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**In Memoriam:**

**Sue Way Spencer**

Sue Way Spencer, Director of the University of Tennessee School of Social Work for 23 years, died March 18, 1986. A graduate of Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee and recipient of a MSW from Columbia University, she taught at Louisiana State and Tulane University and was executive secretary of the American Association of Social Workers (now NASW) and the American Association of Schools of Social Work (now CSWE).

In 1950, Miss Spencer became Director of the Nashville School of Social Work. At that time the Nashville School was operated by Vanderbilt University, Scarritt College and Peabody College. When the School ran out of grant money, Miss Spencer was able to save the core of the School and, with her assistance, the School became the University of Tennessee School of Social Work, centered in Knoxville, with branches in Memphis and Nashville. After her successful retention of the School of Social Work, Miss Spencer dedicated her efforts to strengthening and enlarging the School by making use of the various resources available through the university.

Miss Spencer retired in 1973 and became Dean Emeritus of the School. Her efforts helped the university train hundreds of social workers in Tennessee and neighboring states, and her contributions will be long remembered.

Memorial contributions may be made to *Forward to 50*, Office of Development, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 401 Student Services Building, Knoxville, TN 37996-9989. Checks should be made payable to the University of Tennessee, College of Social Work.

**Reception Held for Drs. Austin and Martin**

The College of Social Work honored Dr. David Austin and Dr. Patricia Martin with a reception on June 4, 1986, in appreciation of their contributions to the College. Dr. Austin is a visiting professor from the University of Texas at Austin, and will be returning to Texas after spring quarter. He has taught courses in our doctoral program and his expertise in social work education has been invaluable to our students.

Patricia Martin is a visiting professor from Florida State University in Tallahassee and has taught classes in the master’s and Ph.D. programs. Her knowledge and dedication has been a great asset to the College of Social Work. She will be moving back to Florida after spring quarter. We have enjoyed having them with us and hope that they may return in the future.

**New Members Elected to Alumni Board**

The College of Social Work Alumni Association has announced that the following officers have been elected to the 1986 Board: Anne Freeman, Memphis, President; Elaine Kite, Knoxville, Vice-President; and Jeanne Bowman, Nashville, Secretary-Treasurer.

Newly elected Board members are Linda Williams and Lisa Mischke, Memphis; Roderic Burton and Faye Weaver, Nashville; and Andy Black and Jean Bolding, Knoxville.
Dr. Beasley Named UTK Macebearer

Dr. Lou M. Beasley, Professor, Associate Dean, and Director of the Nashville branch, has been named UTK's 1986-87 Macebearer. As such, Dr. Beasley led the Academic Procession during commencement, and will do so in future academic ceremonies during the year.

The Mace is a club-like staff that symbolizes the President of the University's leadership and authority. The carvings and designs on the Mace represent the University's dual mission of education and service to others.

As the recipient of UTK's top faculty honor, Dr. Beasley is only the third woman faculty member, the second black, the first faculty member from the College of Social Work, and the first faculty member from a branch campus to be so designated.

Sixth Annual Symposium for the Advancement of Family Therapy

The Sixth Annual Symposium for the Advancement of Family Therapy will be held October 20-21, 1986, at the University of Tennessee. The seminar will focus on "Working Successfully with Stepfamilies." John S. Visher, M.D., and Emily B. Visher, Ph.D. will explore the challenges of working with stepfamilies and will present a model for helping stepfamilies adjust and change. Emily holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in Psychology. She has her own private practice and provides individual, couple and group therapy with stepfamilies. John Visher, M.D., Psychiatrist, is Chief of Adult Outpatient Services, North County Mental Health Services, Daly City, California and is a lecturer in Psychiatry, Stanford University School of Medicine. For more information contact: Kathy Reilly, ACSW, Family Therapy Symposium, P.O. Box 10214, Knoxville, TN 37939-0214.

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

On May 20, 1986, the University of Tennessee Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi held its initiation ceremony in the Carolyn Brown Student Center Auditorium. After the initiation, the Spring Banquet was held to honor the new initiates.

In order to be recommended to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, a student must have a minimum GPA of 3.98. We are proud to announce that the following students were selected from the College of Social Work: Elizabeth Ann Green, Sally Rae Schroeder, Mary Frances West, Cynthia Watson Clark, Mary Catherine Love, and Cynthia Hurley West. Congratulations to all of you.

College of Social Work and NASW Reception Held for New Graduates

The annual reception for new graduates of the College of Social Work was held June 5, 1987 at the UTK Faculty Club. The reception was hosted by the College and the Knox area branch of the National Association of Social Workers. The reception was an opportunity to welcome these newest members to the social work profession and to congratulate them on the successful completion of their degree work. This year the College at the Knoxville location graduated six BSW persons, and 43 received the MSSW.

Congratulations to the new graduates!

New Director of Resource Center Named

Burt Annin has become the director of the Resource Center of the College of Social Work Office of Research and Public Service. The Resource Center provides consultation and technical assistance in child welfare to the eight Southeastern states.

Mr. Annin is a former attorney general for the state of Montana and is the former director of the resource center and member of the faculty at the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver. He has done extensive consultation and drafting of child welfare legislation in various states.

Computer Package Provides Foodbanks Throughout the World

Nashville Branch Professor Robert C. Bonovich presented a paper, "The Computerization of Food Banks," at the Ninth Annual International Second Harvest Foodbank Conference in May at Toronto, Canada. The special computer package represents the culmination of five years' work at the Nashville Second Harvest Foodbank, where Bonovich continually experimented with ways to produce a computerized accounting system that could be used by foodbanks throughout the world. The system centers around a process of linking the flow of incoming donations with the immediate needs of the foodbank recipients, producing an efficient match that keeps food from spoiling and being diverted for months at a time to inaccessible warehouses—a common problem for foodbanks throughout the world.

Alumni Notes

Katherine van Wormer, '84, published an article entitled "Guilt Feelings in the Spouse of the Terminally Ill" this past winter in Home Health Care Nurses. In her article, Dr. Wormer explored the process of anticipatory grief and methods of resolution. Dr. Wormer currently works at the Community Alcohol Center in Longview, Washington.
**Active Year for the Memphis Branch**

It has been a productive year in Memphis; several faculty have continued to engage in small-scale research projects and to make presentations at state, regional, and national conferences. However, perhaps the most challenging and exciting development in the branch has been the collaborative work of faculty to begin developing and implementing a research thrust in Aging. This will be a continuing effort on the part of the faculty intimately involved in the project. The Memphis branch believes that it can become an important institution in development in Aging in this part of the state and in the mid-South.

Finally, a note of thanks: This year an anonymous donor contributed enough money to cover the cost of a luncheon given for the 24 graduates of the Memphis branch.

**Hooding for M.S.S.W. Graduates—Knoxville**

On June 12, 1986, the Knoxville M.S.S.W. Program of the College of Social Work presented its ninth annual hooding ceremony and reception. The ceremony honored the 1986 graduates, their families and friends. Special invited guests included the graduating class of 1976, who were recognized during the program. Representatives of the University who have been instrumental in the students’ academic careers presented greetings.

**SWORPS Active as Training Resource**

The College of Social Work Office of Research and Public Service, formerly the Office of Continuing Social Work Education, has been extremely active of late. Adult protective services training for trainers has been provided for Idaho, Virginia, and Georgia. Kentuck and Virginia are using Making It on Your Own, an independent living skills manual. Play Techniques, a manual for investigative workers for interviewing sexually abused children, has also been quite successful. SWORPS has also recently completed work on the Southeastern Runaway Network, hooking up telecommunications in homes for runaways in the Southeast. The Office and the College of Education are working together to hook up a telecommunications system for deaf college students.

Child sex abuse prevention training and conferences on fostering the sexually abused child are now being done across the state. Also, interviewing techniques for family assistance videotapes are currently being revised.

**Faculty Notes**


Mary Bloch and Hia Rubenstein have had an article accepted by the *Journal of Social Science Research*, for publication this summer, entitled "Paying for Services: What Do Clinical Social Workers Believe?" The article reports selected findings of their study of fee policies, procedures, and practices in 31 family service agencies in the Southeast.

Rubenstein and Bloch will also present a paper in the National Association of Social Workers Clinical Symposium in San Francisco this fall.

John Charping and Bill Bell will present a paper this fall at the National Association of Social Workers Clinical Symposium on their work with couples in post-divorce groups in a family service agency setting.

Sandra Chapungu is beginning a new faculty position this fall at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. There she will participate in the Master’s Program, teaching administration and planning courses.

Maummer Jetingok and Hisashi Hirayama presented a paper at the APM in Miami, Florida in March.

Robert Rowan and Carl Wilks presented a paper on pre-retirement planning at the Southwest Social Science Association in San Antonio, Texas, in April.

Kate Mullins presented a paper on the homeless at the joint TCSW/NASW annual statewide meeting in Nashville in April.


Lou Beasley was honored by the Council on Accreditation of Services to Families and Children, New York, for seven years of service on the executive committee and for six years as chairperson of the committee on provisions. She also received an award from Tennessee State University, Department of Social Welfare for outstanding contributions in the field of social work education.

Paul Campbell, acting director of the Social Work Office of Research and Public Service, chaired a symposium on continuing education at CWSE in Miami in March.

Mary Bricker-Jenkins is currently working on developing a family assistance curricula. Her new book, co-authored by Nancy Hooyman, associate dean at the University of Washington, Seattle, and published by NASW, is entitled *Not for Women Only: Social Work Practice for a Feminist Future*. In May, Mary conducted an institute on feminist practice, based on the work of the NASW Feminist Practice Project, of which she was principal investigator. *Not for Women Only*, which is based on a pilot study of that project, broke all sales records there. She is also currently national coordinator of the Association for Women in Social Work and will be convening the general meeting in Atlanta in conjunction with the NASW conference.

**Awards**

Recipients of the Chancellor’s Citations for Professional Promise are Judith S. Bookman, Memphis branch; Mary Catherine Hamel, Nashville branch; and Elizabeth Ann Green, Knoxville branch.

The Rhoda O’Meara Public Welfare Award, annually presented to outstanding graduate students who are committed to public social service, has been presented to Linda H. Elligan, Nashville branch; Bobbie R. Thompson, Memphis branch, and Debra B. Boyd, Knoxville branch.
Gideon Fryer Retires

Gideon Fryer has retired after 38 years of service to the University of Tennessee. Starting his career with the School of Social Work in Nashville, Gid taught primarily research and community organization. He replaced Ethel Panter as Branch Director in Knoxville, and led the development of the one-year branch actively into a full, two-year program.

A party commemorating Gid and celebrating his accomplishments was held June 7, 1986, at the Faculty Club in Knoxville.

In lieu of gifts, interested friends may contribute to the Gid Fryer Fund, c/o University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Henson Hall. The fund will help support student scholarships.

Finally, who is Gid Fryer? An ancient statement of oriental wisdom captures our perception of him: "The strong in battle, the wise in his anger, and the friend in distress."

Nashville Hooding

The Nashville Branch held its hooding ceremony on Sunday, June 1, in the auditorium of the Learning Resource Center on the campus of Tennessee State University. The graduates and their guests were greeted by C. W. Minkel, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School; Tom C. Collins, Vice Provost for Research, UTK; and Dr. Edward L. Risby, Executive Assistant to the President, Tennessee State University.

Dr. Bob Bonovich was the graduates' choice as the keynote speaker. He was introduced by graduating student, Sidney Wingfield. Honored students included Linda H. Elligan, who received the Rhoda O'Meara Award, and Mary K. Hamel, who received the Chancellor's Award. The awards were presented by Dean Ben P. Granger, who also addressed the graduates. The hooding ceremony was followed by a reception at the Branch, hosted by first-year students.