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Though the School of Social Work has been through many changes over the years its mission remains constant. As the only professional school of social work in the state, the School is committed to the preparation of practitioners to serve both urban and rural areas by providing a high quality graduate and undergraduate education. The School was originally established at Lincoln in 1937 by authority of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. It became accredited in 1940 and became an academic unit of CPACS in 1972.

The professional social workers is concerned with man's ability to function meaningfully and effectively in his relationships with others--family, friends and the community at large. Professional social work education is composed of three elements. First, a background in social and behavioral sciences is essential. Second, social work practice classes are designed to teach methods of intervention to help clients solve problems. Third, the required practicum (an internship experience) gives the student a chance to use these acquired skills in an agency setting.

A Bachelor of Science in Social Work requires a total of 63 hours of core requirements, 36 hours of social work courses and 26 hours of electives.

The graduate program, offering a Master of Social Work degree, provides the opportunity for gaining advanced skills and knowledge plus the opportunity for specialization in any of several areas including mental health, court and correctional agencies, community planning, child welfare and gerontology. A total of 42 hours in addition to either an undergraduate social work degree or graduate "foundation" courses, is required and includes coursework in research and skills and a practicum placement.

Coursework in alcohol studies is also available through the School of Social Work at both the undergraduate and graduate levels for students and professionals desiring a focus in this area.

The 1976-77 year was one of exceptional change and activity in the School of Social Work in preparation for this fall's visit by the Council on Social Work Education. A comprehensive self study has been prepared involving extensive contributions from faculty, students, community social workers and university administrators. Many changes were implemented, during the year, including development of a selection process for admission to the undergraduate social work major,

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replacing a nonselective open enrollment. The admission procedures for graduate students were brought into conformity with UNO Graduate College procedure. The undergraduate social work major at UN-L has been phased out. Introductory courses are still offered at UN-L, permitting lower division UN-L students to meet prerequisites for transferring in their junior year to the social work major. The School reaffirmed and expanded cooperative relationships with other CPACS units and with the UN-L Division of Continuing Studies.

Students were also quite active in 1976-77. The Student Affairs Committee took responsibility for developing an extensive orientation program for new students and a 50-page student handbook for use by the students and faculty. The Student Social Work Organization has also been most active and influential in the community and within the School.

Leading the activities of the School of Social Work is Dr. Hobart Burch, who became director of the School in August 1976. He holds a Ph.D. in Social Work from Brandeis University with major emphasis on social welfare policy and planning. He came to UNO from a position as Executive Director of the National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations.

Other members of the faculty include:

Mary Adams, Associate Professor, MSW, University of Nebraska.

Sunny Andrews, Associate Professor, Ph.D. in Public Health, John Hopkins University.

Naomi Brill, Professor, MSW, Columbia University, (currently on leave of absence).

Sheila Collins, Instructor, MSW, Wayne State U, Detroit, (currently a doctoral student at UN-L).

Ann Coyne, Assistant Professor, MSW, University of Nebraska (currently pursuing doctoral studies, UN-L)

Donald Dendinger, Assistant Professor and Practicum Coordinator, Ph.D. in Social Work, University of Denver.

Audrey Forrest, Visiting Associate Professor, Ph.D. in Sociology, UN-L.

James Garrett, Associate Professor and Associate Director of the School, Ph.D. in Political Science, St. Louis University.

Beverly Hartung, Assistant Professor, MSW, (currently pursuing doctoral studies at UN-L).

Mirtlean Jenkins, Assistant Professor, MSW, St. Louis University, (currently on leave pursuing doctoral studies).

Charles Jones, Assistant Professor, Ph.D. in Educational Administration, UN-L.

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WELCOME ...

...Jack Ruff, new coordinator of CAUR's Division of Housing Research and Services. Jack was previously deputy director of the Community Affairs Division of the State Department of Economic Development in Lincoln.

..Bob Buchanan, Instructor in Public Administration Bob comes to UNO from the University of Virginia.

...Cathy Young, Secretary in the Goodrich Program. In Cathy's case, it's welcome back from the College of Continuing Studies where she worked for the past year.

UPDATES

Please make the following changes/additions in your copy of the CPACS calendar:

September 27 - course schedules for Spring 1978 due to dean

September 27 - 4:00-5:30 CPACS Advisory Committee, Annex 24

February 16 - should read 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th...



Alice King, Assistant Professor, MSW, University of Nebraska, (currently working on a doctorate at UN-L.)
Ezra Kohn, Associate Professor, Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, UN-L.

Mike McGrath, Associate Professor, Ed.D., University of Kentucky.

Salima Omer, Associate Professor, Ph.D. in Social Work, Brandeis University.

Ronald Ozaki, Professor, DSW, Washington University.

Beverly Tomhave, Associate Professor, MSW, Washington University.

Jane Woody, Assistant Professor, Ph.D. in English, Michigan State.

Lucille Zelinsky, Associate Professor, MSW, Wayne State University, Detroit.

CPACS MEETING

A meeting of the CPACS faculty and staff was held on August 23 at 3:00 P.M. in the Student Center. This was the "opening meeting" of the 1977 fall term and Dean Kerrigan took the opportunity to give faculty and staff present a summary of College activities during the past year, and to indicate priorities for 1977-78.

New faculty and staff members were introduced by representatives of each CPACS unit, and a CPACS desk calendar for 1977-78 was distributed. (Additional copies of the calendar are available from the Dean's Office.)

ORIENTATION

Both the School of Social Work and the Goorich Program held special orientation programs for their students this fall.

The Goodrich orientation for new students in the program, was held August 22 in the UNO library. Activities included a welcome by the CPACS dean, introduction of faculty and staff and a "get-acquainted session" for the students in the morning. After a lunch activity, the afternoon presentation informed students of the services offered by the Goodrich Program.

The Social Work orientation on August 23 was for all undergraduate and graduate students in the School and was held in the UNO Performing Arts Building. The morning session included welcomes by Dean Kerrigan and Graduate Dean Robert Woody, and information about curriculum, registration and advisement.

In the afternoon presentations were made by Bob Wilmot, Chairperson of the Social Work Student Affairs Committee, Carol Johnson, President of the Student Social Work Organization, Sharon Elrod, State President of the National Association of Social Workers, and Alfred Thomas, President of the Omaha Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers.

ACTIVITIES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Sam Walker is coordinating a three-part series on criminal sentencing reform for the "Point of View" television show. "Point of View" is broadcast on Sunday mornings on Channel Six. The programs are scheduled for September 25, October 2, and October 9.

Fred Holbert has been appointed by the Nebraska State Legislature as a consultant to the Correctional Improvement Program.

Fred, along with Jim Cada, will present a paper at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in New Orleans, March 8-10, 1978. The paper is entitled "Legal Services and Materials in U.S. Correctional Institutions: The Current Perspective of Line Personnel, Administrators and Offenders."

URBAN STUDIES

Dave Hinton has been appointed by Mayor Veys to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Agency (CETA) Planning Council.

GERONTOLOGY

David Peterson will speak on "Psychosocial Aspects on Aging" on September 9 at a workshop on aging at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

Several Gerontology staff members have had papers accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society in San Francisco in late November. Chris Bolton will present a paper entitled "Gerontology in Higher Education: The State of the Field." Gail Kara, Bill Bell and Connie Joy co-authored another paper in conjunction with John Nye (Sociology). Ms. Kara will present the paper which is entitled, "Service Utilization and Patterns of Elderly Tornado Victims."

Shirley Waskel, Gerontology, has scheduled four Mid-Life Planning Workshops this fall for women between the ages of 39 and 55. Each workshop will consist of six weekly, two-hour sessions.

The UNO Women's Resource Center will conduct two of the workshops on Mondays beginning October 10 and on Tuesdays beginning October 11, both from 7-9 P.M.

The other two workshops will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Tuesdays beginning October 11 and, again, November 22, both from 7:30-9:30 P.M.

Kathy Ryan, Gerontology, was married to Dan Sullivan on Saturday, August 27 at St. John's Church on the Creighton University campus. After a honeymoon trip to New York City, Kathy will return to the Gerontology Program and Dan will return to the Omaha World-Herald, where he is a copy editor.

Our very best wishes Cathy and Dan!