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FACULTY/STAFF NEWSLETTER OF THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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GRANT AWARDED

The Division of Housing Research and Services and the Gerontology Program have received a \$93,789 grant from the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare. During the 12-month grant period, researchers will formulate a research strategy for providing information needed by the federal Administration on Aging (AoA) to develop a comprehensive policy on housing for the elderly.

The basic objective in establishing a national policy on housing for the elderly is one of providing "suitable housing, independently selected, designed and located with reference to special needs and available at costs which older people can afford." Currently, there is no comprehensive federal policy on housing for the elderly. Only a few federal housing assistance programs address specifically housing needs for the elderly.

Under the terms of the grant, research will be carried out which will provide a basis for the development of AoA strategy in establishing such a housing policy and addressing the national objective.

Pleased with the receipt of the grant, Dean John Kerrigan complimented the people involved on their efforts in combining the strengths of two units to produce a successful proposal.

Those involved in the research are William Rogers and Bill Bell, Co-Principal Investigators, and Chuck Powell and Paul Lee, Senior Researchers.

GRANT RENEWAL

A renewal of the Title IX grant from HEW has been received by the Department of Public Administration. The grant of \$32,500 is for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1976. The grant is to be used for improvement of the quality of the public administration program at UNO. It will also be expended for the offering of M.P.A. courses on the Lincoln campus for state employees and for the continuance of the Administrator-in-Residence program begun under the public administration Title IX grant of the previous year.

SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE

The 33rd annual Nebraska Fall Institute of Social Work and Human Services will be held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln on October 21st and 22nd. Built around a Bicentennial theme of "promote the general welfare" the conference offers sessions on a variety of topics including health care, education, abuse and neglect, social security and the juvenile justice system. Mary Adams, Naomi Brill, Ann Coyne, Social Work faculty and Janet Porter, Criminal Justice Faculty are all participants in the program.

Keynote speaker is Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League.

SOCIAL WORK LICENSING

The Health and Welfare Committee of the Unicameral, chaired by Senator Thomas C. Kennedy of Newman Grove, will hold a hearing on a proposed licensing bill for Social Workers in the State of Nebraska. This bill, which has been five years in the developing is sponsored by the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Thomas Perkins of Omaha is Chairman of the present Licensing Committee, and Naomi Brill of the School of Social Work is President of the State Organization.

Twenty states presently have licensing bills for Social Workers which are designed to protect both the consumer and the social worker by defining roles of workers, educational requirements for those roles, and making mandatory certain standards of performance.

LEAA CONTRACT

The Center for Applied Urban Research has contracted with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice to evaluate the effectiveness of a LEAA program in five cities: Spokane, Washington; Oakland, California; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Waterbury, Connecticut; and Tucson, Arizona. The program is an effort to provide alternatives to care for young people arrested or otherwise detained because of noncriminal disruptive behavior, such as truancy or running away from home, through collaborations of local affiliates of the Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Camp Fire Girls, Child Welfare League, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, National Council for Homemakers, National Council of Jewish Women, National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, National Jewish Welfare Board, YMCA and YWCA. Principal investigator will be Dr. Genevieve Burch.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EVALUATION

The Criminal Justice Department has received the report of the recent program evaluation conducted by Professor Donald Newman. Some of the comments contained in Professor Newman's report follow:

" . . . a healthy master's degree program is off the ground and is enthusiastically supported by current faculty, present students with whom I talked, and current administrative officers."

"If a criterion for evaluation of performance under the grant is movement--it can be safely said that Omaha has shown considerable movement. If one looks at the program which existed here prior to the grant--the jump from an essentially credentialling undergraduate program to a balanced undergraduate and master's degree program is significant."

"Indeed it is a respectable master's degree program comparable to many others I know of around this country. It has good long range potential."

INDIA STUDY TOUR

The Graduate School of Social Work at UNO and the UN-L Extension Division will offer "Community Health Care Delivery Systems of India" on a study tour December 22, 1976 to January 14, 1977. Instructors for the course are Dr. Sunny Andrews, Director of Social Service at the Meyer Childrens Rehabilitation Institute and Associate Professor of Social Work, and Dr. Ezra Kohn, Associate Professor of Social Work.

Detailed information may be obtained from the University of Nebraska, Flights and Study Tours, 345 Nebraska Union, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588.

MEETING WITH STUDENTS

On Thursday, October 7, student members of CPACS standing committees were invited to meet with Dean Kerrigan at 3:00 p.m. Five students were in attendance and discussed with the dean such things as how the college might be more responsive to their needs, registration and advising procedures and student interest in developing student professional groups.

Dean Kerrigan and the students felt that the discussion was worthwhile and agreed that the group would meet "on call" to discuss further issues of mutual interest.

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTION, AND TENURE

The CPACS Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure will meet on Monday, October 18 at 8:30 a.m. to consider reappointments of faculty now in the second year of service. The meeting will be held in the conference room of Annex 24.

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM

The CPACS Curriculum Committee has set its regular meeting time as the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The October meeting was the 12th and the next meeting will be November 9th.

FACULTY MEETINGS

Two meetings for CPACS faculty are scheduled this semester. The first will be Monday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m. The second is Wednesday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. Both will be in the Conference Room of UNO Annex 19.

FILM SERIES

The Department of Urban Studies is once again offering the "Wednesday Lunch-Hour Documentary Film Series." This semester's theme is "The Many Facets of America." Films are shown from 11:50 to 13:00 in Allwine Hall, room 315. Upcoming films are listed below.

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| Oct. 20 | "God's Own Cow Country: Nebraska(!)"* (The Sandhills; cattle);
"Golden Age of the Automobile"* |
| 27 | "Kitty Hawk to Paris"* (The History of Aviation) |
| Nov. 3 | "Lou Gehrig's Greatest Day" (Biography of the famous baseball
player for the N.Y. Yankees); "The Hands of Marcia"* (A
talented Pueblo potter at work) |
| 10 | "Tribute to Malcolm X" (A brief biography); "I have a Dream"
(The life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr.) |
| 17 | "The Age of Kennedy: The Early Years" (Pt. I) |
| 24 | "The Age of Kennedy: The Presidency" (Pt. II) |
| Dec. 1 | "The Eleanor Roosevelt Story" (Pt. I) |
| 8 | "The Eleanor Roosevelt Story" (Pt. II); "Woodrow Wilson"
(Final films of the series) |

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Child Care Association of Illinois this year adopted a plan for decentralized fall workshops in order to serve more people. Dr. Hobart Burch was keynote speaker for two of the workshops. Dr. Burch spoke on "National Trends Affecting Individual and Agency Parenting of Children" in DeKalb on October 5 and in Peoria on October 7.

On September 15, Naomi Brill was the keynote speaker at the conference of County Directors of Public Welfare in Kearney, Nebraska.

Ms. Brill also served as a judge for the Human Services category of the Nebraska Community Improvement Program on October 6. The program is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Ms. Brill will be keynote speaker on Tuesday November 16 for a session of "People of a City...Volunteers with a Voice," an informative and skill-building course to help citizens become effective advocates for themselves, others, and the community. She will speak about "Advocacy for Others" at 7:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Center Building in Lincoln.

Dr. Murray Frost, CAUR, was principal investigator for Demographic Survey of the Omaha Jewish Community. The study, completed this month for the Omaha Jewish Federation, includes descriptions of Omaha's 1975 Jewish community and projections to 1980.

CAUR staff completed analysis of "Attitude Survey About the American Red Cross" in September, to assist the Douglas/Sarpy Red Cross chapter in planning. The survey includes opinions of Omaha, Bellevue and rural Douglas and Sarpy County residents about the most important purposes and effectiveness of the American Red Cross.

Peter Suzuki has written a book review of State and Society in the Politics of Turkey's Development which will appear in the October issue of The American Historical Review.

Dr. Suzuki will present a paper entitled "The Turkish Minority Experience in West Germany" at the forthcoming European Studies Conference.

He has also been appointed editor of the Interethnic Newsletter, a bimonthly publication of the Omaha-Douglas County Bicentennial Commission.

Dr. Vince Webb, Chairperson, Criminal Justice, has been named to serve on the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Ad Hoc Committee on Justice Education for 1976-77.

Richard Ash, Caren Handleman, Paul Lerner, Jeanette Lorensen and Kateri Howard are the graduate assistants this semester in Public Administration.

Harry W. Reynolds, Jr., Public Administration, has been elected to another three-year term on the editorial board of the Midwest Review of Public Administration.

David F. Paulsen, Public Administration, presented a management analysis workshop at Offutt Air Force Base September 30 through October 1. He was assisted in this presentation by John Kerrigan, Dean, CPACS and James B. Johnson, Political Science, UNO.

Stanley P. Powers, David C. Scott, Jeanette Lorensen, and Paul Lerner, Public Administration, attended the annual International City Management Association (ICMA) conference in Toronto, Ontario September 23 through October 1. Members of the Afghanistan program at UNO accompanied them on the trip.

Paul S. Lerner, graduate student, Public Administration, published his article, "Cash Flow Management--Some Guidelines" in the September, 1976 issue of the Nebraska Municipal Review, an official publication of the League of Nebraska Municipalities.

Harold F. Gordon, Public Administration, has been busy preparing a schedule of graduate courses in public administration to be offered on the Lincoln campus. A major portion of the degree requirements for the M.P.A. are going to be offered in Lincoln for state employees wishing to further their education in this area.

David C. Scott, Stanley P. Powers, and John E. Kerrigan, Public Administration, attended a meeting in Lincoln to discuss the training sessions to be offered through funding received from an ICMA/NASPAA grant to the Department of Public Administration at UNO. These sessions are to be held in October.

HELP!

The Dean's Office is looking for a work-study student to help with writing "happenings" and provide assistance to the deans and staff. If you know someone who qualifies, contact Jan Beezley, X2276. Thanks.

COMING UP -

Watch for a whole new look to "happenings" beginning with the next issue!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3		4	5	7	8	9
10	Last day for filing degree applications for Dec. graduation	3:00 p.m. CPACS Curric. 12	noon US film Alw 315 1:30 UNO Educ Policy Advisory Com 6	14	Board of Regents meeting 15	16
17	8:30 a.m. CPACS Personnel Committee	9:00 a.m. Deans Council 1:00 p.m. CPACS Dept. 19 Heads	1:30 p.m. UNO Educ Policy Advisory Com. noon US film Alw 315 DUE: PAF's 20 Nov. Regents mtg	Social Work Fall Institute	22	UNO Homecoming 23
24	Veterans Day 25	9:00 a.m. Deans Council 1:00 p.m. CPACS Dept 26	noon US film Alw 315 DUE: * 27	28	29	30

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*Mid-term report from faculty of grades below "C".