaum's major interests are in public administration, urban planning, and educational planning.

CHANGE IN POSITION Mr. Marvin McNeff has been named Coordinator of the newly-created Division of Special Projects within CPACS. The division was established to handle short-term projects, such as Head Start, and to assist with grant applications.

PROPOSAL HELP The Division of Special Projects is providing technical assistance on a funding proposal being prepared by the Omaha Mothers for Adequate Welfare (MAW). MAW proposes to continue two established services, advocacy counseling for welfare recipients and clothing distribution. The organization also plans the initiation of a program in power sewing machine operation, if the need for such training can be demonstrated. Anyone having information about possible funding sources for these programs, please contact Marvin McNeff, 554-2285.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE TRAINING There is a continuing effort to develop a Child Development Associate training program in the Omaha area. Individuals, university departments or organizations interested in supporting this effort may contact Marvin McNeff, 554-2285.

EUROPEAN PROGRAM Last year, UNO offered course work in Urban Studies on three United States Air Force Bases in Europe--Wiesbaden and Rhein Main, Germany, and Torrejon, Spain. This year the program will be expanded to include bases at Lakenheath, Mildenhall, and Bentwaters, England, and Ramstein, Germany. Beginning this fall, the program will offer the Bachelor of Science with a major in Urban Studies, the Bachelor of General Studies, the Bachelor of Arts in Black Studies, a certificate in Urban/Ethnic Studies, and the Master of Science with an area major in urban studies.

UNO faculty scheduled to teach in the program during 1973-74 include: Dr. Norman Hamm, Psychology; Philip Vogt, Sociology; and Karen Bettis, English. Dr. Henry Dizney, of the University of Oregon Psychology Department will also teach this year.

HEAD START SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING The Special Projects Division has made arrangements for two cluster classes for Head Start personnel for this fall, under a separate contract with the Head Start State Training Manager's Office at Chadron State College. English 112, Intermediate English Composition, will be taught by Professor David Nicklin, and Foundations of Education 418, Mental Health in the Schools will be taught by Dr. Jim Selee and Dr. Pat Logan. The contract also provides for ten individual tuition grants for Head Start employees.

HEAD START ASSESSMENT A comprehensive assessment of the Omaha Head Start Program, coordinated by Fred Adams, Head Start Community Assessment Coordinator, was completed on July 1. The assessment was mandated by the National Office of Child Development's Innovation and Improvement Program, and was designed to help local Head Start programs identify their individual strengths and weaknesses and consider new methods of delivering Head Start child development services.

PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITIES The Omaha Head Start Program is anxious to make use of students majoring in social welfare, social work, urban studies, criminal justice, public administration, sociology, and related fields. Prior to beginning practicum activities, individual students must be approved by a Head Start Child Development Center Committee or Program Committee. Faculty members and students interested in arranging practicum opportunities for fall 1973 and spring 1974 may contact Fred Adams, Operations Coordinator at 554-2285.

REVIEW OF APPLIED URBAN RESEARCH The Center for Applied Urban Research has begun the monthly publication of a newsletter called the Review of Applied Urban Research. All faculty and staff are invited to submit manuscripts to be considered for publication in the Review. Articles dealing with urban problems of local interest would be appropriate subject matter. Manuscripts should be mailed to Betty Mayhew, CAUR, Annex 15, UNO.

INAUGURAL YEAR LECTURES Professor Manfred Hennan of the Department of Sociology, Johannes Gutenberg Universitat of Mainz, and Dr. Rayford Logan, Professor Emeritus of History at Howard University are two of the distinguished scholars scheduled to appear in connection with the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Inaugural Year Lectures. Dates and topics will be announced soon.

STAFF ACTIVITIES Marvin McNeff, Special Projects, is serving as chairman of a subcommittee assigned to review the present administration and management of the Community Coordinated Child Care (4 C's). The subcommittee will make recommendations for improvement to the 4 C's Board of Directors.

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Stanley Powers, Public Administration, has written a book called Developing the Municipal Organization, which is scheduled for publication early in 1974. Dr. David Scott, Public Administration, and Dr. Clem Kessler, Psychology, UNO, have contributed chapters for the book.

Mr. Powers delivered a paper on "Municipal Organization Development" at the summer conference of the Iowa City Management Association, August 10, at the Amana Colonies in Iowa. He presented a similar paper at a meeting of the Nebraska City Management Association held in Scottsbluff, July 5th and 6th.

Hubert Locke, Dean, CPACS, and Dr. Franklin Littell are co-editors of a book entitled The German Church Struggle, 1933-45: What Can America Learn? The book, published by the Wayne State University Press, will be out in November.

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