CPACS Happenings (October 1983 Newsletter)

College of Public Affairs and Community Service, University of Nebraska at Omaha
DEAN'S REMARKS

As another year begins, it is a pleasure to welcome new faculty, staff and students to the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS). As always, warmest greetings are extended to returning faculty, staff and students.

This special issue of the "Happenings" will focus on Robert Theobald's visit to CPACS and other events scheduled in celebration of UNO's Diamond Jubilee. We are also celebrating the completion of CPACS' tenth year as a college and felt it would be appropriate to capture our "roots" in a historical piece about our beginnings.

On behalf of College, faculty, staff and students, I would like to thank the members of the 1982-83 CPACS internal advisory committee for the excellent job they did in planning for CPACS' participation in the UNO 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

John E. Kerrigan

Theobald, Futurist, Visits UNO—CPACS

Robert Theobald has been characterized by Calvin Kytle, publisher, and Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg as a "...man too far ahead of his time." His ideas for change are based on the philosophy that solutions to modern problems "must come from the grass roots and work their way up." Theobald feels that the industrial era frustrates such a bottom-up process. He states in Beyond Despair that "Today America mourns the loss of its heavy industry, which is believed to be the backbone of the country. All sorts of efforts are being made to stem the tide... The goals of the industrial era are obsolete."

This complex and apparently fascinating person was born in India in the late 1920s of British parents. His earliest years were spent in England. At the age of 11, the family returned to India where they spent the World War II years. He moved back to England in 1945 and attended private schools. Two years were spent in the English army before entering Cambridge University where he majored in economics, and married. From 1953-57, Theobald was employed by the Organization for European Economic Cooperation, Paris, France. Although they have remained British subjects, the Theobalds have been residents of the States for 25 years. They originally came for him to study one year at Harvard.

Mr. Theobald does not have a doctorate degree and has refused several honorary doctorates. He holds the belief that credentialing should be

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limited and more emphasis should be placed on an individual's competence.

Author of numerous books and publications, Theobald counts among his written accomplishments such books as *The Rich and The Poor; Beyond Despair; The Challenge of Abundance; Free Men and Free Markets; Habit and Habitat; An Alternative Future for America's Third Century*; and, "*We're Not Ready for That, Yet.*" He also was one of several authors of the report, "*The Triple Revolution,*" for President Lyndon Johnson.

He has served as consultant to the United Nations, the Iowa 2000 Report and as a major contributor to both World Future Conferences. He has testified before congressional committees on various subjects and is well known in the Washington, D.C. area.

Presently Robert Theobald operates an Arizona-based consulting firm specializing in community development and change.

Excerpts of Mr. Theobald's proposals for policies taken from his book, *Beyond Despair,* as food for thought are:

On Health: "The whole pattern of health care should be restructured to face the visible limits to medical care and to enable people to find ways to promote their own health."

On Education: "The growing drive toward credentialing should be limited and, where possible, reversed." He further states, "As this process continues, there will be fewer and fewer chances for competent persons without academic credentials to get meaningful jobs, with a consequent loss in both societal effectiveness and personal satisfaction."

On Justice: "Punishment for all victimless crimes should be eliminated." "Efforts should be made to prevent first offenders from being socialized into a criminal life style."

Robert Theobald will be the guest of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service on October 6 and 7, 1983. He will be a consultant to the CPACS Working Conference where interested faculty/staff members will develop proposals in human service delivery for submittal on the behalf of the College in FY '85. He will also give a general address to the University and public communities; meet with students and CPACS' advisory groups; and be honored by faculty and staff at a reception while on campus. For more information on his schedule, please consult the Calendar published elsewhere in this issue.*****

CPACS Plans Diamond Jubilee Events

The plan for CPACS' participation in the university's 75th Diamond Jubilee celebration was drafted by the 1982-83 CPACS internal advisory committee. This committee developed the theme of "Ethics, Ethos and Energy for the Eighties," and solicited funding to partially support the planned activities. The plan for CPACS' part in the celebration was presented to the faculty and staff at the April 6th Faculty/Staff Meeting. To maintain continuity between the planning process and the implementation stages, the committee was renamed the CPACS Task Force on the Diamond Jubilee celebration for the 1983-84 school year.

The CPACS' Diamond Jubilee celebration will be a year-long effort characterized by a variety of educational (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)
activities. Some activities began in September and will continue throughout the year. Others will be one-time events scheduled for specific dates. CPACS Week will be from October 24-28, 1983.

* The film series which started in August, 1983 is under the direction of Peter Suzuki, Public Administration (x2958). The majority of films will be futuristic in nature. During CPACS Week, the featured films will relate to the chosen theme.

* CPACS Honors Colloquium 100 is being offered this semester to students in the university's Honors Program. The course, 'Cross-National Perspectives in Public Affairs and Services,' is taught by instructors from CPACS departments. Nineteen (19) students registered for this course.

* CPACS Forums will be held during CPACS Week. Public Administration, Gerontology, Social Work and Criminal Justice will chair special sessions relating to their disciplines which will be open to interested UNO students, alumni and the public. Details relating to forum content and location are listed in the CPACS Diamond Jubilee Calendar printed elsewhere in this issue. Peter Suzuki chaired the committee coordinating this effort.

* Three, one- to two-day working conferences are scheduled in October, February and April for the purpose of developing proposals to be submitted to funding agencies in FY '84-'85 on behalf of CPACS. Robert Theobald will be the consultant for the October and April Working Conferences. Dennis Little will be the consultant for the February conference. This activity is supported by $9,267 in grant funds from the University Committee on Research and is being coordinated by Shirley Waskel (x2272).

* Several staff seminars have been planned by CPACS B-line and C-line staff for university staff. The first seminar on computer technology was held on September 23, 1983. One seminar will be held in October during CPACS Week, with the last one being scheduled for December, 1983. The seminars will focus on stress management, and health and wellness. Kathy Young-Ratliff is chairperson for this activity (x2274).

* The CPACS Mini-conference is scheduled for April 13, 1984 and will include a colloquium with a scholar/consultant and sessions of selected papers. Beverly Hartung Hagen is chairing this effort (x2791); Christine Howells Reed is coordinating papers (x2625).

* A CPACS variety show is being planned as a fun activity at the close of the mini-conference. If you have hidden talents, Beverly Hartung Hagen would appreciate your participation (x2791).

All of these exciting activities and events will be brought to a close by the publication of a CPACS Diamond Jubilee monograph which will contain selected CPACS Jubilee papers authored by faculty, staff and students focusing on the CPACS Diamond Jubilee theme and the general improvement of human service delivery systems.

Members of the committee who are diligently working to make this celebration successful are: Ineke Haen-Marshall, co-chairperson, Criminal Justice; Shirley Waskel, co-chairperson, Gerontology; Mike Carroll, Goodrich; Christine Howells Reed, Public Administration; Beverly Hartung Hagen, Social Work; Carole Davis, CAUR; Cathy Young-Ratliff, Goodrich and Tim Himberger, CAUR. * * * * *
CPACS' Urban Mission Ten Years Old

The 1983-84 academic year is also an anniversary for the College. CPACS is not only celebrating the University's Diamond Jubilee but also ten years as a college. A salute to our "roots" is appropriate.

In 1970, the Regents of the University of Nebraska created a 125 member Regents' Commission on the Urban University of the '70s. The Commission, which represented a broad cross-section of students, faculty, administrators, and citizens, was charged with the responsibility of conducting a comprehensive study of UNO as an urban university. Within the framework of this charge, the Commission was asked to recommend new programs and structures which would enable UNO to assume a more meaningful role in its communities.

Two of the Commission's recommendations were:

1. "UNO should develop new programs and new services focused upon community problems in order to offer fresh insight into these problems as well as to prepare trained personnel to engage in their solution."

2. "The Commission recommends a massive expansion in the role of the University in the community through the establishment of an Institute for Public and Community Affairs."

A university task force which later dealt with the recommendations of the Commission called for the establishment of a School of Public and Community Affairs, realizing that legislative approval was needed to establish a college. The mission was generally defined to be one of professional human service education and training; expanding the university's role in urban research and community problem solving; and providing an avenue for systemic public and community service and technical assistance.

All of these recommendations became reality in July of 1971, when the Board of Regents approved the School of Public Affairs and Community Service (SPACS) as a degree granting entity within UNO. Operating with interim administrative officers, the search for a permanent dean began. In July of 1972, Hubert G. Locke, who had served as a consultant to the Regents' Commission, was named as the first Dean of the School.

Concurrent with the search for a dean, plans were being made to transfer existing departments/programs with professional human service education and public affairs focus to the new School. The decision was made to officially transfer designated programs to SPACS effective July 1, 1972. The transfer involved moving:

1. the undergraduate program in criminal justice (formerly law enforcement) from the College of Continuing Studies;

2. the Graduate School of Social Work from UN-L and the undergraduate social welfare program from UNO's Sociology Department;

3. the undergraduate and graduate public administration program from the Department of Political Science, UN-L;

4. the interdisciplinary fledgling urban studies program from the College of Arts and Science; and,

5. the independent unit, the Center for Urban Affairs, and renaming it the Center for Applied Urban Research.

New programs were started during this year of turmoil. The Gerontology Program was begun, supported by a U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Administration on Aging Grant. The Goodrich Scholarship Program was founded on funds appropriated by the Nebraska Unicameral. The original appropriations bill was introduced to

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COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
75th DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION EVENTS

October, 1983

5 - Films: "Mt. St. Helens: Our Lady of Fire"
"Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and Other Weather"
12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

6 - Robert Theobald's Visit
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.: Meeting with Core Task Force
9:00 - 2:00 p.m.: Working Conference, CPACS Faculty/staff
Omaha Room, MBSC
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.: Meeting with CPACS Advisory Committees,
Club Room, Alumni House
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Reception (faculty, staff and advisory
committees)
Club Room, Alumni House
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.: General Address to Public and University
Community
Performing Arts Recital Hall

7 - Robert Theobald's Visit Cont'd.
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.: Meeting with interested CPACS and UNO
students
Performing Arts Recital Hall
10:15 - 1:00 p.m.: Working Conference cont'd.,
Omaha Room, MBSC
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.: Debriefing Meeting with Core Task Force

12 - Film: "Super-Trains: Japan, France"
12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

19 - Films: "Trek to Totality"
"The Observatories"
12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

24 - 28 - CPACS WEEK

24 - CPACS Forum: "Education for the Public Service of the Future";
Harry Reynolds, Chair; Bob Olsen, OPPD, George Vogel,
HUD; and Jay Ringenberger, State Environment
Management Agency, Panelists
5:15 p.m., Dodge Room MBSC

25 - CPACS Forum: "Ethics of Care for the Terminally Ill"; James Thorson
and Bruce Horacek, Chairs; Father Val Peters, Creighton
University, Speaker
7:00 p.m., Dodge Room, MBSC

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26 - Film:  "Doctors of Nigeria"
            12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

26 - CPACS Forum:  "The Future of Urban Politics"; Peter Suzuki, Chair; Richard Takechi, former Omaha City Councilman; and David Stahmer, Omaha City Councilman
            4:30 p.m., Dodge Room, MBSC

26 - CPACS Forum:  "Corrections: How to Handle the Problem of the '80s"; Inek Haen-Marshall, Chair; Ron Bartee, Nebraska State Parole Board; John Badura, Assistant Director Probation, Douglas County; Charles Benson, Nebraska Department of Corrections
            7:00 p.m., Dodge Room, MBSC

27 - STAFF SEMINAR:  Stress Management
            9:00 a.m., Eppley Auditorium

27 - CPACS Forum:  "Working with the Elderly Minority"; Lucille Zelinsky, Chair; Pat Strayer, Sharon Miller, Debbie Brewer, and Wanda Dye, Panelists
            4:15 p.m., Dodge Room, MBSC

November, 1983

2 - Films:  "Apex Cities"
       "Habitat: A Special Place"
            12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

9 - Films:  "When the Earth Moves"
       "Pushing the Limits"
            12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

16 - Films:  "Bangladesh Plowman"
       "Investigating Aqua-Space"
            12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

17 - Brown Bag Lunch Seminar
       "Nostradamus: On Man for the 1990s";
       Bill Callahan, Discussion Leader
       Place to be announced
       Contact Mike Carroll (x2274)

December, 1983

5 - Films:  "Space Research and Your Health"
       "How Hospitals Slash Spending"
            12:00 Noon, Allwine Hall, Room 314

7 - STAFF SEMINAR  Health and Wellness
            Place to be announced
            9:00 a.m.

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January, 1984

19 - Brown Bag Lunch Seminar

February, 1984

16 - Brown Bag Lunch Seminar

29 - Mini-conference Papers due to Chris Reed

March, 1984

15 - Brown Bag Lunch Seminar

April, 1984

13 - Mini-conference

13 - Talent Show

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Jubilee Task Force Calls For Papers

A reminder to all: the CPACS Diamond Jubilee Task Force invites all CPACS faculty, staff and students to submit papers, focusing on the 75th Anniversary theme, "Ethics, Ethos and Energy for the Eighties." Selected authors will present their papers at a CPACS working conference next April to climax our year-long celebration. Papers will also appear in a published monograph.

It is not too late to begin drafting ideas for papers. Faculty members are encouraged to involve their students in this college-wide project. Here is a marvelous opportunity for an exchange of ideas within the CPACS community about the critical issues facing us in the 1980s and beyond. The deadline for submitting papers is March 1, 1984.

Papers should be no longer than 15 typewritten pages, and should address one or more of the following topics:

- what are the crucial policy problems facing my discipline(s), and how can we respond to those challenges?

- how should a specific service or services in my discipline be changed or modified to respond to the challenges of service delivery in the future?

- how will the educational system of which my discipline(s) is (are) a part meet the challenges of our rapidly changing society?

Interdisciplinary approaches to these questions are welcome, and papers previously presented at other conferences are appropriate, unless already copyrighted. Any questions about potential paper topics should be addressed to Chris Reed (Public Administration, x2625), the chair of the Task Force committee charged with the responsibility for reviewing and selecting papers for the working conference. *******
the unicameral by senator Glenn Goodrich, Omaha Senator. Other community/public service oriented programs housed in the new school were: Head Start, the Manpower for Urban Progress project; the Neighborhood Child Care Project; the Cooperative Education Program; and the Special Veterans Talent Search Project.

In 1973, shortly after celebrating its first anniversary, SPACS was granted college status and renamed the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS). The Head Start Program was moved to a community based corporation. The master's program in criminal justice became a reality in Fall 1974.

By the 1975-76 academic year, CPACS was well established in the university's community and was relating well to the local, state and federal communities. The faculty/staff were becoming well known in their professional circles and in the public sector agencies. The College was completing a period of tremendous growth and development. It had experienced a total dollar increase in the state funded budget from $62,000 in 1972 to $1,287,000 as well as an average increase in income from grants and contracts to well over one million dollars. There had been a substantial growth in faculty and staff positions. The major administrative units of the College were instruction and degree programs, research, and training and community service.

It was at this point that Dean Hubert Locke felt that his task had been accomplished; he announced his resignation effective December, 1975. Dr. John E. Kerrigan was selected by the search committee to be the second Dean of the College. He assumed leadership on August 1, 1976.

Under new leadership, CPACS moved to a phase characterized by continued efforts to examine and improve upon existing programs, degree offerings, service and research efforts. A major objective became to do what we do best in a more cost effective manner. Priority tasks became establishing collaborative arrangements, both inter-college and intra-college; long-term planning; self-evaluation; and an in-depth review of goals and objectives of the College/units.

There have been many important milestones in CPACS' history since 1977. Some of these which have helped the College fulfill its mission are:

1977-78 - The awarding of accreditation to the School of Social Work by the Council on Social Work Education;

- The approval of the Certificate of Specialization in Gerontology by the Board of Regents;

1978-79 - The merger of the division of Training and Community Service into CAUR;

- The Gerontology Program was weaned from federal support and demonstrated its ability to survive with state and local funding;

1979-80 - The review and revision of the requirements for the Master of Public Administration degree;

1980-81 - A complete revision of the CPACS constitution;

- The Center for Applied Urban Research moved from the UNO campus to the Peter Kiewit Conference Center in downtown Omaha;

- Public Administration completed one step in the accreditation process by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration;

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1981-82 - The Department of Urban Studies was consolidated into the Public Administration Department;

- CPACS established an official presence on the UN-L campus in compliance with the statewide mission of some College units.

1982-83 - The School of Social Work received renewal of its accreditation to 1990.

- The Board of Regents approved the revised Constitution;

- The School of Social Work and the University of South Dakota established by contract the Cooperative Graduate Program. The agreement affords South Dakota students the opportunity to complete the Master of Science degree in Social Work through a combination of courses taken in residence at UNO and elective courses taken at the University of South Dakota.

The 1982-83 academic year marked the tenth anniversary of CPACS' elevation to College status. From a somewhat disjointed collection of departments and programs, CPACS has become a cohesive and truly interdisciplinary academic unit focusing on professional human service education and training, research and community service. ****
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