Happenings 10 (November 1975 Newsletter)

College of Public Affairs and Community Service, University of Nebraska at Omaha

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a farewell note

It is not easy to take leave of colleagues and dear friends with whom one has had the privilege of working for almost four years, but I do want to take this occasion to express my genuine thanks to each of you -- students, faculty, staff, the College Advisory Board, my colleagues throughout the university and this community for the opportunity to engage together in the building of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. You have achieved in the College something of rarity and importance in higher education -- a strong, qualitative program of instruction and research in the human services field, combined with a vital program of technical assistance and supportive services to communities and community groups throughout this State. This twin thrust will become of even greater importance to the citizens of Nebraska and the Midlands in the years ahead.

On a personal note, I shall be leaving on the 14th of November (to take advantage of accumulated vacation time) and will spend five weeks as Scholar-in-Residence at Fairhaven College before starting my duties at the University of Washington. I am about one-quarter of the way into my next book (tentatively titled Demythologizing American History) and hope to use the time at Fairhaven to get a few more chapters roughed out. In addition to my umbrella, galoshes and raincoat, I shall take with me warm memories of CPACS; my very best wishes to each of you in your work.

Goodrich Symposium

"Higher Education for a Just Society" is the theme of a symposium to be held on November 7 in UNO's Milo Bail Student Center. The Goodrich Program is sponsoring the symposium which offers two speakers.

At 1:00 p.m. Algis Mickunas, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio will speak in MBSC 312A. Later, at 8:00 p.m. Linda Howard, Assistant Professor of Law at the Ohio State University in Columbus, and legislative assistant to Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, will speak in the MBSC Ballroom.

There will be a reception following the 8:00 p.m. presentation to honor seniors in the Goodrich Program. This being the fourth year of the Program, the first seniors will graduate this year. The public is welcome at all symposium activities.
curriculum committee

There will be a meeting of the CPACS Committee on Academic Standards and Curriculum Development on Friday, November 7 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Annex 24.

This committee agreed at its last meeting to serve as the appellate body for academic (student) grievance. With this action by the committee, the CPACS policy regarding student grievance is as follows. In those situations in which a student wishes to appeal a grade, he/she should first consult with the instructor of the course involved. Should the instructor and the student not be able to reach a satisfactory agreement, the student may carry his/her appeal to the chairperson of the department or program which offered the course. The department chairperson may refer the grievance to the departmental committee charged with handling such situations. If the student does not feel that a satisfactory resolution of the issue has been accomplished, he/she may appeal to the College Committee on Academic Standards and Curriculum Development which has responsibility for hearing such complaints.

All appeals at the departmental or college level should be in writing and decisions reached at each of these levels will be communicated in writing to both the student and instructor involved.

personnel committee

The next meeting of the Committee on Academic Appointments, Promotion and Tenure will be Thursday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Annex 24. The committee is currently wrestling with college problems of promotion and tenure guidelines.

social work search

There will be a meeting of the Social Work Search Committee on Friday, November 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of Annex 19. Committee members are invited to review resumes of applicants in Lincoln in Naomi Brill's office, or in Omaha in Jan Beezley's office.

faculty meeting

There will be a meeting of the faculty of the College of Public Affairs on Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Annex 19. All faculty members should plan to attend.

gerontology evaluation

An evaluation team composed of three nationally-known gerontologists, a state senator, a university regent, a representative of the Governor's office, and a student were in Omaha October 12-14 to evaluate the Gerontology Program. The visit, which was mandated by the Unicameral as a part of the Areas of Excellence Program, included a review of the academic program, continuing education activities, community service undertakings, and research endeavors of the Gerontology staff.

At a final exit interview with University and College administrators, and the Gerontology staff, the team reported their findings. They indicated that the program had made excellent progress and offered praise for the extensive cooperative efforts with community organizations and other departments that have been undertaken. They praised the commitment and enthusiasm of the staff and the outstanding support
that the Dean's office has provided during the three years of Gerontology's existence.

A final written report from the team is to be received by the University by December 15, 1975.

**Inter-disciplinary task force**

UNO Graduate Dean Robert Woody has been asked to chair a task force on inter-disciplinary studies at UNO in the attempt to look at more efficient use of resources. Dr. Robert McCune and Dr. Vincent Webb represent the College of Public Affairs on this committee.

**Dean search committee**

The Search Committee for CPACS Dean has released the following statement regarding qualifications for the deanship.

The Dean provides scholarly and organizational leadership for the College, fosters faculty and curricular development, and serves as the principal spokesperson for the College within the University and in the Greater Omaha Metropolitan Community. The dean reports to the Provost and is responsible for eight primary units: The Center for Applied Urban Research; Departments of Public Administration, Criminal Justice, and Urban Studies; The Graduate School of Social Work; the Gerontology Program; The Goodrich Program for financially needy students; and the Division of Training and Community Service. The College offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Qualifications include an earned doctorate, relevant academic and urban community leadership experience, proven administrative skills and academic accomplishments, and a commitment to the programs of the College and the University.

The salary is competitive. Nominations and applications should be submitted not later than December 8, 1975 to: CPACS Dean Search Committee, Office of the Provost, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, 68101. The University of Nebraska at Omaha is an equal opportunity employer.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit names of possible candidates. Additional copies of the statement can be obtained from Bob McCune in Annex 24.

**Publications of interest**

Three recent publications which may be of interest to readers were brought to our attention by John Zipay.


- *Analysis of Cooperation Between the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Nebraska State Government*, by Marilyn Mertens, published by the Bureau of Business Research, August 1975 (Occasional Paper #4).
Staff Changes

Sandra Johnson is new to the staff of the Center for Applied Urban Research. Sandra is a clerk-typist at the Center, Annex 15, ext. 2764.

Carol Schreck is a new member of the Social Work staff located in Annex 20 at UNO, ext. 2791. Carol is a clerk-steno in the department.

Nancy Schrepf has moved to the second floor of Annex 20. Formerly with the Social Work staff, Nancy is now Secretary I in the Division of Training and Community Service, ext. 2237.

Judy DiNardo is a new face in the Goodrich Program, serving as program secretary. Her office is in Annex 20, ext. 2274. Judy was formerly in the College of Education at UNO.

Bebie Whipple is a new clerk-typist with the Gerontology Program. She is new to Omaha, from South Dakota. Her office is in Annex 24, ext. 2272.

Joseph Harry, Ph.D., has joined the Gerontology Program as a Research Associate. His office is located in Annex 24, ext. 2272.

Kris Hein, Division of Training and Community Service, has resigned. She plans to marry George Ford in November and will be living in Louisiana.

Belinda Bertolozzi, Gerontology Program, has resigned.

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Activities of interest to our readers. If you have items for the December calendar, please contact Jan Beezley.