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SSW—A Product of Many Universities

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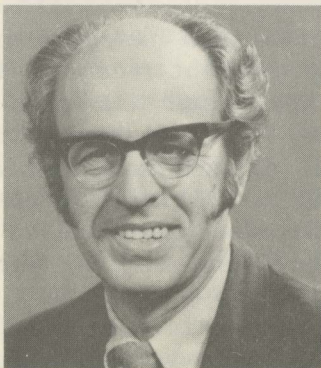
Nashville in the early 1930s had one of the stronger "social work" communities in the South. Professional social workers were found in children's services, the American Red Cross, public schools, Vanderbilt Hospital and elsewhere in greater number and stature than was generally true over the South. Social workers from the voluntary agencies were active in Tennessee's emergency relief measures. Some left the voluntary sector and entered the developing public welfare system. This cadre of social workers joined a significant group of Nashville citizens who were dedicated to the goal of developing a comprehensive range of social services through service on agency boards and inter-agency planning bodies.

One of the products of this coalition of citizens and professional social workers was a Federal Emergency Relief Training School at Vanderbilt University during the academic year 1934-35. The school did not continue beyond that academic year, but the determination to organize a School of Social Work persisted.

Prior to adopting the appellation "Music City," Nashville liked to be known as the Athens of the South, there being about a dozen institutions of higher learning found there. Vanderbilt University, Peabody College for Teachers, and Scarritt College, affiliated with the Methodist Church, had adjoining campuses on Twenty-first Avenue South. These three institutions were actively coordinating their programs. One such venture was the Joint University Library, which in 1940 combined the library resources of the three institutions and was for a time the foremost academic library in the South.

The presidents of Peabody and Scarritt and the chancellor of Vanderbilt constituted the core impetus during the years of development for a school of social work. They were able to secure foundation funding in the amount of \$40,000 from the General Education Board for the founding of a school of social work and a second grant of \$30,000 in 1945.

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A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

As the "oldest living faculty member," I accepted the commission to do the definitive history of the School of Social Work. The temptation was great to spin yarns, but, alas, that will have to wait for the occasions where talk is cheaper. I have tried to lay out a quick and broad chronology of events in the 40 years of our school. You are invited to attend the anniversary events where the opportunity for more extensive consideration of the School's 40 years will be possible.

Forward to Fifty

by Dean BEN GRANGER

The alumni scholarship fund drive is moving along in high gear. "It's Time to Gas Up for 1982-83" was mailed out to approximately 1,800 school alumni, and each branch will be completing follow-up telephone calls to encourage contributions.

In conjunction with this drive and the School of Social Work's 40th anniversary, we are launching a development theme of "Forward to Fifty." At the school's Policy and Advisory Council meeting in February there was enthusiastic endorsement of this idea. It was concluded that, while the school is planning for specific activities around the 40th anniversary this year, it would be extremely helpful to use the next ten years as development toward the 50th school anniversary.

What is actually envisioned is a two-level theme. The first will focus on asking alumni for continued stipend and scholarship support, encouraging them to participate over a ten-year period. Alumni will be asked to make an initial contribution that will go into a foundation account whose interest will be used for scholarships. Over a ten-year period culminating with the 50th school anniversary, it is expected that this scholarship foundation account will have accumulated a significantly large principal.

The second theme of "Forward to 50" will be aimed at potentially large contributors, alumni and friends of the school who would be interested in not only providing scholarship support but also faculty development funds. These funds will also be placed into a foundation account.

Contributions should be made specifically to the "UT School of Social Work Alumni Scholarship Fund" and mailed to the Annual Giving Office, 600 Andy Holt Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996. Gifts are tax deductible.

UTSSW Leads in Grant Gains

The school of Social Work showed the largest percentage gain, an increase of 32 percent, in acquisition of grant funding among University of Tennessee units between FY 1980 and FY 1981, according to Marla Peterson, Dean for Graduate Studies and Research. Her report listed UTSSW as one of six UT units receiving in excess of \$1 million from grants during FY 1981.

THEC Employs Consultants to Study Doctoral Program

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has retained two consultants to review the proposal for a PhD in Social Work at the University of Tennessee.

Council of Social Work Education President Richard English and Indiana University Dean Leonard Schneiderman made site visits in December. Their reports and the recommendations of the THEC staff were recently completed and forwarded to the university.

The THEC staff, upon advice from the consultants, is prepared to recommend that the Commission approve and activate the doctoral program if several conditions, including increased financial support from the university, are met.

It is the view of all concerned that the conditions set by THEC are reasonable and can be met before the next meeting of THEC scheduled for May 28 in Knoxville.

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved the proposal during its 1981 summer meeting. It was then submitted to THEC for final approval.

Open House Hosted at Nashville

The Nashville Branch hosted an open house for prospective students on Saturday, March 20th. The faculty were delighted to welcome and entertain 40 people who came from throughout middle Tennessee and from such places as Paducah, KY, Richmond, VA, Eutawville, SC and Huntsville, AL.

The open house, originally scheduled from 10:30 a.m. until noon, lasted until 1:00 p.m. Eleven faculty members and five students were available to present an overview of the various program options available at the branch and to answer questions.

The open house is part of a comprehensive recruitment effort being undertaken by the branch. Every college within one hundred miles of the branch has been visited by faculty and student teams. Every agency in middle Tennessee has been sent flyers and requests for assistance in the recruitment effort. Alumni have been asked to suggest names of possible students and have responded with over two hundred suggested contacts—including the 40 who attended the open house.

The branch welcomes the continued support of alumni and friends in this recruitment effort.

Henderson to Speak at Energy Symposium

"Energy Equity and Social Impacts" will be the topic presented by keynote speaker Hazel Henderson at the 3rd Annual Symposium on the Human Side of Energy in Knoxville, August 2-4.

Henderson is an internationally published futurist as well as an activist and founder of many public interest organizations. Her latest book is The Politics of the Solar Age: Alternatives to Economics.

Considered an economist/environmentalist, she is a director of the Council on Economic Priorities and the Worldwatch Institute, and has also served as a member of the Advisory Council of the U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment and on advisory committees of the National Science Foundation.

Sponsors of the symposium are the Office of Continuing Social Work Education, University of Tennessee School of Social Work, and the Department of Conferences.

Additional cosponsors are the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Energy Division, which will be giving staff time and technical assistance. East Tennessee Design Center, a Knoxville group which offers planning and practical experience in appropriate energy technologies to neighborhood groups, will also participate in the symposium's program.

These agencies and others in the conference will focus on the symposium's goal of providing an exchange of information, resources, models, research efforts, and viewpoints on how energy affects individuals and communities.

For example, one panel discussion will address the issue of "The Cost of Energy and its Impact upon the Elderly." The panel will include representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons, the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the Edison Electric Institute and the National Institute on Aging.

Explaining the symposium's purpose, program chairman Paul Campbell, Office of Continuing Social Work Education, emphasizes that the conference will meet the need for a humanistic approach to energy, while the World's Fair exhibits will be oriented toward technology and the pro-

duction of energy. The conference will evaluate past and present energy strategies, how they affect people today, and what the options are for reconciling technology and human needs in the future.

Marcus Weseman, MSSW, is chairman of the program committee. A graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Social Work, Knoxville, he is presently working with the Oak Ridge Associated University.

According to Weseman, the response to the symposium has been very positive. He says that inquiries and papers have already come from several areas of Canada and all across the United States.

The schedule for the conference includes time for participants to visit the TVA steam, hydroelectric, and nuclear plants near Watts Bar and to see the Design Center's World's Fair display of appropriate technologies, as well as other attractions of the fair.

Registration forms and information on housing are available from Jim Phillips, Arrangements Chairman, The University of Tennessee, Department of Conferences, 2019 Terrace, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-4100.

Nashville Celebrates Anniversary June 3-4

Plans are being finalized at the Nashville Branch for its celebration of the School of Social Work's 40th Anniversary. Invitations will be mailed to alumni and friends of the school to join in two days of festivities.

A cocktail party will be hosted by St. Mary Villa on Thursday evening, June 3rd. On Friday, June 4th, the branch will host an Anniversary Colloquium with former faculty member, Dr. Edward Pawlak, now at Western Michigan University, as the featured speaker. A luncheon will follow highlighted by speaker Frederick Humphries, President of Tennessee State University. University of Tennessee-Knoxville Chancellor Jack Reese will introduce the luncheon speaker.

Those interested in attending the celebration, should contact Professors Robert Bonovich or Dorothy Sullivan, co-chairpersons for anniversary planning.

School History (from page 1)

In 1935 Scarritt College had inaugurated a program for social-religious workers which included courses common to schools of social work at the time. A social worker faculty member of this program was Lora Lee Pederson, who provided staff services to the school of social work planning process and was named first director of the Nashville School of Social Work, a position she occupied until 1950.

The Nashville School of Social Work started its first class in the fall of 1942 with a faculty of five and with headquarters in a large 1890 Scarritt-owned residence on Twenty-first Avenue South in the midst of the University Center. The joint university library served the school, and some classes were held there. The first class had been recruited around Tennessee and the Southeast, mainly from public welfare departments. Twenty-three full-time students and thirteen part-time made up the initial enrollment. A few military personnel from the Air Corps Classification Center in Nashville enrolled in evening courses.

Vanderbilt University provided administration for the program, appointed the faculty, picked up deficits, and awarded the first two Master of Science in Social Work degrees in June 1944. A former dean of the then New York School of Social Work (now Columbia University) was a consultant to the group which designed the school, which probably accounts for the degree designation MSSW rather than the more common MSW. However, the initial five faculty were all graduates of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration.

The school was accredited in 1945 and by 1947 the school had had seven graduates, all women. The 1948 graduates numbered 19, three of whom were the first male graduates. Similarly sized graduating classes continued through 1951, which was the last year that Vanderbilt awarded the degree. At this time there had been 81 graduates, 18 of whom were men.

It was usual in those days for social work education to be completed in stages. Students frequently completed one year of graduate study and returned to employment for a few years before completing a second year and a thesis. Job specifications often read, "one year or two years of social work education," without reference to a degree. Many early students of social work did not take degrees.

During the late 1940s the gap widened between tuition, fees and grants generated on the one hand, and expenditures on the other. Vanderbilt became increasingly restive as the deficits mounted and foundations treated social work as professional education for which governments should pay. It seemed for a time that the school might not survive.

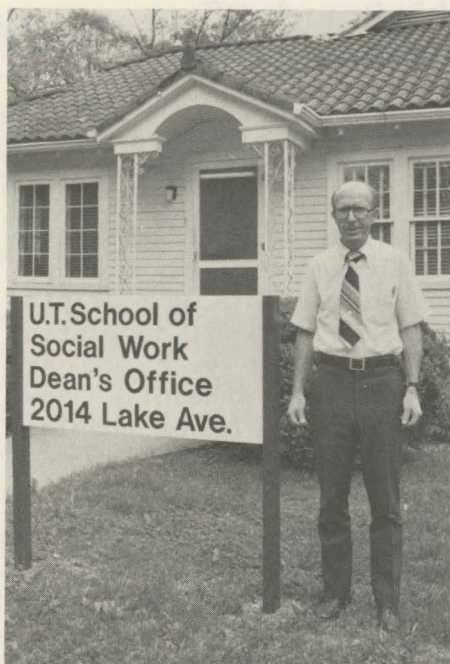
In 1950 Lora Lee Pederson accepted an invitation to develop a school of social work at the University of Texas, and Sue Spencer became director. She had learned about the Nashville School of Social Work while Executive Secretary of the predecessor to the Council on Social Work Education (continued on page 5)



Here the class of '54 lunches after graduation with J.C. Penney as guest. His niece was among the graduates. Miss Spencer is at the left.



In 1956 UT purchased the old Methodist Publishing House building at Ninth and Broad and placed all UT Nashville operations there. The school occupied this space for about 15 years.



Dean Ben Granger, left, stands in front of his office on Lake Avenue. Social work classes in Knoxville have been in University-owned residences on Lake Avenue and Mountcastle since 1971. The School in Knoxville has occupied space in Ayers Annex, Claxton Education, Alumni Hall, McClung Tower, Lake Avenue residences, and in the summer of 1982 is scheduled to move into Henson Hall, right. The University's 40th anniversary present to the school is a proper academic building and a more permanent home for Knoxville operations of the school.

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tion--the American Association of Schools of Social Work.

Miss Spencer set about to organize supporters such as those who had brought the school into being in 1942. They negotiated with Vanderbilt, the University of Tennessee, and state government. UT President C.E. Brehm dispatched the late Dr. William E. Cole, head of the Sociology Department, to investigate a transfer of the school to the University of Tennessee. His report favored the proposed action. Governor Gordon Browning secured a supplemental appropriation and on July 1, 1951, the Nashville School of Social Work became the University of Tennessee School of Social Work.

Another development which took place in 1950-51 was the extension of the school through the founding of the Memphis Branch. This development opened Memphis agency field placements to the school. The availability of adequate field placements has long been a major factor limiting social work education. Classes in Memphis were held in the Goodwyn Institute in early 1951. That fall the Memphis Branch moved into Eave Hall on the University of Tennessee

see medical campus. Miss Willie V. Bratton, now retired, was the Memphis Branch Director until 1960.

The school was in the position in 1951 of being a program of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, but with no base on the Knoxville campus. This situation was somewhat corrected early in 1951 with the appointment of Francis A. Manis as the school's Knoxville campus representative. He taught a few undergraduate courses in the Sociology Department and occasionally graduate level courses for employed persons. A branch program with full-time resident students was initiated in Knoxville in 1958 with Ethel Panter as Branch Director.

In 1955 the second-year field work program was changed to a block basis. The pattern which was adopted was: first-year concurrent placement in Memphis or Nashville, second-year block placement beginning late October and running until late April. All students had a six-week term of classes in Nashville before and after the six-month block of field practice. Agencies in Tennessee and throughout the Southeast were used as placement.

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Peggy Papp to Address Family Therapy Symposium

The Second Annual Symposium for the Advancement of Family Therapy is to be held in Knoxville November 8 and 9, 1982. Peggy Papp, MSW, Senior Training Supervisor and Co-Director of the Brief Therapy Project, Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy, will be the featured speaker.

Ms. Papp's four major presentations will address the strategic therapy methods of paradoxical intervention and the use of peer consultation in training and therapy. The Symposium Committee expects a variety of presentations correlated with Ms. Papp's emphasis.

For more information, contact: Chaplain Tom Brown, Symposium Committee, Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, 5908 Lyons View Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

CFS Conference to Focus on Family Violence

Child and Family Services will be holding a conference on "Prevention and Treatment of Family Violence and Sex Abuse," October 18-22 at the Sheraton West in Knoxville. Featured speakers will be Nahman Greenberg, MD, Executive Director of CAUSES in Chicago, and Nicholas Groth, PhD, Director of the Sex Offender Program in Somers, CN.

Hoping to appeal to social work practitioners and other professionals in the Southeast, the conference will emphasize skill development. The program will offer information which those attending can take home and apply to their practices.

Those interested in registering or in receiving other information should contact Phyllis Betz, Child and Family Services, 114 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 or call (615) 524-7483.

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Memphis Branch Offers Off-Campus Classes

In January, 1981, the Memphis Branch began an off-campus part-time program at Jackson, TN, by offering the eight courses of the two-quarter core curriculum. Two classes were offered each quarter on Saturdays at Lambuth College.

Of the nineteen students who originally enrolled, sixteen are now completing requirements for the first year and are planning their second-year schedule. Most of this group have been able to complete first-year field practice requirements at nontraditional hours while continuing their full-time employment. It is anticipated that some second-year field placements will also be available in areas around Jackson.

The Memphis Branch plans to begin a new class of part-time students in Jackson, TN in January, 1983. Since the program can be offered only with a sufficient number of interested students, any person interested in these graduate social work classes should apply promptly.

Contact: Branch Director, UTSSW-Memphis Branch, 1246 Union, (901) 725-4463.

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This pattern prevailed until the early 1970s when the second year block placements began in January and ran through May, leaving the fall quarter as a full-time class experience.

A budget crisis in 1960 led to the closure of the Memphis Branch. It was reopened in 1965 with Eugene Ratajczak as Branch Director. He was succeeded by Mary Ann Hopkins who was replaced by the present Memphis Director, Kate Mullins. Memphis had its first graduates under a full two-year program in 1975.

Gid Fryer became Knoxville Branch Director in 1963, and the first graduates to complete both years in Knoxville finished in 1969. Ed Pawlak became Knoxville Branch Director in 1971, and Roger Nooe has served in that capacity since 1975.

Sue Spencer retired in 1973 after 23 years as Director/Dean. She continued to live in the Nashville house that she built on Shy's Hill Road until the summer of 1981 when she relocated in San Antonio, Texas.

Ben Granger has served as Dean since 1973. The headquarters of the school were moved from Nashville to Knoxville at that time.

Staff Notes

LOU BEASLEY spoke February 25 on "Relating Racism to Feminism: Implications for Practice for the Helping Professions" at the monthly program meeting of the NASW Committee on Women's Issues, held at the Nashville Branch.

She was also elected to another three-year term, effective January, on the Board of Directors of the Council on Accreditation of Services to Families and Children, where she chairs the Committee on Provisions and serves on the Executive Committee.

REGINA FALCON was named recipient of the Community Leader Award for 1982 for work with Latin American students and in health care promotion. She also chaired a meeting of Health Care Services Research American Public Health Meetings in Los Angeles, 1981.

JOANNE JANKOVIC and RONALD GREEN each presented papers at the National Conference on Social Work and the Law in St. Louis, April 1-3. Joanne Jankovic's paper was titled "Legal Implications Involved in Permanency Planning: A Need for Standard Setting in Response to PL 96-272." Ronald Green's paper was on "Social Work Practice in a Litigious Society: How to Protect Yourself from Liability." Also, they have published an article called "Teaching Legal Principles to Social Workers" in the Journal of Education for Social Work, 17(3), 28-35.

PAMELA LANDON presented "The Decisional Model for Social Work Practice" at the annual program meeting in New York City of the Council of Social Work Education. She also presented, with Marvin Feit, a paper on "Management and Administration: Where We Are and Where We Need to Go."

ELDON MARSHALL and DAVID KURTZ have recently completed Interpersonal Helping Skills: Models, Resources, and Training Methods, to be published by Jossey-Bass this fall. This multidisciplinary book compiles a variety of helping skills models and the training methods which accompany them. It is intended for those who teach and use helping skills, as well as for those interested in the empirical investigation of skill typologies and training techniques.

HIA RUBENSTEIN was the speaker March 18 at the Undergraduate Social Work Club banquet of Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. The banquet was

Alumni Notes

JAMES KEEBLER ('64) has assumed the position of director at the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Region II-A, office. He was previously the Area Coordinator in Child Support.

NELLIE P. TATE ('69) is project director for an interdisciplinary research project entitled "Assessment of the Health Needs and Support Systems of a Group of Elderly." The project will assess the health needs of a group of elderly, determine the availability of potential support for them, and assess the drug compliance of those for whom medications have been prescribed.

LYNNELLE HAMMETT ('72), former director of the Region II-A office, was recently promoted by the Tennessee Department of Human Services to State Director of Personnel. Hammett was the 1981 president of the UTSSW Alumni Association.

ROBERT GREENFIELD-SMITH ('77), who graduated from the Nashville Branch and subsequently completed a year of training at the Menninger Clinic, is currently on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science of the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, where he is a teacher-clinician. Bob's proposal for a family therapy training program was recently approved by the school, and he was appointed director of that program.

LINDA STERE ('77) is the chairperson of the NASW Committee on Women's Issues in Nashville and is ably assisted by several of her sister alumnae.

TAFADZWA NDERERE ('81) returned home to Zimbabwe, South Africa (formerly Rhodesia) after receiving his MSSW. He accepted a government position as Deputy District Social Services Officer for the Central District of the City of Salisbury. His responsibilities include the supervision of eighteen social workers and four public assistance officers and the handling of staff development.

Of his Administration and Planning specialization, he wrote: "It is the best sequence and applicable anywhere. My training is superior in all areas. So UT curriculum is applicable to Zimbabwe--keep up the good work."

held in honor of the graduating seniors and of Social Work Month. Dr. Rubenstein spoke on "Making a Difference."

Alumni Association Nominates Officers

On April 8, 1982, the Nominating Committee met and selected a list of alumni for nomination to the UTSSW Alumni Association Board of Directors. Each of these individuals has been contacted and has expressed a willingness to serve.

Please indicate your approval of those officers by marking "Yes" or "No" by each name. Any alternative nominations should be written in the blanks provided. Be sure to include the office with each name.

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Write-Ins

These nominations are listed for approval by UTSSW alumni. Write-ins are welcome. Those wishing to participate should cut out and mail this form to The Dean's Office, UT School of Social Work, 2014 Lake Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-3910.

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