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UNO Commencement will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday May 13th in the Fieldhouse.
Due to construction activities, faculty will robe in the Engineering Building, Room 101 at 10:00 A.M. and will then be escorted to the Fieldhouse. Please notify your department secretary if you plan to attend commencement. Each faculty member is expected to be present for at least one commencement ceremony each year.

The CPACS Dean will again host a reception honoring graduates of the College. It will be held in Annex 24 immediately following graduation. Faculty are invited and encouraged to attend. Please notify your department secretary by May 8th if you will be able to attend.

The Gerontology Program cordially invites you to its sixth annual Senior Citizen Celebration Days, May 16-18. The Celebration Days, sponsored by the Gerontology Program and coordinated by Kathy Sullivan, are a festival of educational and social activities for persons 55 and older. Activities will take place on the UNO campus, primarily in the Student Center, and in Elmwood Park. The festival will include five types of health testing, an arts, crafts and hobby show, and agency displays all day, every day. Each morning, 45-minute mini-courses will be offered on a variety of topics, including "Safety in Your Home," "Defensive Driving," "Window Box Gardening," and "Prescription Drugs."
An addition to the Celebration Days this year is the Senior Olympics, sponsored by the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. The olympics will consist of an opening ceremony, golf, shuffleboard and horseshoe tournaments, a walkathon, and an awards ceremony. Entertainment by senior citizens, meetings, film festivals, a speaker, a style show and a dance fill out the three-day schedule. Volunteers are still needed to welcome people, to serve as elevator operators, to register people for health tests and to announce events.
For more information about the festival, call Mrs. Sullivan, 2272. To volunteer your time, call Lois Brown, 2272.

The Department of Public Administration in cooperation with CPACS and the Division of Community Services presented a seminar at the Omaha Hilton, April 23 entitled "Growth Management for Cities, Towns and Regional Areas." Panel members included local city planning officials and speakers from UNO's Department of Geography. Dinner speaker was Wayne Anderson,
Executive Director of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D.C.

The University of Nebraska Center on Aging recently awarded $2,558 to faculty for education and public service projects related to aging.

UNO recipients were: Peter Suzuki, Urban Studies, for travel to a conference; Ron Mendell, HPER, for travel to a professional meeting; James Thorson, Gerontology (in conjunction with Naomi Brill, UNL), for curriculum development; and Dr. Lee Kallstrom, Special Education, and Richard Blake, Guidance and Counseling, for program planning and development.

The Center on Aging, supported by a two-year grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging, is being developed to coordinate and facilitate aging-related activities on the three University of Nebraska campuses.

Faculty funding from the Center on Aging now totals over $20,000, with additional monies still available for travel to professional meetings and workshops, and technical assistance/consultation. For more information regarding applications for mini-grants, contact Tina Coverman, 2272.

The U.S. Office of Education has notified the Department of Public Administration of a grant award of $14,500 for program improvement in Public Administration. The funds, available in FY 1979, will be used for additional faculty to undertake applied research and service to state and local government, and to expand off-campus undergraduate and graduate programs.

The final report of the Gerontology Program's National Gerontology Education Data System research project is completed and available to interested faculty and staff.

Entitled "Gerontology Education in the United States," the report discusses the structure and characteristics of gerontology education units at 169 post-secondary institutions that responded to a mail survey and 17 institutions chosen for on-site visits.

Dr. Christopher Bolton served as coordinator for the one-year Administration on Aging funded project and wrote the report. Dr. Donna Eden served as project coordinator.

Persons who wish to receive a copy of the report may contact Dr. Bolton, 2272.

A recent survey, prepared for the CPACS Curriculum Committee by Donna Eden, Gerontology, and Paul Lee, CAUR, investigated student and faculty opinions toward the establishment of a CPACS honors program. The responses indicated moderate interest in such a program, but also disclosed faculty concerns regarding the source of funds to support it.

Persons interested in seeing the full report should contact a Curriculum Committee member, Dr. Eden or Dr. Lee.
Introducing...

In this issue we continue introducing CPACS people--this time the "E's," "F's" and the first "G". The series will be suspended for the summer and in September, we'll begin again until you know them all!

Donna Eden, Program Associate and Assistant Professor in the Gerontology Program, has been at UNO for three years. Prior to joining the Gerontology staff, she worked with the College of Business Administration. Before coming to Nebraska, Donna was Director of Student Affairs for the College of Nursing at the University of Virginia, and was simultaneously working on the doctorate. Viewing education as a major tool for "improving options and the quality of life for seniors," Donna has developed several community classes dealing with such topics as consumer rights and legal issues. In her job, she teaches both senior citizens, and those who work with older people. Donna does a lot of schedule juggling, making time for 9-month old daughter Allison, husband Greg, and his legislative campaign, and her work with the Landmarks Association. She enjoys music in general, and is an opera fan in particular.

Angela Edwards, Assistant Professor, joined the Goodrich Program faculty in the fall of 1975. She holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Her work with Goodrich involves teaching in social sciences and personal and academic counseling. In addition she spends some time teaching for the UNO Psychology Department and counseling students through UNO Student Services. Angela also is conducting a research project on the self-concepts of minority children. She is a consultant to the Garnett-Green Center which works with children with minimal brain dysfunction; and is a member of the local Policy Council of Headstart.

An avid reader of "anything", Angela also enjoys ethnic cooking, being a sports spectator, and travelling--especially in Africa and Europe, when finances permit! She also admits to occasionally succumbing to the urge to do creative writing.

Linda Ferring became Assistant Editor of the Center for Applied Urban Research about 2½ years ago. Before coming to UNO she worked for the Economic Development Council of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. A former composition teacher at Westside High School, Linda says her work at CAUR is good experience in a different type of writing. She is responsible for putting the drafts of the Review of Applied Urban Research and all CAUR reports and publications in final form.

Linda loves the outdoors, and, living on an acreage south of Blair, she has ample opportunity to engage in hiking, birdwatching and gardening. A tennis player (avid but average, she says!) she bowls in the university faculty/staff league for the Center "CAURPS", who jealously are guarding their "last place" ranking.
AUDREY FORREST

Audrey Forrest, Visiting Associate Professor, holds a joint appointment with the Goodrich Program and the School of Social Work. She teaches social sciences for Goodrich, and a Social Work course in racism. Dr. Forrest came to UNO in the fall from Drake University, and says she finds her year here has provided an opportunity for growth and professional re-direction. Theory-oriented, she likes to deal with ideas and their history and uses theory as a tool to encourage students to develop their own thoughts. Finding that, for her, the role of "professor" is constant, she enjoys reading about reading about the history of ideas, and is currently re-reading Pilgrim's progress. A result of her reading and thinking is the conclusion that "nothing is really new!"

LARRY FRENCH

Larry French, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice office on the Lincoln campus, describes his first year with CPACS as "interesting." Prior to Nebraska he spent five years at Western Carolina University, worked in Appalachia, and then worked with the Cherokee Indians. He engages in extensive research and publishing, including numerous articles on violence. A sociologist by background, Larry says he uses historical information to deal with contemporary problems, so that much of his research is service-oriented. He finds that his research provides interesting and ample material for the classroom as well. He teaches courses in criminology, delinquency and deviant behavior.

Larry often finds professional and personal interests intertwined. Currently he is involved in producing a photo essay of the Cherokee nation. He enjoys walking and hiking, and "exploring" America—especially small towns. He has a black belt in karate and has taught self-defense for women. In addition, he is now enrolled for two classes, one in Educational Psychology and the other a history and philosophy of education.

MURRAY FROST

Murray Frost is currently Acting Director of the Center for Applied Urban Research, where he has been a senior research associate since 1974. His background is in social science research, and before coming to UNO he was consultant to a research firm in Santa Barbara California. Murray has been a full-time faculty member, and got back into the classroom this fall team teaching an Urban Studies course with David Hinton. Although he claims to have "given up on long-term career planning" since career changes in the past have been more or less unexpected, he says he enjoys research.

A native of Brooklyn who spent 12 years in California, he finds adjustment to Nebraska a little hard. Murray describes himself as a "philatelist" and "vexilologist." It's O.K. folks -- he just collects stamps and studies flags! The stamp collections relate to Judaism and and flags.
Jim Garrett began working with the School of Social Work in 1972, and is now associate professor and chairperson of the social policy course sequence. Jim has combined teaching and administrative responsibilities this year, serving the School as Associate Director in 1977-78. He was formerly employed by St. Louis University, where he taught and wrote grants for the School of Social Work there. He also worked with the law school there to develop courses in juvenile court procedure. Jim enjoys interdisciplinary teaching and teaches a course in Social Work and the Law with CJ's Janet Porter. He has been a consultant to several community agencies, including the Omaha Home for Girls, Boy's Town and Seventh Step. Jim is fond of reading and swimming (not simultaneously, we assume!), and now that spring has sprung he will no doubt be engaged in his favorite past-time, gardening.

Calendar

REMINDERS:

May 2  1:30 CPACS Department Heads
May 5  8:30 Curriculum Committee
      11:30 CPACS Picnic
      Last day of classes.
May 6-12 Final Examinations
May 13  9:30 UN-L Commencement
        10:30 UNO Commencement
        12:00 CPACS Graduation Reception
May 16-18 Senior Citizen Celebration Days
May 16  4:00 - 6:30 Advisement for new summer students
        10:00 final grades to Dean's Office
        1:30 CPACS Department Heads
May 22 Evening Summer Session begins
May 23 CPACS Department Heads
May 29 Memorial Day - University Closed

It'll be another busy year for the "Red Baron." During the coming academic year, Dean Kerrigan will be heavily involved in two national organizations.

He is a member of the national council of the American Society of Public Administration and is also serving on the society's finance committee, program planning committee, publications advisory group, and executive committee.

In 1978-79 he will also serve on the executive council for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. His NASPAA committee assignments include the standards and public service internship committees as well as chairing the site selection committee for the 1980 and 1981 national conferences.

In addition, the dean will serve as coordinator for the Non-Profit Administration section of the national conference of the American Institute for Decision Sciences which will be held in St. Louis in October.

We can only hope the meetings aren't as long as the organizational names!!!
SAM WALKER
Criminal Justice

Dr. Walker delivered a paper on "Research Needs in the Comparative History of the Police" at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in New York, April 14th. He has been asked to review two books on police history for American Studies and two books on crime and the police for the Journal of Interdisciplinary History.

LUCILLE ZELINSKY
Social Work

On May 12,13,14 Ms. Zelinsky will be a member of the CSWE Accreditation Site Team reviewing undergraduate Social Work education at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. On June 5-8, she will also participate in the CSWE Social Work Curriculum Development Project in Minneapolis, Minn.

MURRAY FROST
Center for Applied Urban Research

Dr. Frost presented a paper on "The Bias of Decentralization: Nebraska's Sanitary and Improvement District at the 42nd Annual Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, April 13-14 in Omaha.

DAVID SCOTT
Public Administration

Dr. Scott, spent Saturday April 8 with the City Administrator and the Council of North Platte, Nebraska consulting with them on the development of a program budgeting system.

LEO MISSINE
Gerontology

Dr. Leo Missine, led a seminar on "The Elderly and Their Well-being" for the Lincoln Medical Education Foundation at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lincoln, April 21st.

JANE WOODY
Social Work

Dr. Woody has been certified as a Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors.

PETE KUCHEL
Criminal Justice

Mr. Kuchel attended and made a presentation to a combined conference on Criminal Justice Education and the Law Enforcement Education Program in Kansas City, April 12th.

BILL BELL
Gerontology

Dr. Bell will have an article on "Life Satisfaction and Occupational Retirement: Beyond the Impact Year" published in the International Journal of Aging and Human Development. Another article by Dr. Bell on "Service Utilization and Admusement Patterns of Elderly Tornado Victims" will appear in The Journal of Mass Emergencies this summer. A third article on "Disaster Impact and Response: Overcoming the Thousand Natural Shocks" has been accepted for publication this fall in the Journal of Gerontology. April 20, Dr. Bell spoke on "The Problems of the Aged in a Family Setting" at the annual Spring Social Work Institute at the Omaha Hilton.

SCOTT SAMSON
Center for Applied Urban Research

Mr. Samson participated in a presentation with Donald Rundquist and Jeffrey Linden, of the UNO Geography Department on "LANDSAT as Applied to Wetland Identification and Classification: The Case of Nebraska's Valentine National Wildlife Refuge," at the 74th Annual Association of American Geographers Meeting, April 9-12 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

HOBART BURCH
Social Work

Dr. Burch was selected by the Nebraska chapter of the National Association of Social Workers to receive their "Exemplar Award" for personal action to help people. The award was given at the Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet, April 19.
DAVID PETERSON
Gerontology

Dr. Peterson participated in the Regional Conference on Licensure, Education and the Practice of Administration in Long-term Care Facilities, April 12-13 in Kansas City. April he spoke on "The Well-being of the Elderly: A General Approach" at the seminar on "The Elderly and Their Well-being" at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lincoln.

ANN COYNE
Social Work

Ms. Coyne, went to The Child Welfare League of America in New York April 7 to consult with staff of the Social Science Education Consortium who are preparing Kindergarten-12th grade curriculum material around the theme "Adoption Builds Families."

LARRY FRENCH
Criminal Justice

Dr. French's article, "A Cultural Perspective toward Juvenile Delinquency" is in the latest issue of the International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology.

The UNL Sociology faculty voted to extend Dr. French a "courtesy appointment" in the department.

As part of his training as a CPACS Computer Associate, Dr. French attended a special SPSS workshop in Chicago April 26-28. He chaired the American Indian session of the Midwest Sociological Society meetings held in Omaha April 15th. April 15th-22 he attended the 6th Annual Conference on ethnic and Minority Studies at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse where he presented his paper, "Women, Crime and the Male Dominated Criminal Justice System."

JAN GALLIARDT
Criminal Justice

Jan Galliardt, CJ, has resigned as secretary in the Lincoln office. We'll miss you, Jan!

HOBART BURCH
Social Work

Dr. Burch participated in an inservice training workshop for county extension agents in Lincoln March 28-19, and repeated in Grand Island March 30-31. He talked to the group on "Understanding Social Conflict" and "Strategies and Methods for Coping with Social Conflict."

On April 13th he also led a training session in "Cause Advocacy" for legal service aides in the "Volunteers Intervening for Equity" project. This is a demonstration project in which older, able persons, utilize their education experiences and knowledge to assist others in obtaining needed services or rights.

DON DENDINGER
Social Work

"The National Conference of Catholic Charities---Ten Years of Renewal" by Dr. Dendinger will be published in the June Issue of Charities USA.

His article "Factors Associated with Organizational Change: A Study of the National Conference of Catholic Charities" will be published in the spring issue of Social Thought.