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NEWSLETTER OF THE College of Public Affairs and Community Service

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BETTIS APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN Dr. Joseph D. Bettis has been appointed Associate Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, effective October 1.

Dr. Bettis has educational background in Philosophy and Theology and received both the M.A. and the Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Princeton University.

He came to UNO in September of 1972 as Professor-in-Residence in the Goodrich Program. Prior to coming to this campus he was Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Alabama. Under his direction, the department pursued the study of religious phenomena as an academic discipline, especially in relation to other humanistic disciplines and to a broad spectrum of cultural issues.

Relating his theoretical interest in social ethics to practical social problems, Dr. Bettis has served as a technical consultant to the Office of Economic Opportunity, and has consulted with over one hundred community action agencies throughout the Southeastern United States on problems of planning, community relations, resource mobilization, civil rights, and education. He has served as a member-at-large of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Council on Human Relations and as Chairman of the Tuscaloosa Council on Human Relations. He was a member of the Tuscaloosa Head Start Advisory Board, and during the summer of 1966 was an Education Program Specialist for Civil Rights, Office of Education, Department of Health Education and Welfare, in Washington, D.C.

In his role as Associate Dean, Dr. Bettis will have direct line responsibilities for the six academic departments of the College, will be responsible for the approval of all personnel actions and their recommendation to the Dean, and will have a major responsibility in the direction of the Law Enforcement Administration Assistance educational development grant. In addition, Dr. Bettis will retain his current appointment as Professor-in-Residence in which he carries periodic instructional responsibilities and is charged with developing the interdisciplinary faculty and curriculum efforts of the College.

FACULTY CONVOCATION The first of four regularly scheduled College of Public Affairs faculty convocations was held Wednesday, September 5th in the Milo Bail Student Center. Dr. Robert McCune, Chairman of the Department of Urban Studies was elected to serve as Convocation Chairman for the 1973-74 academic year. Mrs. Helen Noyes, Secretary to the Dean, was named Convocation Secretary.

Dr. Harry Reynolds, Chairman of the College's Committee on Salary, Promotion and Tenure presented the committee's report to the convocation for consideration. It was formally accepted by the faculty members present.

HEAD START On February 1, 1973, the College of Public Affairs was named grantee for the federally-funded Head Start Program in Omaha. As part of its responsibility in that role, the College was to conduct an assessment of the local program and to recommend to the Regional Office of Child Development, a permanent administrative/operational structure which could be implemented by the fall of 1973.

The Head Start Child Development Corporation has now been established. This corporation is community-based, operated by an eleven-member board of directors. Six representatives are selected by the Head Start Policy Council which is the policy-making group comprised of Head Start parents. The remaining five members, representatives of community organizations or institutions, were chosen by the grantee after conferral with the Policy Council. Much of the day-to-day operation of the Head Start Program has been subcontracted to this corporation, although UNO maintains final administrative responsibility until February 1, 1974, when a new grantee will be chosen.

As grantee, UNO now has contracts with the Hamilton-Lake Community Council which operates two centers and with the new Head Start Child Development Corporation which has responsibility for 16 other centers or programs. Of the 16 corporation centers or programs, eight are now in operation. The remaining centers or programs, formerly operated by the Omaha Public Schools will open soon.

After thorough consideration of the new child development guidelines for Head Start Programs, established by the Office of Child Development, the Board of Education of the Omaha Public Schools made the decision on October 1 not to participate in the Head Start child development program. The Omaha Public Schools has instead announced its intent to initiate a new pre-school program. The College of Public Affairs hopes that through these two child care programs, an even greater number of Omaha children will be served.

GRANTS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE In September Chancellor Roskens announced the formation of a university grants development committee to provide leadership and impetus to university fund-raising efforts. The team, composed of faculty and staff members in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, is responsible for the development and monitoring of major university grant proposals, and is available to faculty and staff to assist in the design and preparation of grant proposals.

Dr. Harvey Martens, Director of Research and Planning, CPACS, serves as chairman of the committee. He is assisted by Mr. Marvin McNeff, Dr. Peter Pflaum, Ms. Barbara Simon, and Dr. Ralph Todd, all of whom are experienced in the grants field.

The committee conducted a workshop on Monday, October 15 at the Eppley Conference Center. The purpose of the workshop was a discussion of the basics of initiating a grant. Approximately 45 faculty members and department heads participated in the workshop. On Tuesday October 23 the committee will meet in Lincoln with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Grants Office to discuss System-wide services and coordination.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS DR. WILLIAM ARKIN, formerly a consultant with the Center for Applied Urban Research, has joined the staff of the Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center as Associate Director.

MR. COMER WARD, previously associated with the Corrections Department of South Carolina, has joined the Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center staff as a research associate. Mr. Ward will also teach a course in correctional treatment process for the Department of Criminal Justice.

MR. CHUCK POWELL has joined the Gerontology Program staff, teaching in the Workshops for the National Nutrition Program for the Elderly. He holds the master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma at Norman and teaches the Program Development and Management section of the Gerontology workshops.

SENIOR CITIZEN EDUCATION PROGRAM Beginning on October 15, the Gerontology Program began a community extension education service for senior citizens. Twelve classes are offered at seven community locations highly accessible to senior citizens. Each class is offered once a week for an eight-week term.

The service is a pilot project of extension courses specifically designed for senior citizens. Some classes such as "Preventive Health Hints" and "Real Estate Tax Breaks and You" were developed to increase an older person's ability to cope with the problems of aging. Another set of courses aimed at broadening the scope of knowledge in today's rapidly changing world will feature classes such as "Advocacy and Your Rights" and "The Legislative Process."

COMMUNITY SERVICE LECTURES The Division of Training and Community Service is offering a series of Community Service lectures. The lectures are offered specifically for students in the Cooperative Education and HUD Work-Study programs, but are open to everyone. Upcoming lectures and times are listed below.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 30, 1973

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
MBSC, ROOM 315

POWER MANAGEMENT Organizational decision making under stress. Only 36 students can attend, so make reservations for this presentation.

PRESENTED BY: Mr. Raymond Unks, Visiting Lecturer for the Goodrich Program, UNO, former Social Planner for Detroit area.

MONDAY,

NOVEMBER 19, 1973

10:30 - 12:00 a.m.
or
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
MBSC, ROOM 314

FUTURE SHOCK Film and discussion around the idea of the loss of man to his technology.

PRESENTED BY: Mr. John Burdick, Instructor of Social Welfare; Mr. Jerome Sueper, Coordinator Cooperative Education.

FRIDAY,

DECEMBER 7, 1973

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
MBSC, ROOM 314

COOPERATION Slide presentation and group exercise.

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Joseph Bettis, Associate Dean, College of Public Affairs; Mr. John Burdick, Assistant Professor of Social Welfare; Ms. Mary Ellen Rathouz, Community Planner, UNO; Ms. Lorna Russell, Director Cooperative Education.

DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES ON THE CITY The Department of Urban Studies, with the cooperation of the Department of Audio-Visual Aids, is sponsoring a documentary film series on the city. The series began September 26 and continues through November 28; Everyone is invited. Upcoming films and dates of showing are listed below.

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| October 24 | "The City as Man's Home"* and "Anatomy of Welfare"
(on welfare in America and the urban poor) |
| 31 | "The City and the Future"* and Chicano"
(on Chicanos in San Diego) |
| November 7 | "Tenement" (life in a Chicago slum) and
"Storm of Strangers" (on the history of Jews in
New York's Lower East Side) |
| 14 | "Leaving Home Blues" (on rural youth who migrate to
the cities and end up in the slums) (55 min.) |
| 21 | "Troubled Cities" (church desegregation in <u>Omaha</u> in
the mid-1960's) (60 min.) |
| 28 | "A nation of Immigrants" (based on J.F. Kennedy's book)
(60 min.) |

*Lewis Mumford Series on the American City (a classic)

PLEASE BE PATIENT We are in the process of updating the newsletter mailing list with the corrections sent in on the forms provided in the September newsletter. So, bear with us if some names and addresses are still incorrect. We should have it all straightened out by November. THANK YOU!

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