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CPACS Happenings (May 1977 Newsletter)

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The first Community Advisory Committee for the College of Public Affairs and Community Service was established in 1973. With its formation, the College attempted to assure that it would better achieve its stated commitment as a focus on the community served by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. An organized group of citizens available to the college would provide needed advice and counsel from a wider community perspective.

The committee has now been reorganized and met for dinner at the Milo Bail Student Center on Wednesday, April 20. Committee members met with Deans Kerrigan and Hinton and CPACS department heads for an orientation to the College and its programs—or in the case of former members, a reacquaintance.

Dean Kerrigan charged the committee with the responsibility of review and assessment of the role and contribution of the College; with providing advice, counsel and recommendations to the dean and department heads on the missions, programs and priorities of the College. To carry out the charge, the committee will be asked to review at least one programmatic/policy issue at each of its meetings.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be set for September and the committee will meet approximately four times during the 1977-78 academic year.

Members of the committee are: Gene L Babb, President, Local 1015 Retail Clerks Union; Dale Ball, President, Midlands Corporation; David Barber, Director, Public Relations, MUD; John C. Burke, District Judge, Douglas County Court; David Chambers, Executive Director, League of Nebraska Municipalities; George Dean, Executive Director, Urban League of Nebraska; Lupana V. Flores, Executive Director, Chicano Awareness Center; Martha Gibbs, Personnel Department, City Hall; Dr. Beverley Mead, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Creighton University School of Medicine; W. Don Nelson, Director, State Office of Planning and Programming; Joseph Ramirez, Coordinator, Omaha Home Town Plan; Charlotte Shropshire, Mothers for Adequate Welfare; Ray Slizewski, Omaha City Council; Robert M. Spire, Attorney, Ellick, Spire and Jones; William Spitzenberger, Director of Area and Community Services, Northern Natural Gas; Donald E. Weber, Director of Community Based Programs, Father Flanagan's Boys Home, Boystown.

For three days in mid-May, the University of Nebraska at Omaha student center will be transformed into a festival site for persons 55 and over.

Seventeen different educational mini-courses, four health tests and a variety of entertainment and displays are scheduled for the fifth annual Senior Citizen Celebration Days, May 17-19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Gerontology Program, with the participation of numerous agencies, organizations and individuals, all activities are offered free to senior citizens.
The festival, which began as a recognition of National Senior Citizens Month, gives senior citizens a chance to display their talents while providing them with pertinent information and entertainment. All day, during each day of the festival, senior citizens will display and sell handmade items in the Nebraska Room of the student center. In the same room, agencies and organizations will set up display tables to inform senior citizens of their services.

Health tests for free breathing, oral cancer, blood pressure and hearing will be offered at various times throughout the festival on the first floor.

Forty-five minute mini-courses including such topics as "Job Opportunities," "Small Appliances to the Rescue," "Housing Alternatives," "Common Consumer Concerns," "Death and Dying," "Citizen Input to Legislation," and "Everyday Law" will be held on the third floor. Health topics will also be addressed in mini-courses on arthritis, diabetes, mental health and nutrition.

Three Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) meetings will be held during the Celebration Days in room 312, with attendance open to the public. May 17 from 10 a.m. to noon, ENOA will conduct a Town Hall Meeting. At 1:30 p.m. the same day, the ENOA Nutrition Advisory Council will hold its monthly meeting. The ENOA Advisory Council monthly meeting will be May 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Entertainment will include a style show, movies, folk singing, exhibition ballroom dancing, choral singing and a dance. Some of the entertainment will be offered over the lunch period, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Maverick Room along with drawings for door prizes. Short films will be shown each morning from 10-11 in room 202 on the topics of: Nature, May 17; Famous People, May 18; and Travel, May 19.

Frank Tesar will model clothing of the 1890s as he describes clothing styles and customs of that period at 1 p.m. May 17 in the ballroom. Immediately afterwards, senior citizens will model in a style show of spring and summer fashions from Sears Roebuck at Crossroads.

The Lucas Hall dance will be part of the Celebration Days May 18 from 1-3 p.m. in the ballroom.

The choral groups performing during the three days will be: St. Benedict's Chorus, the Happy Seniors Chorus, Bellevue Noise, and the Greater Omaha Community Action (GCOA) South and South Central Chorus.

Musical and dance entertainers will be: the Jackson Swingers; Benson Promenaders; Couch and Brigernal; Evangeline Farrand and Charles Neill; and the Gretna Kitchen Band.

Detailed information is available from Kathy Ryan, Gerontology Program, 554-2272.

A workshop on Cultural Diversity will be held on May 4, 1977 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Rm. 312. Keynote Speaker is Jay Chunn, Dean, Graduate School of Social Work, Howard University, Washington D.C. The workshop is open to everyone and is sponsored by the School of Social Work.

An Inter-Campus Committee on Aging was created in early April by University President Ronald Roskens for faculty members currently active in aging-related projects. Dr. David Peterson, director of the Gerontology Program, has been named interim chairman of the committee and is beginning to define its structure and functions.
The committee will improve communication regarding the aging-related activities of the various departments on the two campuses by encouraging increased interaction and integration. It will work to develop an Institute on Aging to increase information exchange, provide for collegial cooperation and serve as a focus for ideas related to human aging.

Other UNO committee members are Dr. Shelton Hendricks and Dr. John Kerrigan. Members from the University Medical Center are Dr. Denham Harman, Dr. Frank Menolascino, Sister Patricia Jean Miller, and Dr. William R. Ruegamer.

The HUD "701" Program which is currently being sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, coordinated by the State Office of Planning and Programming, and generally administered by UNO will be under the auspices of MAPA (Metropolitan Area Planning Agency) with basic support services from the University beginning with the 1977-78 academic year.

The program is designed to give minorities and women practical experience in the fields of planning and administration. To be eligible students must (in addition to the two previous requirements) be of junior, senior or graduate standing, majoring in Public Administration or Urban Studies, who are interested in careers in those specified fields. Selected students will be provided tuition, books and a monthly stipend.

Interested students should contact Ethel Williams, Department of Public Administration, Annex 27, Extension 2421.

Commencement exercises for spring graduates of UNO will be held Sunday May 15th at 2 p.m. in the UNO Fieldhouse. Immediately following commencement there will be a reception for CPACS graduates and their guests. College faculty are encouraged to attend and are asked to contact Helen Noyes (2276) if they will attend. The reception will be held in Annex 24.

Public Administration Advisory Committee met on campus April 18. Attending were Mr. Frank Koehler, City Manager, Scottsbluff; Mr. Ray Lundy, City Manager, Kearney; Mr. Jack Kidder, City Administrator, York; Mr. Don Harmon, City Manager, Council Bluffs and Mr. Gerald Strohmer, Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. The PA academic program was evaluated and consideration given to the off-campus in-service work with the city manager training programs. The possibilities of more internship opportunities for graduate students were explored.

David Peterson, JoAnne Lofton and Gail Kara, Gerontology, conducted the first of three sessions of the "Workshops for Mobilizing Community Leaders" in six Nebraska locations in early April. Funded by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development through Title I of the Higher Education Act, the workshops are being offered to teach senior citizens to become more effective in advising community agencies and to help the agencies better utilize the senior citizens in their planning.

Several members of the Gerontology Program staff participated in the National Pre-Retirement Convention, sponsored by the Society for Pre-Retirement Program Planners at the Omaha Hilton April 19-21. David Peterson spoke on "Funding Sources in Pre-Retirement Education."
Shirley Waskel gave workshops on the pre-retirement package, "Planning and the Third Age, Especially for Women" and "Why Pre-Retirement Planning?"

Sister Francis Mark Condon, S.C., Gerontology graduate assistant, conducted workshops on the package, "Planning and the Third Age."

Sister Ann Christopher Herald, O.P., led workshops on "Planning and the Third Age, Especially for Women Religious."

Leo Missinne, Gerontology, has presented a paper and delivered several lectures in the past month. He and gerontology student, Connie Brennan, presented a paper on "Personal and Institutionalized Religiosity of the Elderly in a Midwestern Community" at the National Intra-Decade Conference on Spiritual Well-Being in Atlanta.

April 13 he lectured on "Practical and Psychological Aspects on Aging" at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa. "Aging and Personality Patterns" was his topic at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs on April 20. He spoke on "Problems of Aging" and "How to Understand Older People" April 22 for the Area Health Education Consortium at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lincoln. He served as director of the workshop on aging for the consortium.

Jim Kane, Criminal Justice, was the main speaker at the Spring Convocation of Students and Faculty of Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove, Illinois on April 26, 1977. The title of the address was "The Death Penalty--Beyond the Rhetoric."

Recently, Bill Wakefield and Jim Kane, Criminal Justice, accompanied 27 corrections majors on a tour of seven correctional facilities in Iowa. During the visits the students were exposed to several varieties of correctional treatment approaches as well as interaction with staff and residents. In conjunction with the tour, Bill and Jim with students Rita Briggs and Tom Iten were the guests on the KVNO Forum program of April 18.

In addition, Bill Wakefield has been contracted by WCB Brown Publishers to review a new book: Delinquent Youth: A Critical Overview of Causes, Procedures, and Problem Areas.

Vince Webb and Bill Wakefield attended the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society in Minneapolis April 14-16.

Sam Walker, Criminal Justice, has been designated a Graduate Faculty Fellow of the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Paul Lee, of CAUR, was instrumental in the development and coordinating of a recently held workshop on Nebraska Land Use Planning, April 19-20. Other members of the panel included Murray Frost, Ed Hauswald of CAUR and Assistant Dean David Hinton. Dean John Kerrigan gave the opening remarks.

Dr. Murray Frost, CAUR, had his brief biographical note, "Herman Heijermens-Dramatist," published in the January/February 1977 issue of Judaica Post.

Milt Hofstad, Social Work, has developed and is teaching a course for Southeast Community College entitled, "Counseling the Older Adult." Twelve persons enrolled for the course, all of whom are working in some capacity with older adults.
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Hobart Burch, Director of the School of Social Work has been cited for his participation on the National Conference of Social Welfare Task Force.

Lucille F. Zelinsky will serve on an undergraduate accreditation team on May 11, 12 and 13th at Bethel College in St. Paul.

Ezra Kohn has written an article, "Linkage Between Funding and Planning in Social Work Continuing Education," which appears in the Spring 1977 issue of The New Campus.

Dave Scott and Stan Powers conducted a Management Training Seminar for the Yellowstone Parks Co. in Gardiner Montana during the Spring break.

Harold Gordon has received a Title I Grant for $10,250 to work with State Auditors office in developing an Accounting Manual for county officials.

The Center for Applied Urban Research announces the addition of Dr. Edward L. Hauswald to the staff. Dr. Hauswald has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Indiana. His specialties are in location analysis, economic, and market research, having had administrative responsibility for major research projects while serving as associate and acting director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Hauswald will be the Center's Senior Research Fellow and serves also as the Acting Coordinator of the Division of Housing Research and Services of the Center.

Edna Miller joined the Gerontology staff as Clerk Typist II as of February 21.

Patsy Ballard began in her new position as Gerontology Administrative Assistant in early March. Patsy was formerly a graduate assistant in the Department of English working with the Freshman Composition Program.

Carol Jenkins, Gerontology, has been promoted from Clerk Typist II to Secretary I.

Carol Schreck, of Social Work, has been promoted from Clerk Steno to Secretary I.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31 FACULTY MEETING FOLLOW.
MEETING OF THE CPACS FACULTY

3/31/77 3:00 p.m.


Dean Kerrigan opened the meeting by asking for questions or concerns from the faculty. The following topics were discussed:

Approximately 70 applications were received by the search committee on Training and Public Affairs. The committee has screened that list to 17 names and this week will meet to narrow the list to four or five. Two or three individuals will be invited to campus for interviews before a final selection is made. One of the important functions of the division director will be in College-wide grants development.

Responding to a question about how this role would differ from the university grants development, Dean Kerrigan said that he saw this as a much more provincial role, and more emphasis will be placed on actually seeking out funding sources.

On the issue of faculty leaves (sabbaticals) it was reported that the Regents have adopted a system to be called "faculty development fellowships" but have provided no additional money for implementation. Each college will have responsibility for nominations and selections of faculty in a ratio of about 1 to 15. There are to be two types of professional development -- one-half year at full pay or one year at half pay. For obvious financial reasons, the latter type will be stressed. To be eligible faculty must have been at UNO six years. As of the present time only those with faculty rank are eligible, although the dean has raised questions about this policy. CPACS will have greater flexibility than some colleges because of its ability to attract grants. It is intended that the program be implemented in the fall of 1977.

It was asked whether or not the University of Nebraska Foundation was attempting to raise money for faculty development. The Foundation is engaged in a three-year program to raise $25 million. From the ideas suggested earlier, one of those chosen for emphasis was availability of money to fund faculty members for work on special projects. The decision was made also to emphasize several UNO programs: an individualized learning center in the library; a center to study the problems of suburban life; and creation of an institute on aging.

On the issue of faculty salaries Dean Kerrigan commented that several things would influence decisions:

1. The Faculty Senate has requested an increase in salary floors for faculty. Dean Kerrigan has indicated his opposition to this, and if it is adopted, it will mean small increased for CPACS faculty generally.
2. There is support for a uniform cost of living adjustment.

3. The Board of Regents is on record as preferring allocation of increases based on merit.

4. If faculty development fellowships are funded at the University level, this would reduce funds for salary improvement.

Dean Kerrigan made the following announcements.

The College Advisory Committee has been reactivated and will have its first meeting April 20, 1977. A list of the membership was given to faculty members present. The new CPACS information slide show will be shown on Friday at Annex 24, and faculty and staff will be invited to comment. Units are invited to use the show and to expand appropriate segments to use as presentations for individual units. Sue Francke has prepared the presentation.

The dean cited accomplishments of the various CPACS units over the past year.

SOCIAL WORK, The Social Work curriculum at both graduate and undergraduate levels has been entirely revised.

Dr. Garrett is chairing a self study committee in preparation for the critical Social Work evaluation to take place in the fall.

Grants activities have included funding of Alcohol Studies.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, The department has been able to provide extensive faculty development through LEAA funding.

The department has been actively engaged in building linkages with the units they work with.

The unit moved from the other side of the campus into Annex 20, nearer other CPACS units.

Dr. Misner has been brought in to assist in the area of outreach.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, The department now operates on the Lincoln Campus, the prime market there being people who work for the State.

Grant support has enabled the department to engage in extensive outreach activities such as interface with city managers, a city clerks training program, the 701 internship program and the cooperative education program.

The department has been notified of receipt of Title I funds.

URBAN STUDIES, A curriculum examination and revision is in progress.

An alumni newsletter has been established to keep alumni up to date on the department and each other.
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Much research has been accomplished during the year.

CENTER FOR APPLIED URBAN RESEARCH, The new housing division is becoming a strong element in the Center, The College, the University and the System.

A land use study of Gretna and a study for the Department of Transportation have been completed.

A juvenile justice study is ongoing and a Title V grant has just been received.

A committee has been established to look at fuller integration of CAUR in the College, under the direction of Dr. David Scott.

GOODRICH, The program received its first official internal report card. The university committee which studied the program gave it a very positive report, including the suggestion that its teaching techniques be established throughout the university.

An external study is now going on. Directed by Dr. Bruce Francis, and is to be completed in July.

GERONTOLOGY, Linkages have been established with UN-L and UNMC.

There has been much grants activity including a Gerontology/CAUR grant on housing and the elderly and an Andrus Foundation grant to study techniques for teaching the elderly.

There has been extensive activity in the area of pre-retirement.

In addition to the listing of Advisory Committee members the faculty was given the list of ideas which had been discussed with the executive committee the previous day, and an outline of the priorities established by that group. The dean asked that faculty look at the ideas and that departments consider both the ideas and their implementation. They will provide foci for the next 15 months.

A motion was made to accept the College candidates for May graduation. It was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned.