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1982 Energy Symposium Set for Knoxville

Preparations are underway for the third annual Symposium on the Human Side of Energy in Knoxville, August 2-4, 1982. The symposium, scheduled to occur during the 1982 World's Fair, is being sponsored by the Office of Continuing Social Work Education, University of Tennessee School of Social Work, and the Department of Conferences.

The symposium, which is expected to draw participants from a variety of disciplines, will explore the impact of energy development on social institutions, vulnerable groups, and planning and policy issues. Other topics include the implications of energy development for the future and the psychological and cultural impact of energy development.

"The symposium will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, research, and information on how people are affected by energy, the energy crisis, and energy development," said Paul Campbell, OCSWE representative and program coordinator.

"In addition to the human service professionals who usually attend our conferences, we expect this symposium to draw planners, developers, energy specialists, educators, and environmentalists," he said.

The program for the event is now being developed under the guidance of the University of Tennessee and an advisory committee made up of past program coordinators and participants.

Previous symposiums have been held in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1980 and Edmonton, Alberta, in 1981.

Because of the large number of fair visitors expected in the Knoxville area, conference planners have reserved 300 rooms in UT dormitories for symposium participants.

"With local lodgings already booked full, UT lodging is about the only option available to conference participants," said Jim Phillips, UT coordinator of registration and housing for the conference.

Phillips said that various tours of the area are being considered as a part of the conference fee and that participants will be given an opportunity to attend the fair.

Information about the program is available from Paul Campbell, Office of Continuing Social Work Education, UT School of Social Work, 1838 Terrace Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3920.

Registration and housing information is available from the UT Department of Conferences, 1629 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-4100.

SSW Viable and Well

By Dean BEN GRANGER

We are happy to publish another edition of Stimulus. In some ways publication of the school newsletter is a symbol that the school is viable and well. While there have been cutbacks in external funding, the school continues with several key grants relating to training in mental health, health, and child welfare. Staff development projects in several public social service agencies also appear to have high priority for funding. The university has a longstanding commitment to social work education and provides ongoing financial support.

The proposed doctoral program in social work remains under review by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

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Gerontology Program Offered

Dr. Nellie Tate, on the Memphis faculty, is participating in an interdisciplinary program on gerontology. Associated with the Gerontology Center in Memphis, the program is funded through a planning grant which lasts until February 1982. The grant covers both planning and the beginning presentation of the core curriculum.

The core course is taught by Dr. Tate and professors from the School of Nursing, the College of Medicine, the School of Pharmacy, the Department of Psychiatry, and the College of Dentistry. The pilot course took place in the School of Pharmacy during spring, 1981. This fall the course was presented in the School of Nursing. Winter quarter, the course will be offered through the School of Social Work.

The same team will teach an elective called "Long-term care and functionally impaired elderly" in the spring. They are applying for an implementation grant from the Administration on Aging to fund expansion of the program after the planning grant expires.

A research and evaluation team is also part of the Gerontology Center. The team is headed by Dr. Kate Mullins and includes Hisashi Hirayama and Marvin Feit.

Class Schedule Announced

Persons in the Memphis area who have completed their master's degree will be eligible to take courses being offered at the Memphis Branch, UTSSW, in the winter quarter, 1982. The courses include:

- **Evaluative research in social work (5081)**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Wednesdays, N. Tate, (3).
- **Short-term treatment (5442)** 8–10 a.m. Wednesdays, J. Collier, (3).
- **Social work practice: the poor (5444)**, 3–5 p.m. Wednesdays, C. Wilks (2).
- **Special topics in social work: treatment with minorities (5480)**, 8–10 p.m. Wednesdays, H. Hirayama, (2).
- **Social work treatment with groups (5560)**, 1–4 p.m. Wednesdays, M. Feit (3).

Numbers in parenthesis following the instructor's name indicate credit hours. Persons without a master's degree may enroll with permission of the instructor.

Season's Greetings

School Status (from page 1)

THEC is in the process of conducting a statewide study of the various levels of social work education and related staffing needs. We are gathering additional data to help support this study, especially as it relates to doctoral education. A final decision on a doctoral program probably will not be made until the early part of 1982.

Our admission and enrollment trends stay at a relatively stable and acceptable level in spite of some decline in admission rates at other schools throughout the country. Part of our stability can be attributed to offering the master's degree program in the three branches throughout Tennessee, rather than in one central location, and to providing opportunities for both part-time and accelerated programs. The curriculum continues to be carefully evaluated by the faculty, with the strong consensus being that it has integrity and relevance to professional practice.

The school is anticipating that the Dean's office, the Knoxville Branch, and OCSWE will be moving to a new location on campus in time for the 1982–83 academic year. The School of Social Work will occupy a portion of the first and all of the second and third levels of Henson Hall, a handsome three-story building located more centrally on campus. Because we have been located in temporary facilities or converted homes for the past ten years, this move will help bring a sense of permanence to the School of Social Work's location on the Knoxville campus.

Scholarship Drive Begins

Contributions to the 1982 Alumni Scholarship Fund are now being solicited, and alumni of the UT School of Social Work will soon receive a letter requesting donations.

"During this time when student loans and traineeships are difficult to obtain, our alumni scholarship fund is increasingly important and meaningful," said Dean Ben Granger in announcing the annual drive.

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.
The first Symposium for the Advancement of Family Therapy held on October 5-6 in Knoxville has been termed successful by the sponsoring agencies, and a second symposium has been scheduled for the fall of 1982.

"We had good regional participation from the Southeastern states," said Phyllis Betz, planning committee member from the Office of Continuing Social Work Education, UTSSW. Approximately 150 persons attended, according to planning committee chair Paula Dooley, including participants from all Southeastern states.

The featured symposium faculty member was Donald A. Bloch, M.D., the director of the Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy in New York. The conference was jointly sponsored by Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, the University of Tennessee Psychology Clinic, and OCSWE, UTSSW.

"The joint sponsorship of the symposium is significant," said Betz. "With funding cutbacks, the way of the future may be the cosponsoring of events by different agencies."

Journal Focuses on Child Welfare

Child welfare in rural areas will be the subject of the third 1981 issue of Human Services in the Rural Environment. The nationally solicited articles in the issue will focus on rural child advocacy, special strategies for service delivery and child abuse.

OCSWE, UTSSW, collaborated with the Region IV Child Welfare Training Center in publishing the issue, which will be available for special purchase through the center for $5.00. Regular subscribers to the journal will receive the issue as part of their yearly subscription.

Extra copies of the child welfare issue and subscriptions to the journal can be purchased by writing to Human Services in the Rural Environment, Office of Continuing Social Work Education, the University of Tennessee School of Social Work, 1838 Terrace Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3920. Annual subscription rates for the journal are $10.00 for individuals in the United States and $20.00 for institutions.

40th Anniversary Celebration Planned

The UT School of Social Work will observe its fortieth anniversary in 1982. Plans are underway to celebrate the occasion at the school's three branches in Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville, Dean Ben Granger has announced. Most of the activities will center on the Integrative Seminars scheduled for the spring quarter. A more specific schedule of events will appear in the next issue of Stimulus.

Announcements

Due to the current state of the economy and tight budgeting constraints, OCSWE has been forced to severely re-trench the school's open conference and workshop programs. Instead of a general symposium brochure being mailed, only flyers on individual periodic events will be sent.

Graduate students in social work or communications can benefit from the scholarship fund established as a memorial to Sally Holder Johnson, editor with OCSWE, UTSSW, who died as a result of an automobile accident in June, 1981.

In awarding the scholarship, preference will be given to students (a) who, after a period of time out of school, are returning to their studies and (b) who choose to pursue graduate studies in the School of Social Work or the College of Communications.

Persons interested in applying for the scholarship can get further information from the Financial Aid Office, 115 Student Services Building, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0210.
LOU BEASLEY, director of the Nashville Branch UTSSW, reports that the school has received a certificate of appreciation from Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton.

GEORGIANA McLARNAN, professor at the Nashville branch, retired in June, 1981, and moved to San Antonio, Texas. She had been with the school since 1964.


YASUHIRO KUROKI is a visiting scholar in Memphis from Kyoto, Japan. He is a lecturer with the Doshisha University in the department of sociology and social welfare. His chief interest is social work with groups and he is pursuing an independent study by visiting Memphis agencies and studying the welfare system.


REGINA FALCON was coleader of a group of archeologists and anthropologists on a trip to Latin America to study the Queetcha language.


DONNA JARED AUSTIN ('73) has joined the American Humane Association's Child Protection Division in Denver, Colorado, and will be working as a consultation/education associate. During the past two years, she has specialized in the treatment of adults who were abused as children.

MARY ANN BASSHAM ('81) is now employed as a social worker with Traveler's Aid in Houston, Texas. Both crisis intervention techniques and short-term treatment are included in the casework. Bassham was the recipient of the 1979-80 NIMH Traineeship.

JUDITH DAVENPORT ('70) and JOSEPH DAVENPORT ('68), professors of social work at the University of Wyoming, have been selected Social Workers of the Year by the Wyoming chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). The Davenports were cited for alerting and sensitizing the social work profession to energy-related problems, especially those associated with boom towns.

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