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Near South Side to be Explored on Tour

What two famous stage and screen stars have a connection with South 10th Street? What well-known Omaha artist has a studio in a building which has been a restaurant, bar, church, bookie joint, and recording studio?

A bus trip to the near south side, an area bounded by Jackson and Bancroft Streets, the Missouri River and 13th Street, the next in the series of Omaha Awareness Tours, will answer these and other questions of historic and social interest.

The tour is sponsored by the Center for Applied Urban Research and the Department of Urban Studies as part of their community service activities. Co-sponsor is the College of Continuing Studies.

To be held October 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, the tour will begin at the Eppley Conference Center on the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus with an orientation program by Charles Gildersleeve of the geography department.

Participants will receive a booklet with pictures, descriptive text, and a map included in the tour price of $5.00.

Tour guides will be Leo Kraft, Omaha city councilman, and Nancy D'Agosta Calinger, an Urban Studies graduate student who lives in the area and has done much of the background research.

Five buildings in the tour area are listed in *Omaha City Architecture*, a publication of Landmarks, Inc. Four of them are on South 10th Street—St. Frances Cabrini Church, the Cornish Apartments, Dietz Methodist Church, and Bartell Hall.

The fifth, the E. E. Bruce residence on South 8th, has been torn down since *Omaha City Architecture* was published.

A mid-morning coffee break will take place at Tom Bartek's studio. Rolls will be furnished by Orsi's Bakery, a block down the street.

The tour will go by the house where Fred Astaire was born on South 10th Street and the apartment building, also on South 10th Street, where Henry Fonda slid down the banister when he visited his grandfather there.

“The tour area has a rich and interesting ethnic and social history,” says Ethel Hill Williams, community development associate with the Center for Applied Urban Research and project director for the Omaha Awareness Tours. “We hope by means of these tours to acquaint residents from all parts of the city with neighborhoods other than their own,” she continued.

Persons who wish to register for the tours may call 554-2755 or 554-2391 or write to the College of Continuing Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 60th and Dodge, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. Gift certificates are available.

You're invited to cross over the 10th Street bridge and meet the near south side on October 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The vitality and variety of one of Omaha's oldest and most interesting neighborhoods will be experienced as Nancy Calinger and Leo Kraft introduce tour participants to the past, the present, and the future of a place where Omaha was born.

John Kretzschmar of the College of Continuing Studies is assistant project director. Marian Meier of the CAUR staff has done the photography and edited the booklet. Liz Hruska, a graduate student, assisted in the research.
Advisory Committee Members Return

Almost all members of the CPACS Advisory Committee will be continuing in that capacity for the 1979-80 school year. Chairman of this group will again be Robert M. Spire, an attorney with the firm of Ellick, Spire, and Jones.

Others include Gene Babb, president of the Retail and Professional Employees Union; Dale Ball, president of Midlands Corporation; David Barber, director of public relations for MUD; Larry Barrientos, compliance investigator with the Omaha Human Relations Department; and David Chambers, executive director of the League of Nebraska Municipalities.

More members of the committee are Martha Gibbs, personnel technician with the Omaha Personnel Department; Dr. Beverley Mead, professor of psychiatry at the Creighton University School of Medicine; Joseph Ramirez, coordinator of the Omaha Home Town Plan; and Charlotte Shropshire, volunteer director of Mothers for Adequate Welfare.

Also on the advisory panel are William Spitzenberger, director of area and community service for Northern Natural Gas; and Donald E. Weber, director of community-based programs for Father Flanagan’s Boys Home.

Dr. Del Weber, UNO chancellor, and Larry King of the Franklin Community Credit Union are ex officio members.

CPACS REPRESENTATIVES TO FACULTY SENATE LISTED

Four CPACS faculty members represent the college on the UNO Faculty Senate. Their names, departments, and telephone numbers are listed here so that anyone who wishes may contact them.

Dr. Michael McGrath - Social Work - 2892
Dr. Ron Ozaki - Social Work - 2791
Dr. Janet Porter - Criminal Justice - 2610
Dr. Phil Secret - Goodrich Program - 2274

HAPPENINGS EDITORSHIP CHANGES HANDS

Jan Beazley, former administrative assistant in the dean’s office, has moved to Denver, so Marian Meier, editor of the Review of Applied Urban Research, has taken over the job of Happenings editor.

All news items for the monthly CPACS newsletter should be sent to her in Annex 15, or persons having news items may call her at 2764.

The deadline is the second Wednesday of each month.

GRADUATE STUDENT RECEIVES INTERNSHIP

Liz Hruska, a graduate student in public administration, has been awarded a resource development internship by the Economic Development Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Sunny Andrews Three papers co-authored by Dr. Andrews have Social Work been accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the American Public Health Association to be held in New York November 5-8. The first of the papers, written with Emily Ravits, a student, studied problems of the delivery of health services in rural areas. Elaine Pierce, working under Dr. Andrews’ guidance, investigated the attitudes of teachers toward the inclusion in regular classrooms of educable mentally handicapped children at the Meyer Children’s Rehabilitation Institute, and their findings will be presented in the second paper. Two social workers, Morgan Hecht and Jeannett Seaberry, collaborated on the third paper and investigated the factors involved in the return of multi-handicapped adolescents to their home communities for educational services.

Welcome and Welcome Back

I extend a warm welcome to the returning faculty and staff for academic year 1979-80. To the new faculty and staff and families, all of us in CPACS are delighted you decided to join us and wish you the best for the coming year. While new faculty and staff become familiar with the campus, students, courses, and various programs and activities available, I am sure the CPACS “veterans” will extend assistance whenever possible.

As you are all aware, we will be operating this year with a somewhat more restrictive budget. I suppose it’s the dean’s role to urge that we view this as an opportunity rather than a problem. Regardless of one’s view, it will be a challenge and it is certain that we will have to take time to review our instructional, research, and service efforts to insure that we are best utilizing our resources.

A good start in that direction was made last year in the development of a preliminary CPACS five-year plan. It provides an excellent framework for further efforts to refine goals, objectives and, more importantly, implementation steps. As your time allows, I encourage each of you to read and comment on the preliminary plan and to participate further as we re-examine activities and programs in the College.

John E. Harrigan
An exhibit of photographs and prints on historical changes in American attitudes toward aging is being brought to Omaha by the Gerontology Program. "Images of Old Age in America: 1790 to the Present" was researched by the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan and is being circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

The exhibit will open October 6 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Clinic Building at 44th and Dewey Streets. It will be a part of Oktoberfest, the UNMC "open house," on October 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. From October 8 through November 4 it will be open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In conjunction with the exhibit, a series of brown bag lectures for university faculty and staff will be held on four Wednesdays during October. The lectures will run from noon to 1 p.m. in the amphitheater of the Continuing Education Building at UNMC. The speakers will be: October 10, Robert Manley, historian, "Voices from the Past"; October 17, Robert Audi, UN-L Department of Philosophy, "The Place of the Humanities in Later Life"; October 24, Roger Cognard, Nebraska Wesleyan University, "The Dramatist’s Perceptions of Old Age"; and October 31, Jacque Lebel, Mid-America Congress on Aging, "The Universal Relevance of Aging."

For more information about the exhibit or the lecture series, contact Pat Leuschen, 541-4197.

A two-day workshop on "Pre-Retirement Financial Planning" is being offered to older people in 10 Nebraska locations through the cooperation of the Gerontology Program, the College of Business Administration, the Nebraska State Bar Association, and Commercial Federal Savings and Loan.

Beginning in Beatrice September 21 and 22, the workshops will run through February in Ainsworth, Norfolk, Fremont, Grand Island, Scottsbluff, Sidney, North Platte, McCook, and Omaha.

Robert Mathis and Donald Hakala, College of Business Administration, and Donna Eden, Gerontology Program, are coordinating this project. Dr. Hakala is the principal speaker for the workshops, with additional speakers provided by the bar association and the CBA.

Commercial Federal is publicizing the workshops and offering its branch offices as meeting places. Enrollment at each location is limited to 40.

This project is funded by the Nebraska Coordinating Committee for Post-secondary Education through Title I of the Higher Education Act.

The Red Cross Vial of Life Program is being introduced to older people in eastern Nebraska through the assistance of the Gerontology Program.

The new program asks people to fill out a brief form with doctor's name, medical history, current medications, etc.; to put the form in an empty medicine bottle; and to attach the bottle to the top shelf of the refrigerator. A decal for the front of the refrigerator identifies the person as a participant in the program. In case of an emergency, the vial of information is readily available to firemen, police, and ambulance units.

The Gerontology Program became involved in the Vial of Life Program through Shirley Waskel's membership on the Red Cross Nursing and Health Committee. The Gerontology staff hopes to make the elderly aware of the program through contact with the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, the Omaha Housing Authority, and Gerontology students who work with older people.

Anyone who would like to give the Vial of Life materials to one or more older persons should contact Dr. Waskel at 554-2272.

Seven Gerontology faculty members will speak before community groups at a series of October workshops on "Aging in America: Understanding the Past, Building the Future."

The workshops, which will take place at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, are a project of the Community Health Education Committee of the UNMC Hospital and Clinics Auxiliary. They have been planned in conjunction with the exhibit, "Images of Old Age in America," that will be in the UNMC Clinic Building from October 6 to November 4.


CONFERENCE ON AGING TO FOCUS ON HEALTH CARE

The first annual University of Nebraska Conference on Aging will focus on "Delivery of Health Care Services to the Rural Elderly." The conference will begin November 13 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and continue November 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Jointly sponsored by the Gerontology Program, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the conference will take place at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education at UN-L.

For more information, contact JoAnne Lofton, 554-2272.

GERONTOLOGY OFFERS TWO NEW COURSES

Two new courses are being offered by the Gerontology Program this fall. Donna Eden is teaching "Issues in Aging: The Old Woman," "Communication Problems of the Older Adult," a course that is cross-listed with the Department of Special Education, is being taught by James Wood.

Leo Missinne On September 13, Dr. Missinne spoke on Gerontology "Psychological Aspects of Aging in Our Culture and in Others" at the annual conference of the Nebraska Association of Homes for the Aging in Lincoln.

Jim Thorson Dr. Thorson was in Washington, D.C. in August Gerontology serving as a member of a panel reviewing training proposals for the U.S. Administration on Aging.

Edna Miller, staff secretary III for the Gerontology Program, was honored as UNO Employee of the Month for July. Congratulations, Edna!
New Faces Join CPACS Staff

Several new faces have appeared in CPACS faculty and staff assignments this fall, and Happenings plans to publish pictures and interviews with each one. For this issue, however, their names, jobs, and departments are being listed so that the "old faces" will know who's new.

Carolyn Calligaro, secretary III, dean's office; Carole Stephens, secretary specialist, dean's office; John Cross, assistant professor, criminal justice; Leonard Krzycki, instructor, criminal justice; Carolyn Marsh, assistant professor, criminal justice; Jim Perkins, instructor, criminal justice; Karen Foley, secretary II, gerontology; Willa Martin, secretary II, gerontology; Michael Carroll, visiting instructor, Goodrich Program; Ronald Dorris, assistant professor, Goodrich Program; Daniel Martinez, assistant professor, Goodrich Program; Herb Grandbois, assistant professor, social work; Peter Hetinga, instructor, social work; Erma McMurry, instructor, social work; Ed Twardy, instructor, public administration; Mylon Winn, instructor, public administration; and Roseanne Ewing, secretary II, social work.

FOUR STAFF MEMBERS ON TEMPORARY LEAVE

Four staff members are on leaves of absence this fall. Vincent J. Webb, chairperson of the criminal justice department, is working as chief researcher on the Criminal Justice Standards Project at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. Dr. Janet Porter is acting chairman in his absence.

Paul S. T. Lee, senior research associate at CAUR, has received an appointment as a fellow with the American Statistical Association. He is on temporary assignment with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Diane Gillespie and Angela Edwards are also on leaves of absence from their positions in the Goodrich Program.

P.A. FACULTY, GRADUATE STUDENTS TO ATTEND REGIONAL MEETING

Four faculty members from public administration, Harry Reynolds, David Paulsen, Ed Twardy, and Mylon Winn, and six graduate students will be attending the regional meeting of the American Society for Public Administration to be held in Topeka, Kansas, October 6 and 7.

Staff Activity

Samuel Walker Dr. Walker has contracted with McGraw-Hill

Laurence French Dr. French has had six articles published

Hobart Burch Dr. Burch has been named chairman of the
Social Work Nebraska state mental health planning committee of the Department of Public Institutions.

Murray Frost Drs. Frost and Ludvig have had their article,
CAUR "Attractions of Interstate Radial Freeway Corridors for New Office Sites," published in Effects of Transportation on the Community, a publication of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences.

Chris Eskridge Dr. Eskridge has had three papers accepted
Social Work for presentation at upcoming national meetings. He is also now serving as a referee for the criminal justice journal, Lambda Alpha Epsilon. Later this fall he will be traveling to Brigham Young University where he has been invited to deliver a series of lectures.

Don Dendinger Dr. Dendinger has been named to the regional accreditation panel of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

Bruce Horacek During September, Drs. Horacek, Thorson, and Jim Thorson Missinne provided in-service training for the staff of the geriatric acute care unit at the St. Joseph Center for Mental Health. On September 11, Dr. Horacek's topic was "The Normal Aging Process." On September 18, Dr. Thorson spoke on "Psychosocial Aspects of Gerontology," and Dr. Missinne covered "Personality and Personality Changes in the Older Adult."

Chris Bolton Dr. Bolton has been invited to conduct a post-conference faculty development seminar on "Curriculum Development in Gerontology" on March 2, following the national meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Denver. He has also been notified that his book review of Counseling the Aged: A Training Syllabus for Educators, edited by Mary Ganikos, has been accepted for publication in Educational Gerontology.

Shirley Waskel Dr. Waskel spoke to Omaha City Hall employees on September 19 regarding "Preparation for Retirement." The same day she discussed "Problem Solving and the Elderly" for the senior citizen group at the First Covenant Church. At the annual meeting of the Nebraska Personnel Guidance Association on September 28, Dr. Waskel gave a talk on "Mid-Life Tasks and Career Change." She has also had a paper accepted for presentation at the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society, November 25-29 in Washington, D.C. The paper is entitled, "Facilitating Applied Problem Solving of the Aged."

Don Deppe Dr. Deppe spent several days in Scottsbluff interviewing merchants in the business district to determine their policies and practices with respect to the employment of women and minorities. The activity was part of a larger and continuing effort to define and document minority problems in the Panhandle for the Nebraska Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Ginger Burch Dr. Burch is the principal investigator and project manager on a contract with the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare to do a needs assessment for day care providers in regions III through VI. She will also direct the development of a series of workshops and home study courses. Marian Meier will be editing a newsletter for day care providers under this same contract. They will be assisted by Carole M. Davis, CAUR research assistant. Dr. Burch presented a workshop at the meeting of the American Sociological Association in Boston in August titled "The Structural Impediments to Employment for Minorities, Females, and the Handicapped."