CPACS Happenings (November 1976 Newsletter)

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

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/cpacsnewsletters
Urban Studies

This article begins a series of informational articles on the program units of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. It was written for Happenings by Cathy Young.

The major in Urban Studies was originally offered through the College of Arts and Sciences. Urban Studies has been part of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service since July 1, 1972 when the program was transferred and given departmental status. The first department head, Dr. Robert McCune is now Dean of the College of Continuing Studies at UNO.

One year after the transfer, the department offered two degree programs--the Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and the Master of Science with a major in Urban Studies. Since that time 32 undergraduate and seven graduate degrees have been awarded. The current enrollment in the department is 32 in the undergraduate program and 46 in the graduate program.

The Urban Studies program is an interdisciplinary approach to learning about the city and is designed to incorporate a broad range of study in such areas as economics, geography, political science, public administration and history. This knowledge, in turn, should provide a strong background in understanding the complex and interrelated aspects of urban life. (Cont. on page 3)

Gerontology Grant

The UNO Gerontology Program has been awarded one of five Grants of National Significance from the DHEW Office of Developmental Disabilities.

The goal of the three-year grant is to explore the possibilities of community living arrangements for older people who are developmentally disabled, those afflicted with epilepsy, autism, cerebral palsy or mental retardation.

"This is an excellent opportunity to continue to explore the opportunities for more home-like living arrangements and provide an awareness of the concept of normalization," said Dr. David A. Peterson, Director of the Gerontology Program.

Focus for research will be on persons over 55 years of age who are developmentally disabled and live in DHEW Region VII--Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. (Cont. on page 3)

Public Administration Seminar

Local government officials and public administration educators met in Grand Island October 25-29 to explore methods of cooperating and coordinating efforts to improve the quality of local government management and management education in Nebraska. CPACS faculty participating in all or part of the conference were John Kerrigan, Dave Hinton, Dave Scott, Stan Powers, Harold Gordon, Dave Paulsen, and Harry Reynolds. (Cont. on page 3)
The October 11 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education features an article "A Sweeping Revision of the Copyright Laws" which summarizes a new law passed by Congress. The law is the first revision of the copyright laws since 1909 and will have marked effect on duplication of materials used in classes. The article is available in the dean's office.

The College Committee on Academic Standards and Curriculum will meet in the conference room, Annex 24, on Tuesday November 9 at 3:00 p.m.

The CPACS faculty will meet Monday November 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of Annex 19.

The first meeting of the Housing Advisory Committee of the CAUR Division of Housing Research and Services was held Wednesday, October 27. The Committee is composed of representatives from the principal departments within the University with housing-related interests, representatives from the various sectors of the housing industry and governmental agencies concerned with housing matters.

The Department of Criminal Justice has finally made the big move west. The department is now located in Annex 20, on the second floor. Telephone extensions remain the same as before the move.

Sam Walker, Criminal Justice, is completing work on a book Political History of Police Reform. It is a history of American police over the past century, with emphasis on police in major Midwestern cities. D.C. Heath will publish the book, expected to be available in late spring.

Murry Frost, CAUR, had his slide and text presentation, "Jews and Jewish History Portrayed on Postage Stamps," added to the Library at the Jewish Community Center. The slides were photographed by Al Schlegel of the UNO photo lab.

Mr. John Crane has joined the CAUR staff as a temporary consultant. He has extensive experience in transportation planning.

Deborah Jones, UNO graduate and former Goodrich student died October 21, of suspected spinal meningitis.

Deborah was in the first group of Goodrich students who began UNO studies in 1972. Completing her degree in 3 1/2 years, she was one of the first three Goodrich students to graduate in December 1975. She had been active in Goodrich Program activities and held a part-time job at Brandeis, Crossroads, while she was in school.

"She was a fine young woman--greatly respected by faculty and students who knew her" said Wilda Stephenson, Goodrich Program Director.

Deborah received her degree in special education and was teaching at Omaha's Spring Lake Elementary School at the time of her death.
(Cont. from page 1)

Urban Studies...

The department offers four graduate courses and two undergraduate courses plus credit for independent study. Internships are available for students enrolled in the Urban Studies senior seminar, at the Center for Applied Urban Research (CAUR) and with various community agencies such as the Office of City Planning, the Sarpy County Court, and LaVista's City Hall. The number of internships offered is based on the availability of projects and the relevancy of the research within the context of the senior seminar. Students working with CAUR staff do, among other things, interviewing and data analysis in an attempt to better understand the workings of the city in a disciplined manner.

The type of student who might pursue a major in Urban Studies has a sense of history, but at the same time is interested in contemporary affairs, and is concerned about the future of our cities. A strong interest or background in the social sciences is helpful to an Urban Studies student, as is the ability to relate well with all groups of people.

The recipient of a degree in Urban Studies might find an appropriate career in such areas as planning, city management, human services or human relations.

Acting Chairman and Associate Professor in the department is Dr. Peter Suzuki. Dr. Suzuki, who has his Ph.D. in Anthropology, has done field work in Turkish and German cities and in Omaha on the jitney. He is currently doing research in Omaha's Chicano community.

Dr. David Hinton, whose doctorate is in the field of economics, is Assistant Professor in the department. He was previously with the Center for Applied Urban Research where he was engaged in numerous urban research projects.

Barbara Hewins-Maroney, UNO Coordinator of Minority Affairs and Dr. David Peterson, Director of the Gerontology Program both hold courtesy appointments with Urban Studies.

Department secretary, Michael Heaton, has been with UNO for five years. Prior to joining the CPACS staff in 1972, she worked in the UNO Registrar's Office.

Grant...

(Cont. from page 1)

The Gerontology Program, along with UNO's Committee on the Handicapped, and the University of Nebraska University Affiliated Facility will work to expand academic knowledge, incorporate such knowledge into university curricula, and to upgrade the skills of current service providers. Funding for first year operations is $49,900.

Seminar...

(Cont. from page 1)

Wallace G. Lonergan, Director, Industrial Relations Center and Associate Professor of the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business and Ray S. Wells, City Administrator, Lakewood, Colorado, were speakers at the seminar.

The five-day seminar was sponsored by the Nebraska League of Municipalities, the Nebraska City Management Association and UNO's Department of Public Administration. It was partially financed by a grant from the National Association of the Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and the International City Managers Association.
**MON**

Recommendations for AY 1977-78 reappointments for academic personnel in the 2nd yr. of specific term app't due to Provost.

**TUES**

*ELECTION DAY--VOTE
*Dean's Council 9 am
*CPACS Dept. Heads 1 pm

**WED**

EPAC mtg. 1:30 pm

**THUR**

Faculty Senate 2:30

**FRI**

**1**

Personnel recommendations for Dec. 11 Regents Mtg due to Provost.

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**

**8**

*Dean's Council 9 am
*CPACS Dept Heads 1 pm

**9**

**10**

*Computer User Comm. 9:30 am
*Deadline: Class drop for "W"
*Deadline:chg from grade to audit or CR/NC
*EPAC mtg 1:30 pm

**11**

Board of Regents Mtg

**12**

**13**

**14**

**15**

**16**

**17**

**18**

**19**

THANKSGIVING

HOLIDAY

UNO

CLOSED

**20**

**21**

**22**

**23**

**24**

**25**

**26**

**27**

**28**

**29**

*Status report for all prospective graduating students due in Registrar's Office by noon *Last day for submitting credentials for admission to Graduate Stud. for 2nd sem. 76-77.
*UNO CATALOG COPY DEADLINE

**30**

**NOVEMBER 1976**