CPACS Happenings (November 1978 Newsletter)

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

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The Public Administration Advisory Committee met on October 26th for an information/orientation session. Department faculty, Dean Dave Hinton, CPACS, and Dr. Don Deppe, CAUR, discussed with committee members the Title IX grant, development of internships, graduate assistantships and other departmental activities. In the afternoon, members met with Public Administration students. Members of the committee for 1978-1979 are: Ray Lundy, City Manager, Kearney; Dave Chambers, Executive Vice President, Nebraska League of Municipalities; Jack Kidder, City Manager, York; Michael Miller, City Manager, Council Bluffs; Frank Koehler, City Manager, Scottsbluff; John Russell, Chief of Labor Relations, State of Nebraska Department of Personnel; Jack Mills, Executive Director, Nebraska Association of County Officials; and Joe Van Wey, Area Manager, U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Copy for 1979-80 Graduate Catalog due to Graduate College with one copy due to CPACS Dean's Office.

New courses or revised courses to be considered by the CPACS curriculum committee at its December meeting due in Dean's Office.

CPACS personnel committee meeting in the conference room, Annex 24, 2:30 p.m.

There will be no classes at UNO from November 22nd through November 25th (Wednesday through Saturday). The University will be closed completely Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24. HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Status reports on prospective December graduates are due to the registrar.

The CPACS Advisory Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. Members will be notified of meeting location.

The CPACS curriculum committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Annex 24 conference room.

Catalog copy for 1979-80 undergraduate catalog due to CPACS Dean's Office.

Proposals for faculty development fellowships for fall 1979 or for academic year 1979-80 are due in the office of Academic Affairs. To be eligible, faculty must have "held full-time appointments within the University of Nebraska for six years or more at the rank of assistant, associate or full professor."

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In November, we'd like you to meet six more of our CPACS faculty and staff members, from three different units of the college. We hope it's as much fun reading about them as it was interviewing them!

Secretary II for the Dean's Office and Urban Studies Department, Susan Holm joined the staff a year ago. Before coming here Susan was a secretary in the Journalism Department at UN-L and mother (housemother that is!) to 90 Sigma Nu's at UN-L.

Here at CPACS Susan handles reception duties, types, keeps student records, does the typing and headlines for "Happenings" each month, and--the hardest part--tries to keep track of the college deans.

Susan and husband Rick lived "down under" in Australia for two years where Rick taught school. Coming from a family of 16 children, Susan is our favorite "story teller" and she's got plenty to tell! A crossword puzzle fanatic, anyone who catches Susan on her lunch hour is likely to be greeted with "what's a five-letter word for...."

Bruce Horacek, Practicum Coordinator and Assistant Professor in the Gerontology Program, came to UNO in December of 1973 as Assistant to the Director of the program. Previously, he had taught theology at Creighton University, and prior to that taught religious studies at a small Connecticut college.

Bruce's responsibilities combine teaching (death and dying, social gerontology, and humanities and aging courses), direction of the practicum experience for Gerontology students, and coordination of the student selection process, award of financial aid and other student support services. In addition, he has been active on a number of aging-related community committees--where he is also a popular MC and after dinner speaker. Professional interests include greater academic interrelationship of aging and the humanities, specifically in the areas of religion and older people and death and dying.

"Purveyor of atrocious puns", Bruce subjects his students in "Death and Dying" to such atrocities as "this is a very grave subject." He enjoys golf, claims to be an expert pinball player, and says he's an avid reader--everything from trash to classics.

Julie Horney, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, joined the UNO faculty in 1975. She spent the previous year doing post-doctoral research with the Law and Psychology Program at UN-L, and before that taught psychology at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

Julie holds the Ph.D. in psychology from the University of California at San Diego.

This term Julie teaches the Criminal Justice research methods course and a new course on the courts. Her major professional interest centers on research on the courts, especially plea bargaining. She finds the psychology background applicable to criminal justice
issues and will have an article dealing with the relationship of crimes by women and the menstrual cycle published in Volume 2, Number 1 of *Law and Human Behavior*.

Originator of the "Criminal justice tennis tournament" Julie loves tennis and also enjoys backpacking. A real travel enthusiast she and husband Dan Bernstein plan to visit Austria at Christmas. Julie plays piano, occasionally accompanied by Dan on the recorder. Together they are building a harpsicord in whatever spare moments they find.

Carol Jenkins, Secretary I in the Gerontology Program, has worked in the program since November, 1976. She had previously been a student assistant in UNO's Special Education Department.

Originally from Boston, Carol made her way to Miami where she worked for Princess Hotels International, a chain of luxury hotels. Her current role in Gerontology includes typing and filing, assistance with preparation for the workshops sponsored by the program, and sales and handling of the "Planning and the Third Age" retirement packages. Carol is currently taking classes, working toward a master's degree in business administration.

Another traveller, she has travelled in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe. She occasionally teaches macrame, and enjoys movies, tennis, reading and backgammon.

An associate professor in the department, Jim Kane has taught Criminal Justice at UNO since 1971. Before coming to Nebraska, he taught in the New York State University system. Jim began his career as a "small town cop" in New York. He then spent 15 years with the New York Department of Corrections during which time he held nine different jobs in nine institutions. Simultaneously he went to school, beginning his college career at age 28.

Jim has taught courses in nearly all areas of the criminal justice curriculum, but this term teaches three corrections courses, a major professional interest area. He is also interested in comparative criminal justice and has taken groups of students to England and Mexico to study the systems there. During the winterim this year, he is scheduled to teach another such class in England.

With six children, Jim's personal life revolves around family. His 5 daughters and one son range in age from 13 to 22 and he describes them as "fantastic individuals who have enriched my life." The Kane family members are called "vagabonds" by friends since they love to travel both in the U.S. and overseas.
Gail Kara is a training specialist with the Gerontology Program. She has worked in the program for the past 5½ years, and prior to that worked in the Sociology Department and at the Center for Applied Urban Research as a graduate research assistant.

Gail's responsibilities in Gerontology are varied and include coordinating and conducting training, writing grant proposals in fund training, assistance with research and with report writing, some teaching and technical assistance. Describing herself as a "generalist" in the field of aging, Gail says her more recent work has dealt with housing, disasters, sexuality, sensory changes, agency needs assessments and nutrition.

On a personal level, Gail's interests center on the women's movement and during the summer she organized a successful women's health conference in Omaha. She has just returned from vacation--"exploring" the British Isles. Welcome home, Gail. We're anxious to hear all about it!

The photograph of Kaylene Richards-Ekeh (Goodrich and Criminal Justice) is run to atone for the one run in the October issue. After promises by the "Happenings" photographer never to print a bad picture, we did it. Our apologies, Kaylene. And to our readers--this is the real Kaylene Richards-Ekh.

New Staff

KEN ADAMS
Public Administration

Mr. Adams has been hired as the administrative assistant to the department. His duties include developing Title IX programs and improving services to students presently in and graduates of the Public Administration program. He is located in Annex 27; phone 554-2421.

LYNN ASH
Gerontology

Ms. Ash is a Secretary I in the Gerontology Program. She began work for the program in October, succeeding Betty Saunders. Her office is in Annex 24; phone 554-2272.

YESHEN CHEN
CAUR

Mr. Chen, previously a CAUR Research Assistant has re-joined the Center staff as a Research Assistant. He is currently working with Dr. Paul Lee on a metropolitan study of moorage space. He is located in Annex 15; phone 554-2764.

Carole Davis
CAUR

Ms. Davis, a former graduate student worker at CAUR, joined the full-time staff at the Center in late September as a Community Development and Research Assistant. Her office is in Annex 15; phone 554-2764.

TERI HOWARD
Public Administration

Ms. Howard has been hired as the new secretary. She is replacing Pat Winquest who has moved to Vermont. Her office is in Annex 27; phone 554-2421.
Ms. Meier is the new editor for the Center for Applied Urban Research, and already at work on her second issue of CAUR's "Review of Applied Urban Research." She succeeds Linda Ferring. Marian's office is in Annex 15; phone 554-2764.

Staff Activities

SUNNY ANDREWS
Social Work
Dr. Andrews attended the 106th Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association in Los Angeles, California October 15-18th. He is also a member of the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association representing the Social Work section. October 12 & 13th Dr. Andrews visited the School of Social Work at Arizona State University to study their health content in the total curriculum.

DAVID DIMARTINO
Center for Applied Urban Research
Dr. DiMartino presented a paper, "The Need for Primary Data in Geographic Education" at the 64th annual meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 18-21.

DAVID SCOTT
DAVID PAULSEN
STAN POWERS
Public Administration
Dr. Scott served as facilitator for the Scottsbluff City Council's self-study evaluation September 29th. Dr. Scott, Dr. Paulsen, and Mr. Powers all attended portions of the meeting of the Nebraska League of Municipalities in Columbus October 5-7.

LARRY FRENCH
Criminal Justice
Dr. French will present "Corrections and the Native American Client" at the American Society of Criminology meetings in Dallas, Texas, on November 11th. He is also one of the discussants (with Joan Wadlow, UN-L) in the "Development Projects Observed and Compared" session, 2nd Third World Conference in Omaha on November 16th.

JIM THORSON
Gerontology
On November 14th Dr. Thorson will speak at the annual meeting in St. Louis of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges on "Continuing Education for the Elderly--the Challenge to Higher Education."

STAN POWERS
JOHN WALTON
JOHN PEASE
Public Administration
October 15-19, Mr. Powers attended the International City Management Association (ICMA) convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Powers, along with graduate students Walton and Pease attended the Region VII conference of the American Society for Public Administration held in Des Moines, Iowa, October 6-7.

JIM KANE
Criminal Justice
Mr. Kane conducted a workshop on crime and the elderly at Christ the King Lutheran Church, a South Omaha meal site, on September 7th. "Crime and the Elderly: Working Through the Myths" was the topic of his address at a second workshop at the Bellevue meal site on September 12th. He also spoke at workshops on October 18th and October 25th. The first was at the Papillion Court House on the topic "The Elderly as Victims of Crimes: The Myths" and the second at Springfield, Nebraska on "Trends in Crime Victimization." All workshops were sponsored by ENCOR in cooperation with the UNO Center for Urban Education.
Ms. Tremblay will be delivering a presentation on the development of Native American humanities curriculum materials for the schools at the Indian Education conference sponsored by the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction in Des Moines, Iowa on November 20-21.

On October 13th Professor Brill spoke on "The Do Gooders Nobody Loves!" at a Nebraska Wesleyan University convocation. She also taught a workshop at the Veterans Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas on "Teamwork in Health Settings." Credits are to be used for Kansas social work licensure.

An article by Dr. Walker entitled "Racial Violence, National Interest, and Police Reform: The Origins of the Police-Community Relations Movement in the 1940's," has been accepted for publication by Crime and Justice: A Historical Review.

In September Dr. Suzuki traveled to San Francisco, California where he was a discussant in a panel, "Researcher and the Researched" at the American Sociological Association Meeting. Recently KVNO Radio aired two interviews with Dr. Suzuki, one was "Omaha's Black-Operated Jitney-Cab System" and the other was "Issues and Problems Facing the Aged Minority Groups."

On October 19th and 20th Dr. Webb as a participant in the Northwest Regional Racial Minorities Studies Conference held in Portland, Oregon. He served on two panels, Racial Minorities in Social Movements and Minority Perspectives in Criminal Justice Education.

Mr. Buchanan received a dissertation research grant for work in the health care area from the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.

Dr. Bell has had a paper accepted by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists entitled, "Extra-Marital Sexuality Among Older Adults". The Gerontologist also accepted an article entitled "Extra-Marital Attitudes and Behavior of Older Adults: A National Perspective."

Ms. Coyne has been named chief investigator of a $118,000 research and development project funded by Developmental Disabilities (HEW) and administered by the North American Center on Adoption, New York. The project will study the state of the art in placing children with mental retardation, epilepsy, autism, and/or cerebral palsy in adoptive homes.

Dr. Porter and Dr. Roberg presented a seminar on the subject of Correctional Management at the Iowa Correctional Association Fall Meeting in Fort Dodge, Iowa, October 13, 1978.

On October 10, 1978, Dr. Missinne talked to Divorced Catholics of Omaha on "Depression: How to Cope With It" at the Wedgewood Clubhouse.
Dr. Woody presented a paper entitled "Counseling Strategies for Post-Divorce Families" at the annual meeting of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Houston, Texas on October 14th.

Mr. Hanlon's title has changed from Research Assistant to Community Development and Research Assistant.

Barb Richards (Social Work) and husband Dennis are the happy parents of Angela Dawn, born October 10th. A real "early bird" Angela arrived at 4:00 a.m. Congratulations and our very best wishes to the Richards.

Minutes of the CPACS Faculty Meeting

October 10, 1978


Dean Hinton opened the meeting with introductions of two new faculty members. David DiMartino is a senior research fellow at the Center for Applied Urban Research. Cassie Spohn is an assistant professor with the Goodrich Program who also teaches one course for Urban Studies.

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTION AND TENURE - Chairperson Sam Walker reported on committee activity. He said that this year for the first time, the committee has been asked to review reappointment materials for individuals on special appointments. He also noted that this year the committee will act on tenure recommendations for three administrators, making confidentiality of increased importance. At Dr. Walker's request, Dean Hinton commented on the procedures to be followed for these recommendations. He outlined them, stressing that administrators, of course do not evaluate and recommend themselves.

Commenting on a third item, Dr. Walker said that the College does not have formal guidelines for promotion and tenure. He moved that CPACS adopt the present UNO guidelines and then, as the need arises, begin to amend them. The motion was seconded and passed without objection. (A copy of these guidelines may be found in the UNO Faculty Handbook.)

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT - Janet Porter reported for chairperson Chris Bolton. She said that honors programs have now been mandated at the college level, and that Dr. Bolton heads a CPACS committee on honors program on which she serves as the Criminal Justice representative. She encouraged representation by all units. Currently students may take any CPACS course for honors credit by prior arrangement with the instructor, but eventually the college will be required to offer some specially designated honors courses as well.

Dr. Porter also reported that a sub-committee of the curriculum committee is studying the possibility of a college-wide research course. Jane Woody heads the sub-committee, and said that a proposal is now being written for an experimental course and will be taken to the curriculum committee for review soon.

FACULTY SENATE REPORTS - Bill Wakefield reported on two items which were to be before the Senate October 11. A resolution of non-support for the proposed changes in promotion and tenure guidelines was to be presented, and also a resolution on further study of the teacher evaluation system.

Mike McGrath reported on a problem with changes of incomplete grades now being discussed by the UNO Academic Standards Committee. He said that a 1974 policy which would convert incompleteds automatically to "f" grades after a certain time period
is not enforced. There was discussion by faculty present, and it was suggested that further comments be directed to Dr. McGrath after the meeting.

IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION - Mike McGrath and Bill Wakefield were introduced as CPACS faculty advocates for the Improvement of Instruction Office. Dr. Wakefield announced an upcoming workshop on presentation of materials for promotion and tenure which will be of interest to many faculty. In addition, he announced that there would be a "brown bag" session on October 12th for graduate teaching assistants.

Dr. McGrath commented that he has received valuable individual assistance from Improvement of Instruction and encouraged others to take advantage of this service. All individual help is confidential and all materials used are turned over to the faculty member for his/her own use.

WAIVER OF URBAN STUDIES 201 FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE - After explanation by Janet Porter of the rationale of the Criminal Justice faculty in asking for a waiver of US 201, she made the following motion: The Criminal Justice Department requests permission to eliminate Urban Studies 201 as a degree requirement for Criminal Justice students. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Peter Suzuki explained the interdisciplinary design of the course and suggested that it does provide a commonality for CPACS majors not offered in any other course. When brought to a vote the motion passed with several faculty abstaining. It was suggested that the new policy be effective in January.

Ron Ozaki then moved that a review be made of possible college-wide academic requirements. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

THE PARKING PROBLEM - After some discussion, it was moved and seconded that the CPACS faculty go on record as concerned about and tired of continual parking problems, and requesting immediate action to solve the problem. The motion passed unanimously. (Note: Campus Security has since cooperated by reserving faculty/staff parking in Lot W.)

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS - Due to the time, the meeting was adjourned without discussion of faculty development or community development. Dean Hinton noted, however, that earlier in the day a meeting on community development took place. Anyone interested in the results of that session was invited to contact Don Deppe or Vince Webb.