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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

This edition of the Newsletter is essentially an interim one until we decide how to cut costs for future issues. In the past, it has cost about \$2,000 per issue to publish and mail. In the time of reduced budgets and tight funds we have to seriously examine what are the most important priorities. We do plan to continue with some form of newsletter to keep in touch with our alumni and friends of the School; however, what form and how extensive will need to be determined. We welcome your comments on this.

This has been a busy and challenging year. The School faculty has seriously examined how to be relevant in providing social work education for the 80's in a period of scarce resources. To remain responsive to graduate social work education, we feel that it is essential to maintain three viable Branch programs offering full curriculum (i.e., two quarter core, specialization in social treatment or administration and planning, and an opportunity for concentration in one of several fields of practice). Providing this curriculum through full-time, part-time, and accelerated approaches has enabled us to be more responsive to persons seeking professional social work education. We also have, or are planning to have, extended part-time opportunities in the Jackson and Chattanooga areas.

Plans for the doctoral program are still on target. We are now seeking approval for the program from the UT Board of Trustees and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission during the late spring and summer. If final approval is granted, we anticipate a start-up date in the fall of '82 with a small class of ten to twelve students. Most of the School's planning has been directed toward determining how to reallocate some of the existing School resources to support doctoral education. This has been done

within the context of maintaining quality and in meeting all accreditation standards.

While funding for the program will be more limited, I believe we will find the opportunity in education, practice, and research to be innovative and to demonstrate the importance of social work practice in our communities.

Let's keep in touch!!

NEW NASHVILLE BRANCH DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Dr. Lou Beasley was appointed Branch Director of the UTSSW-Nashville effective March 1, 1981. Prior to the appointment, Dr. Beasley was acting Branch Director and has served on the UTSSW faculty since 1971. In addition to her many Branch duties, Dr. Beasley participates in many outside activities. She is presently serving on the Program Committee of the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare and was reappointed as Chairman of the Committee on Provision of the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. Prior to these positions, she participated in the Accreditation Trainee Workshop for CSWE and was appointed to the Family and Child Welfare Committee of NABSW. The UTSSW is very fortunate to have Dr. Beasley and we extend congratulations on her new appointment!!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1980-82

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NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

The Knoxville Branch is proposing to offer evening courses beginning fall quarter, 1981. These sections would enable employed persons to begin work on their MSSW degree.

The Knoxville Branch, in cooperation with the Nashville Branch, is planning to reinstate the Chattanooga Program to enable social workers to complete MSSW requirements while remaining on the job. The target date is fall, 1981.

The Knoxville Branch and the ABSSW co-sponsored a symposium on the UTK campus which focused on social work and the Black client. The symposium included five social workers, from the Knoxville area, who spoke about various issues related to the Black client as well as ways to work with the Black client successfully.

The Nashville Branch is pleased to present State Senator Douglas Henry as the keynote speaker for the annual Integrative Seminar. Senator Henry's speech will focus on the impact of current and proposed Federal legislation and Administration priorities on social service delivery systems.

The School, through the Memphis Branch is participating in the planning and development of an interdisciplinary gerontology center at the UT Center for Health Sciences with a planning grant from AOA.

The Memphis Branch is developing a concentration in industrial social work. The project, currently funded by a NIMH grant, will train social workers to deal with the range of personal problems of people employed in industry that impinge on their work competence.

FACULTY BRIEFS

Dr. Betty Cleckley, Associate Dean, was one of 13 UTK faculty members honored at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet on Wednesday, May 6. Through an Inter-governmental Personnel Agreement, she is presently serving as Program Director of the Black College Initiative Program for 1980-82. The program is part of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration.

Dr. Titus Haynes, Knoxville, recently had a book published entitled, "Fundamentalism in Black Inner-City Store Front Churches." The book was released in

January by Vantage Press.

Dr. G. W. Ayers, Knoxville, has an upcoming article in Social Work entitled, "Fees in a Human Services Agency: Why Do Clients Pay?"

Dr. A. Elfin Moses, Knoxville, submitted her book entitled, Counseling Lesbian Women and Gay Men: A Life Issues Approach, for publication.

Dr. David Harrison, Knoxville, is working on a textbook entitled Social Work Methods, with Dr. Beulah Compton of the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Jerry Cates, Knoxville, has completed requirements for his Ph.D., which is being awarded in May.

Dr. Gideon Fryer and Professor Paul Zarbock, Knoxville, recently represented UTSSW at the Alumni Luncheon at the Georgia Conference on Social Welfare.

Dr. Phillip Popple, Nashville, has an article being published in the June issue of Social Services Review, entitled "Social Work Practice in Business and Industry, 1875-1930."

There were a number of presentations by members of the Nashville Branch faculty at the Annual Program Meeting (March, 1981) of the Council on Social Work Education in Louisville, KY. Dr. P. David Kurtz acted as Chairperson for the roundtable focusing on "Interpersonal Helping Skills: Models For Classroom Instruction and Continuing Education." Dr. Eldon K. Marshall, Nashville, was a speaker for this roundtable.

Professor Mary Bloch and Dr. Robert Bonovich presented an invited curriculum development workshop on "Ethics in the Social Work Curriculum."

At the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare held in Nashville during April, Dr. Lou Beasley, Nashville, moderated a workshop on "Homemaker Services." Dr. Hia Rubenstein, Nashville, participated in a workshop focusing on supervision.

Dr. Robert Bonovich, Nashville, recently participated in the first annual conference of the Governor's interdisciplinary Committee. Governor Lamar Alexander has established a State-wide interdisciplinary committee and seven regional sub-committees made up of representatives of the Departments of Public Health, Mental Health, Human Services, Education, and Corrections. This committee is

designed to increase collaboration between these departments.

Dr. Kate Mullins, Director of the Memphis Branch, served as Chairperson of the 1980-81 Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education held in Louisville, KY in March. Dr. Mullins also recently represented the School at the UTSSW Alumni Reception at the Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare.

PROFESSOR McLARNAN RETIRES

After 16 years of dedicated service, Professor Georgiana McLarnan is retiring from the UT School of Social Work (Nashville Branch). Upon the completion of this academic year she and Sue Spencer, former Dean of the School, will be moving to Texas. Our deep appreciation is expressed to Georgiana for the tremendous contributions she has made to our School, our community, and our profession. On Friday evening, May 29, St. Mary Villa will be the site of a celebration to thank Georgiana for what she has done and to wish her well as she moves into the next stage of her life's journey.

ALUMNI - SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Each year the Knoxville Branch has a Hooding Ceremony for the graduating class with a reception immediately following. Response to this annual event has been excellent with alumni attendance high. Each year the ten-year graduates of UTSSW are recognized and honored. This year the Class of 1971 will be issued a special invitation.

The ceremony will be held June 9, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The reception will be held in the Crest Room of the Center.

The annual Integrative Seminar for graduating seniors at the Memphis Branch is scheduled for June 1-5, 1981. Alumni Day will be held Friday, June 5, and all Memphis UTSSW alumni are invited to attend. Dr. John Colen, Dean of the University of California at Sacramento, will be the guest speaker for Alumni Day. Dr. Colen will speak on "Achieving Quality in an Age of Scarcity: So What Else is New for Minorities." A luncheon will be held following the speaker at J.P. Seafield's Restaurant in Germantown.

Alumni are also invited to attend the seminar Wednesday, June 3 to hear Dr. Ruth Middleman speak. Dr. Middleman has co-authored a book with Gale Goldberg entitled Social Service Delivery, A Structural Approach. During the morning session, Dr. Middleman will focus on "Issues in Working with Groups" and in the afternoon, the topic will be "Issues Facing Graduates in Licensing Examination."

UTSSW ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

The UTSSW Alumni Scholarship Drive is presently underway. The alumni mail-out was completed during April and response has been very positive. Repairs on our "garage" continue to wait on needed financial support for our students. Contributions from the Scholarship Drive are used to provide financial assistance to first and second year UTSSW students. Support our Scholarship Drive by sending contributions to:

National Alumni Association
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Please note on your check that your contribution is for the UT School of Social Work Alumni Scholarship Drive. Also, all gifts to the University of Tennessee are tax deductible.

FAMILY THERAPY SYMPOSIUM

A group of family therapist professionals from Lakeshore Mental Health Institute and the UT Psychology Clinic are working with UTSSW Office of Continuing Education in producing the first symposium for the Advancement of Family Therapy. The Symposium will be held in Knoxville October 5 and 6, 1981, at the Hyatt Regency. Featured speaker will be Dr. Donald Bloch, M.D. Director of the Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy and editor of Family Process. For further information, contact Julie Hardin (UTSSW '77), c/o Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, 5908 Lyons View Drive Knoxville, Tennessee, 37919; or Peg Carey, c/o UT School of Social Work, Office of Continuing Social Work Education, 1838 Terrace Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37916.

KNOXVILLE AREA UTSSW ALUMNI

Social Work Month-March 1981 was sponsored by the local NASW Chapter. At the annual banquet the following awards were announced.

Social Worker of the Year:

Jim Griffin (UTSSW-Knoxville '76)
of Daniel Arthur Rehabilitation Center

Agency of the Year:

UTSSW Office of Continuing Social
Work Education

Public Citizen of the Year:

Bill Williams of Channel 10 TV

NEWS OF OUR ALUMS

Gary Tester
MSSW - Knoxville '80

Gary is employed as Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Services at the Cherokee Mental Health Center in Morristown, TN.

Jean Cohn
MSSW - Memphis '78

Jean is employed as Social Services Director of Obion County Hospital in Union City, TN. Recently, she was appointed as West Tennessee Representative to the Governor's Advisory Council to the Board of Healing Arts regarding social work licensure. Jean was also elected President-elect of the Tennessee Society of Health Care Social Workers.

David Baker
MSSW - Knoxville '77

Presently, David is Director of Social Services at St. Mary's Medical Center. St. Mary's is a 525-bed medical facility located in Knoxville, TN.

Mary King
MSSW - Nashville '80

Mary is presently employed as a Psychiatric Social Clinician with Northwest Tennessee Mental Health Center in Dyersburg TN. Her position as a full-time therapist

involves doing some innovative group work in adult boarding homes and nursing homes.

Janie Carter
MSSW - Knoxville '80

Janie is a faculty member at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia.

Beverly Taylor
MSSW - Nashville '68

Beverly is employed as administrative supervisor and therapist at the Fulton County, KY, Mental Health Center and also the Mayfield Mental Health Center in Mayfield, KY.

Barbara Boston
MSSW - Knoxville '78

Presently, Barbara is employed as a Social worker assigned to psychiatric emergency room services at a general hospital in Phoenix, AZ. Job responsibilities include direct service and training of the medical residents.

NEWS OF FUTURE ALUMNI

At the UT Chancellor's Honors Banquet on May 6, Chancellor's Citations for Extraordinary Academic Achievement and/or Professional Promise were presented to 50 students and 4 scholar-athletes from 14 UTK Colleges and Schools. For the School of Social Work: Kathryn S. Edwards, second year student at the Knoxville Branch, Bobbie Harris, second year student at the Memphis Branch, and Ricki Rippy, second year student at the Nashville Branch, received recognition for professional promise.

The School is very interested in keeping up with news from alumni. We are always eager to hear from you about what you are doing, where you are working, and how your family is. Please drop us a card when you have a moment

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