CPACS Happenings (November-December 1979 Newsletter)

College of Public Affairs and Community Service, University of Nebraska at Omaha

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It's a Grand Old House

NOT SO VERY LONG AGO, the six buildings that house departments of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service were private residences. Luxurious homes they were, surrounded by tall trees and spacious lawns with well-kept shrubbery and flower beds, here a tennis court or swimming pool, there an imposing wrought iron fence.

Beginning in 1970 UNO started a program of acquisition of these homes to satisfy its burgeoning needs for space to serve the community and the state.

Sometimes the owners had died or no longer needed as much room, and they or their heirs were willing to have the University take over the property. In other cases they strongly resisted having to sell their homes and find another place to live.

Some of the lawn area is now paved over with asphalt for parking lots. Wooden fire escapes climb up to the second and third floors of most of the houses. Partitions section off office space inside the big, old rooms. Money for upkeep is not always available, and the aesthetic has given way to the utilitarian.

With this issue, HAPPENINGS begins a series of features on the six CPACS buildings: Annex 24 which houses the deans' offices and Gerontology, Annex 15 where the Center for Applied Urban Research has its offices, Annex 20 which houses the Goodrich Program, Annex 23 where the Graduate School of Social Work is located, Annex 26 where the Criminal Justice Department has its offices, and Annex 27 where Public Administration and Urban Studies are housed.

Eventually all these old homes will be torn down to make room for University buildings. In the meantime the CPACS faculty and staff and some other departments are provided with office space far better than they would have in a quonset hut or other temporary building.

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Here's Who's New at CPACS

With this issue, HAPPENINGS introduces the remainder of the new faculty and staff members who joined CPACS this fall.

PETER HETTINGA

From his lofty perch in the “tower” room of Annex 20, Peter Hettinga can survey the campus scene in three directions, although he’s an instructor in social work rather than in the Goodrich Program which occupies most of the building.

Peter came to UNO in mid-August from the University of North Dakota where he taught social work methodology, social welfare, and social policy analysis. Here he instructs the courses in behavior in the social environment and in micro-intervention, which deals with social work practice theory and interpersonal helping.

Peter earned the B.S.W. and M.S.W. degrees at the University of Calgary in Alberta and a Ph.D. in social work from the University of Minnesota.

Any spare time he finds is spent cutting the grass or fixing up the house he and his wife bought in Westgate. They have a five-month-old son.

WILLIAM MARTIN

Her job as a secretary II, which she started in May of this year, is Willa’s first. She does general typing and copy work, reports, charts, and whatever else comes her way.

She and her husband, who works for Falstaff, have lived in Omaha for nine years, having moved here from Providence, Rhode Island. They have two children, a boy, 12, and a girl, 7.

Willa likes to sew and made the outfit she has on in the picture. It’s an attractive pink blouse and wine-colored skirt. She makes most of her own clothes, as well as her daughter’s. She also likes to cook and to read, although job, family, and sewing don’t leave her much time for that last activity.

LEN KRZYCKI

Len Krzycki (that’s pronounced Kritsky) grew up on a farm near Silver Creek and received the bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from UNO and also his master’s. He taught a year at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa and came to the University from Portland, Oregon where he was working on his doctorate. This fall finds him busy as an instructor of the survey of criminal justice, police and society, and community relations courses on the UN-L campus.

When he isn’t teaching, you might find him out fishing beside some shady pool or camping with his 11-year-old son. He likes to cook and also to garden. This summer he planted a large plot and has been busy canning and freezing what sprouted.

JIM PERKINS

No stranger to Omaha and the Midwest, Jim Perkins and his wife left California to come back to this area because they felt it was a better place to raise their 20-month-old daughter.

Jim teaches introduction to criminal justice and police organization and management courses on the UN-L campus.
ED TWARDY

Ed Twardy, an instructor in P.A., ran away from home to join the Navy when he was only 17. Before that he had lived all over the country as his newspaper editor father moved around a lot. Of all the places he's been, his favorite is the Blue Ridge country of Virginia where he has an 18-acre farm, horses, a wife, and five children ranging from 12 to 18 years of age, two of them twin boys.

Ed teaches introduction to public administration and a graduate seminar in organizational development. Next semester he will be teaching graduate level courses on both the Omaha and Lincoln campuses.

He retired from the Navy in 1976, having completed requirements for his bachelor's in political science during the time he was in service. He also took courses in history and secondary education. Getting his master's and A.B.D. at the University of Virginia has kept him busy since.

Now in his spare time he works on that dissertation which has to do with "Systemic Organizational Renewal" and models and methods to enhance it.

Public service is not regarded well by society, Ed feels, and this must be changed. He likes writing and research, hiking, the outdoors, plants, farming, and living in Omaha. He and his family raise about 60 percent of what they eat on their farm which is about eight miles from "Walton's Mountain."

4 and 6, moved here from Seattle, Washington where he was in graduate school.

He earned his bachelor's degree in black studies from the University of Washington and also his master's in political science. He's almost completed his doctorate, except for finishing up a thesis entitled "The Metropolitan Solution: A Case Study of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle." This agency deals with transit and with sewage. Yes, both.

Mylon grew up in the little town of Bunkie, Louisiana and spent four years in the Air Force. He was stationed in California, at Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska, and also in New York, so he got to see a bit of the country during his military service. He likes Seattle best of all the places he's been.

When he has any spare time, he likes best to lie on the floor and watch TV or play with his little girls. He likes to play basketball, but a jammed finger has kept him from doing that lately. Snooping around city government and getting an insight into the way things work is another interest.

NIgerian Visitor Keeps Very Busy

Dr. Ndidi Chibogu from Lagos, Nigeria is visiting the School of Social Work on a special attachment training program to study the training of trainers for front-line workers who will be dealing with community development services.

Dr. Chibogu is assistant chief social development officer and head of the research, planning, education, and training section in the Federal Ministry of Social Development, Youth, Sports, and Culture in Nigeria.

His three-month visit is under the auspices of UNICEF. Ezra Kohn is the facilitator from the School of Social Work who is responsible for Dr. Chibogu's itinerary.

Dr. Chibogu has been meeting with various faculty and staff members and local service clubs and attending conventions such as the recent meeting of the deans and directors of schools of social work held in San Antonio.

OO-ops, Sorry

Dr. David R. DiMartino's name was omitted from the list of CPACs faculty members serving on University committees in the last HAPPENINGS. He is a member of the Research Committee.

Roseanne Ewing was listed as a Secretary II, but she is actually a Secretary III.
He grew up in Lawton, Iowa, went to UNO to get his B.A., and taught at Chadron State College for three years. There he took up both cross-country and downhill skiing and sponsored the ski club. During his stay there he helped sponsor a three-week student trip to Europe to study the criminal justice system.

Jim has worked as an undercover office for the city of Dallas and the state of Texas and spent seven years in California as a police officer. While sojourning in California, he acquired a master's from San Jose State. He enjoyed living in California and feels he learned a lot about people and about life, but when it comes to raising a family, he and his wife chose the Midwest. They live in an apartment near downtown Lincoln and like it very much.

Jim's hobby is photography, and he would like to do some more traveling some day, but most of his spare time is now spent working on his doctorate.

**ERMA McMURRAY**

Courses in introductory social welfare and generic practice in social work are taught by Erma McMurray, a new instructor in social work. She also keeps busy in her job with practicum liaison and committee work.

Another Texas transplant, Erma went to the University of Colorado at Boulder for her bachelor's and to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for her M.S.W. She has an A.B.D. (all but dissertation) in psychology and cultural studies, also from UN-L.

She's working on a project through the Center for Applied Urban Research on a grant from HEW to study low-income women and how to increase their problem-solving abilities, assertiveness, and communication skills and to develop an intervention program for this. She hopes to use this study in her dissertation.

Erma spent five years teaching at Nebraska Wesleyan University and has also worked for the juvenile court. The field of juvenile delinquency is one of her chief professional interests.

Much of her spare time is spent house-hunting, cooking, or sewing. She's active in her church, likes to sing gospel music, and has sung in the church choir and led youth fellowship activities. Her family consists of a Norwegian elkhound named Chancellor.

**DANIEL MARTINEZ**

From the streets of Laredo where he grew up to the sidewalks of New York where he went to school was quite a jump for Daniel Martinez, an assistant professor in the Goodrich Program.

Daniel grew up in Texas, got his B.A. at the University of Texas in Austin, and then went to Columbia University in New York for his master's and Ph.D. He has taught at Columbia, the City College of New York, and also at Brooklyn College just before coming to UNO.

Here he teaches the social sciences in the Goodrich Program, and next semester, on a joint appointment with the psychology department, he will teach social psychology courses dealing with romantic love. He also does psychological and career counseling.

He spends his spare time writing psychological plays and poetry about lying and cheating. (See below.) He also runs two and a half miles a day, rain or shine.

**SELF--RAPE**

They always told me to tell the truth,
Yet the things I see show me otherwise.
If I have a goal in mind
Many times the truth does not get it for me.
As things are I cannot comprehend
Why they tell us not to lie.
The people who have power,
The people who have wealth, the people
Who are poor—they lie to me.
But I rape my soul when I clearly see the need
To lie to someone I love.
I rape my mind when I lie to others.
It divides me, for then I have my True Self, which I conceal, and my Raped Self,
Which I display to advance my goals.
The agony comes in my realization that
My True Self gets lost and all that remains is
My Raped Self.

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DAVID R. DIMARTINO
CAUR
Dave has had a paper, “Program Participation and Problem Perception Among Older Hispanics in Omaha, Nebraska,” accepted for presentation at the annual national conference of the Association of American Geographers to be held in Louisville, Kentucky in April.

PETE KUCHEL
JIM PERKINS
BILL WAKEFIELD
Criminal Justice
These three faculty members recently attended the Midwest Association of Criminal Justice Educators held in Moline, Illinois October 24-26. Pete, the outgoing president, presided at the conference, and Bill Wakefield was appointed chairman of the auditing committee and a member of the program committee for the coming year. He also presented a paper, “Field Excursions: An Important Teaching Technique or a Waste of Time in Criminal Justice Education.” Vince Webb, who is on leave of absence as chairman of the Criminal Justice Department, was elected the new second vice-president of this organization.

FRED HOLBERT
Criminal Justice
With James Cada, Fred is the author of a paper, “Legal Services and Materials for Line Personnel, Administrators, and Offenders in United States Prisons: An Update,” published in the fall issue of the Criminal Justice Review. Fred has recently been appointed to the NU graduate faculty.

JULIE HORNEY
Criminal Justice
“Plea Bargaining Decision Factors” was the title of a paper presented by Julie Horney to the American Society of Criminology at their meeting in Philadelphia November 7-10.

SAM WALKER
Criminal Justice
Hubert Locke, vice provost of the University of Washington and former dean of CPACS, and Sam Walker are co-editors of a special issue of Social Development Issues devoted to “Law Enforcement and Institutional Racism in American Society.” Sam spoke to the Cecilian Club, the senior citizens group of St. Cecilia’s Cathedral, on the subject of crime and the elderly. “Police Professionalism at the Crossroads: Police Administration in the 1980’s,” by Dr. Walker has been published in Critical Issues in Criminal Justice. Sam was recently elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union.

LEO MISSINNE
Gerontology
On November 13, Dr. Missinne spoke on “Aging—Let’s Face It” during a workshop at Sunset Hills Baptist Church, sponsored by the Nebraska Baptist State Convention.

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During November, Drs. Horacek and Thorson were guest lecturers for the UNO Life Span Psychology course taught at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital. Dr. Horacek’s topic was “Aging: Myths and Realities”; Dr. Thorson spoke on “Death and Dying.”

JOHN KERRIGAN
Dean
Dr. Kerrigan has been chosen to serve on two national boards for public administration organizations. He has been elected to a two-year term on the board of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and will serve as chairman for this group’s standards committee. He will serve a three-year term on the board of the American Society for Public Administration and as chairman of its membership and chapter development committee which oversees the activities of 103 chapters of this 16,000 member organization.


SHIRLEY WASKEL
Gerontology
On October 31, Dr. Waskel and Dr. Michael Millea of Metropolitan Technical Community College conducted a workshop on “Skills and the Job Market” for the older people who are participating in an employment program at the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. Dr. Waskel also spoke on “Normal Aging” on November 1 for a Home Economics class at Lewis and Clark Junior High School. On November 4, she conducted a workshop entitled “Education is Not Just for Children” at the Central United Presbyterian Church’s annual Senior Citizens Night. She spoke on “Stress Management” November 7 at a Sunrise Breakfast for people who work on commission. Dr. Waskel taught sessions on “The Learning Process” and “The Functions of Instructors” on November 12 as part of a training workshop for instructors of a Red Cross parenting course.

LAURENCE FRENCH
Criminal Justice
First on one coast and then the other and next in the middle of the country—that’s been Larry’s itinerary lately. He gave a paper, “Native American Gerontology,” at the National Association of Inter-ethnic Studies, “Indian Session,” held at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. Next he went to Philadelphia where he gave a paper, “Teaching the Minority Perspective in Criminal Justice,” at the American Society of Criminology meeting. He was also a discussant at the “Blacks and Criminal Justice” and the “Juvenile Institutions and Juvenile Courts” sessions at this same meeting. Then it was a trip to Chicago to present another paper, “Native American Correctional Treatment,” at the Society of Police and Criminal Psychology meetings.

HOBART BURCH
Social Work
Dr. Burch recently attended a regional National Institute of Mental Health planning conference as chairman of the Nebraska project. He spoke on “Welfare Reform Principles and Strategies” at the Indiana State Welfare Conference in Indianapolis on November 11 and also attended a meeting of social work deans and directors in San Antonio November 12-14.

HERB GRANDBOIS
Social Work
Dr. Grandbois has been appointed to a National Institute of Mental Health review committee for social work training.

DON DENDINGER
Social Work
Don recently attended the annual National Conference of Catholic Charities.
JANE WOODY
Social Work
Dr. Woody was an invited participant at the recent Council on Social Work Education conference, “Prevention Concepts in Social Work Education,” held in Louisville, Kentucky in October.

Dr. Woody has received a grant from the University Committee on Research to do a study titled, “Evaluation of Multi-family Divorce Adjustment Workshop.”

PETER SUZUKI
Urban Studies
An article by Dr. Suzuki, “Ethnic and Gerontological Considerations in Redesigning Inner Cities of Selected European Cities,” has been accepted for publication in a book of readings entitled Factors Influencing Urban Design edited by J. Gibson and published by Plenum Press of New York.

BILL WAKEFIELD
Criminal Justice
A paper Bill co-authored with Vince Webb, “An Application of the Interorganizational Perspective to Community Based Corrections in an Urban Area,” has been accepted for publication in Criminal Justice Review. It will appear in the Fall, 1979 issue. Bill was recently a guest speaker at the Career Day program at Dominican High School and also spoke on “Crime and the Elderly” to the St. Paul Methodist Community organization. On November 8 he spoke to the Crime Prevention Seminar for Senior Citizens in Blair on the topic, “Citizenship and Crime Prevention for the Elderly.”

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MIKE McGRATH
Social Work
Mike conducted a two-day in-service training for professional staff members at Bergan-Mercy Hospital on providing services for the elderly. He also conducted training for volunteers in service to the elderly at a communication skills workshop in October.

G. L. KUCHEL
Criminal Justice
Dr. Kuchel spoke to a meeting of the Northeastern Nebraska Sheriffs’ and Police Officers’ Association in Norfolk on October 30 on “Jail Management and Operations.” From November 4 to 7 he attended a conference, Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

RICH BLAKE
Gerontology
Rich, who is also in counseling and guidance, recently was co-leader of a two-day workshop for directors of ACTION programs in Nebraska and Iowa. The workshop concerned counseling services for older adults.

THE “HAYDEN HOUSE”
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In 1926 Miss Ophelia and her widowed mother built the home now known as Annex 24 at a cost of $81,000.

The family owned a large department store downtown known as the Hayden Brothers. Miss Hayden was a sister of Mrs. Adolph Storz (Mary) who lived not far away in what is now Annex 15.

After Mrs. Hayden died, Ophelia continued to live alone in the large brick home with her cook and a second maid. Every winter she and her sister and brother-in-law would go to Florida where they had another home. Miss Hayden entertained frequently, and those who knew her say she had a great sense of humor.

When Miss Hayden died she willed her property to Duchesne College Convent of the Sacred Heart. They never used the building but sold it to the University in August, 1973 for $144,000 only a few months after acquiring it.

Built in an old English architectural design of solid masonry construction, the house has exterior walls of solid brick with a finish of brick veneer. At the gable ends is some decorative timbering with a cement stucco coat. The exposed chimneys are decorated with brick detail. The roof is of tile.

In the interior, sidewalls and ceilings are plastered. Oak floors are found on the ground level and wide maple flooring on the second and third floors. Dining and living areas are paneled in mahogany.

The entry foyer is open to the second level with an ornate, curved open stairway to the second floor. Windows have leaded panes with stained glass inserts.

In the north wall of what was once the dining room and is now the conference area is a secret panel hiding a large wall safe, but no one has the combination so it cannot be used.

To the right of the French doors leading to the dean’s offices is another small, narrow secret panel which opens to reveal shallow shelves.

Little remodeling was done to convert the home to offices. Pipes had been allowed to freeze and burst, so some repair was necessary. A door was installed to make the office occupied by David Hinton, assistant dean, a private one. In the former kitchen an overhead exhaust fan over the place where the stove had stood was removed as was the tiled floor beneath it.

Vestiges of the former graciousness and grandeur of the “Hayden House” can still be seen by visitors to Annex 24 or by those who work there. Typewriters may have replaced tea tables, but the house itself with its rich paneling and striking staircase remains as a reminder of the opulent way of life that once existed there.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS TAKE KANSAS FIELD TRIP

When 23 students from correctional classes taught by Jim Kane and Bill Wakefield visited the United State Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on a field trip early this month, their guide was Col. Don Ellerthorpe.

Colonel Ellerthorpe, the directorate of custody there, is a graduate of the UNO CJ Department and a former student of Jim Kane.

He told the students that a similar tour when he was a student had served as the stimulus to get him involved in the field of corrections, and he encouraged the students to get involved in the system through such excursions and through internship opportunities.

The students visited six other correctional facilities and were given the opportunity to interact with both the staffs and the residents of these facilities.

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