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Dean Nebel's Column

The faculty of the School of Social and Community Services have been unusually busy this semester.

Within each academic unit considerable attention and study has been given to curriculum revision. This has been necessary within the three academic programs because new and more complex problems are being met in our communities, cities and regions. Since our three academic units train students for professional service positions, it is expected that changes in society require changes in the knowledge base, development of skills, and models of service delivery.

The dean's office is proud of the faculty in its commitment toward creating more relevant learning experiences for the students.

Our relations with the extension division of the University continues to be highly cooperative and the extension arm of our division is extremely productive in helping extend educational services to all sections of the state.

More and more publications are being prepared by the departments for the use of individuals and communities.

The Missouri Alumnus is to be congratulated in

developing this individualized model of the publication in order that divisions may have more direct access to their alumni.

John J. O. Moore Heads Social Work

A Columbia campus alumnus has become director of the School of Social Work.

Dr. John J. O. Moore assumed his duties on September 1. He had returned to this campus in 1966 as professor of social work and regional and community affairs, 36 years after having received his degree with a major in sociology. Previously he had been associate in guidance at Teachers College, New York, and for 16 years director of the School of Social Work of McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

He holds advanced degrees in social work from the University of Denver, and in education from Columbia University.

Born in Dearborn, in Platte County, he was a member of the only graduating class from the Stoutsville, Mo. high school.

As an undergraduate, he was a regular member of the wrestling team for the three years, a debater, and president of the Methodist Student Organization.

He began his career as

community secretary for the Kansas City YMCA. During World War II he served in the United States Army, organizing the social work service in the neuropsychiatric division of the station hospital at Camp Hawze, Texas. He also served as head of the Welfare Division of the Granada, Colo. Relocation Center under the War Relocation Authority; with the United Nations, first as deputy chief welfare officer for the Displaced Persons Operation, Germany, and subsequently as welfare training adviser to the government of Pakistan. In the latter capacity, he was instrumental in establishing the East Pakistan College of Social Welfare and Research Center at Dacca.

While at McGill University, he was a founder of the Corporation of Professional Social Workers of the Province of Quebec; chairman of the National Council of Canadian Schools of Social Work; and coiniciator of the Urban Social Redevelopment Project, a five-year demonstration project in urban social renewal in downtown Montreal.

Locally, he is president of the Columbia Community Congress, an organization concerned with the development of comprehensive community planning; chairman of the Social Planning Committee of the United Fund; and a

member of the Citizens Committee of Boone County on Health and Hospital Needs.

School Moves to Clark Hall Quarters

The School of Social and Community Services is now located on the sixth and seventh floors of Clark Hall, which was part of the Lewis and Clark Residence Center, located on Providence Road at Rollins. The School left the Professional Building in June.

"No more squeaky old floors or rickety elevators—just bright shiny floors and rickety new elevators! Seriously though, the three departments do have nice, modern suites of offices with a bit more room than previously, and the building's only drawback is its distance from central campus," said one faculty member.

Dean Nebel's office is on the seventh floor, as are the offices of the director of the School of Social Work and the chairman of the department of regional and community affairs. The office of the chairman of the department of recreation and park administration is on the sixth floor. In addition to offices the facilities include a conference room on the sixth floor and a good library facility on the seventh floor.

Graduate Program Remains Accredited

Dr. John Moore, director of the School, received reaffirmation that the accreditation of the graduate program of the School of Social Work "remains firm."

The Commission on Accreditation has requested from this School, "a report of progress" by May 1, 1971 regarding the development of the School's affairs in group work and community organization. It is expected that this report will be presented to the Commission well in advance of the previously mentioned deadline.

As part of the accreditation procedure for the University, the School has prepared a document to be included in the divisional self-study. This 79-page review of the School's present status, it is thought, will serve as a valuable point of reference for further evaluation and planning. It is available to both faculty and students.

Arthur J. Robins To Vanderbilt U.

Dr. Arthur J. Robins will assume a new position Feb. 1, 1971. He will be leaving to take on his new responsibilities as professor of psychology and director at the Center for Advanced Study and Continuing Education in Mental Health at Vanderbilt University.

The Center's sponsoring board is composed of representatives from George Peabody Teacher's College, Meharry Medical College, the University of Tennessee, Fiske University, and

Vanderbilt.

Dr. Robins will hold a secondary appointment in the School of Social Work at the University of Tennessee. The Center serves eight southeastern states.

Federal Grant Less

The application from Social Work Extension for a project grant from the National Institute of Mental Health on Consultation in Community Mental Health Services, was recently approved, but at a somewhat reduced figure. The three-year demonstration project will provide training for mental health professionals in provision of mental health consultation, community organization and coordinating services. The three mental health facilities involved are: St. Louis State Hospital, Malcolm Bliss Mental Health Center and Farmington State Hospital. Training will also be offered to selected local professionals in utilization of mental health consultation and community organization services in St. Louis and Farmington areas.

Dwight Rieman, in cooperation with key administrative staff in the Division of Mental Health, assisted by Charles Mitchell, has been revising the proposed program and budget in accordance with the reduction. He is also negotiating for office space in St. Louis and making other necessary arrangements to launch the program. Extensive efforts have been underway during the past several months for employment of a full time project coordinator, and it is hoped that a selection will be made before the

first of the year.

Gillespie Becomes Department Chairman

Dr. Glenn A. Gillespie, BS Ag '59, PhD '66, was recently named chairman of the department of recreation and park administration. He assumed his duties on August 1.

Dr. Gillespie was associate professor in the department in charge of research service of the United States Department of Agriculture. He acted as a consultant on outdoor recreation research with primary responsibilities in economic evaluation of water resource development for recreation.

Workshops Held In Community Development

Charles Mitchell and Dwight Rieman social work extension, with James Cook regional and community affairs, Roger Ford and Bart Entriakin, department of recreation and park administration, are conducting a series of workshops in two groups for community development specialists, youth agents, continuing education programmers and other extension field staff on the subject of "Identification of Social Problems and Stimulation of Community Action." The two workshop groups, "Cardinals" and "Chiefs", of 15-20 persons, will meet in a series of one-day training sessions on the Columbia campus at intervals of several months.

Projects under discussion include social aspects of public housing organization and

operation, design and implementation of centers for senior citizens, and development of a suicide prevention project serviced by volunteers. Charles, Dwight and the other workshop staff provide, within limits of time available, field consultation upon request on these and related "social action" projects.

99 Enroll in Recreation Dept.

The recreation department of the School of Social and Community Services is beginning its fifth year at the University. The department has grown from an enrollment of eight students in 1966 to 99 students in 1970. Continued growth and strengthening of the department is hoped to be accomplished by its three-fold objectives: teaching, the dissemination of knowledge; research, the discovery of new knowledge; and service to the people of the state. Through these objectives the overall purpose of the curriculum is recognized, that is to provide planned educational experiences intended to prepare practitioners who are concerned with the impact of leisure on a changing society. The department's basic philosophy is to train students for a practicing profession, and not just as an academic discipline.

Attend Conference

The Missouri Parks and Recreation Association held its annual conference in Kansas City, October 28, 29 and 30. Most of the faculty and 15 students from the Columbia campus

met with professionals from around the state and students and faculty from the Central Missouri State College Recreation Department. Topics were discussed on all phases of recreation.

Professionals and students exchanged ideas, learned new techniques and were brought up to date on the recreation movement in Missouri.

At the awards banquet, Dave Curtis, Floyd Clark, Stan Hemphill, Sandy Jacobs, Sheri Johnson, and Linda Venter were awarded Lucy James Scholarships; Tim Cappel also received a MPRA Scholarship. Stan Hemphill was elected the new president of the student-state section, and Jackie Carl was elected secretary-treasurer.

New Faculty Joins Division

One of the new faculty members is a familiar face. Glenn Weaver comes to us with a master's degree in recreation received from the Columbia campus last August. Weaver also received his BS Ed from the University. He majored in physical education and minored in biology. Before returning to school he taught eight years of elementary and secondary school in Houston, Mo., and ran that town's summer recreation program for three summers. Weaver also was an extension youth agent for three years and spent two more years with extension organizing off-campus courses for credit.

Roger Ford, the new project leader of recreation extension services, fills the vacancy left by Dr. Karl

Munson. Ford attended Ohio State, Michigan State where he received a BS in forestry, Montana State where he received a MS in social science, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he is completing a PhD in forestry economics with a recreation major. Before coming to Missouri, he worked with outdoor recreation special extension in Florida.

Dr. Ethel Scott recently joined the faculty in the department of recreation and park administration. She received her BS in Physical Education at Mississippi State College for Women after which she taught in the Greenville Public School system.

She then took a position with American National Red Cross for Armed Forces with whom she stayed for 13 years in various capacities.

Miss Scott received her MS in recreation administration from the University of North Carolina in 1962. She went to the University of Minnesota in 1966 where she became an instructor and primarily concerned with Therapeutic Recreation curriculum while at the same time working toward her PhD which she has just received this fall. Her dissertation was in the field of "Leisure Activity Analysis."

Park, Recreation Extension Programs

Roger D. Ford is the project leader for recreation and park extension. Four specialists work in the areas of "recreation and park planning," "tourism development," "outdoor recreation and education,"

"community park and recreation administration," "community recreation programming and facilities," and "recreation therapy." The specialists are: Arlin Epperson, Chuck Denney, Bart Entrikin, and Dick Smith.

An important new activity area is tourism development. The approach to this has been through workshops involving citizens, public officials and Chamber of Commerce representatives. The emphasis thus far has been on hospitality aspects of existing tourism programs and facilities. Two workshop series will be held this winter on ways of discovering and developing recreation-tourism potential in two regions: Missouri Valley and Mark Twain regions.

Planning assistance to communities and counties for obtaining Bureau of Outdoor Recreation administered Land and Water Conservation Funds have been continuing.

Several workshops have been presented in the areas of: Park Boards and Commissions development, organization and responsibilities and various aspects of recreational therapy. Conferences on development and administration of recreation surveys have been carried out.

Coordination and participation in several workshops and conferences on camping and outdoor education was realized this past year. This has led to participation in planning a pilot program for outdoor education with the State Department of Education and the State Park Board. This pilot program will involve a group of elementary-secondary

school districts and department's educational efforts in outdoor interpretation and programming.

Several publications are being developed. Among these are Recreation and Parks (discussion guides) papers, tennis court construction and design, lighting of recreational facilities, tourism development and planning. Two new publications are available now: "Park and Recreation Enabling Legislation" and "Is Your Community Ready for Tourists."

Cary Edits Book

Seven qualified authors have collaborated to produce a basic book on Community Development As A Process. The work is edited by Dr. Lee J. Cary, chairman of the department of regional and community affairs.

The book presents the subject in three parts: the concept of community development and its context, the process of community development and its sociological and psychological implications, and the roles of the citizen and the community developer.

Of special interest to students at the undergraduate and graduate levels in community development, sociology and related fields, this book should also find an audience among the growing number of workers and citizens involved in community development, organization and action. The publisher is the University of Missouri Press and the publishing date is December 1970.

Regional, Community Affairs Adds Three

In the past two years three new members have been added to the staff of regional and community affairs. Dr. Harry Naylor is now in charge of departmental research courses. Formerly with AID, Naylor teaches a crosslisted anthropology course and is research advisor to many international students.

Glenn Varenhorst is also a new member of the staff, having come from Ball State University. His principle interest is in planning, and other members of the faculty he is working on a proposal for a new department of planning within the School of Social and Community Services.

George F. Nickolaus also joined the faculty recently as a legal specialist. A graduate of the Law School, he carried a joint appointment with the government affairs program. He is a former mayor of Columbia.

Author Publications

Regional and community affairs departmental staff members authored nine new publications during the past year. These fall into three categories: popular publications, case studies, and research. This is a major new effort on the part of the department to meet needs of the expanding field of community and regional development. No extension publications had been issued by the department for several years prior to 1970. The nine new publications and their authors are: The Community Attitude Self-Survey - Fred List, The Hannibal Community

Survey - John Croll, The Missing Link in Community Planning - James Cook, Everyone Has a Stake in Community Planning - James Cook, The Process and the Product - John Croll and Bryan Phifer, Ozark Foothills Regional Profile - Hugh Denney, A Beginning Model for the Study of Total Societies - Hugh Denney, The Theory and Practice of Community Development - Don Littrell, and Community Development: A New Dimension for Extension - Bryan Phifer and Fred List.

The last publication was prepared at the request of the extension service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is being distributed by this agency to extension workers in each county in the United States.

Library Established

Over the past two years the department of regional and community affairs has been attempting to establish a useful library. With the help of students, faculty, and secretaries, the department has now opened a full-fledged library for faculty and students. The conference room on the seventh floor of Clark Hall has been made to accommodate the library, with tables, lighting, chairs, and ample room. It contains books and materials pertinent to community development, including a section of assembled materials of professor, writers, and students. Another section contains a large volume of material on planning. Two gifts have been received from people who have played a key role in community development. Dr. William Biddle has donated his library on

Community Development to the department; and Mrs. Beran has made a gift of her husband's books.

Approve Curriculum

The department of regional and community affairs has been working on a revision of the curriculum for the master's degree for some two years, and notice has just been given that it is approved by the University. The main change is the lowering of the number of hours needed for the degree to 48. This includes a nine-hour field-work component. This makes the degree a bit easier to obtain in two years, and sets a standard field practice for everyone. Some course numbers were changed, some required courses were added, and four new courses were developed. All of the incoming students this September will work for their degree under these terms.

Three Title VIII Programs Completed

The department of regional and community affairs carried out three training programs funded under Title VIII of the Housing Act and Title I of the Higher Education Act. One of the programs was an extension of a Title I program begun in fiscal year 1969 and completed in fiscal year 1970. It provided training of Regional Planning Commission members and consisted of short courses for three commissions, plus technical assistance to the commissions.

A Title VIII program for training planners was initiated in late 1970 in cooperation with the Rolla Campus and will

be completed in fiscal year 1971. It is comprised of four, three-day seminars for planners from throughout the state on the integration of social, economic, political, and physical planning.

A Title VIII program was conducted in cooperation with the St. Louis campus to train staff members and resident community leaders in the St. Louis Model Cities Program. It culminated in a three-day "retreat" seminar for 65 participants from the intercity of St. Louis.

Extension Functions As Support Staff

A major function of the departmental extension staff is to provide program support to the field staff engaged in community development work. This includes staff recruitment; induction, inservice, and graduate training; assistance in program development and implementation; preparation of educational materials; and program evaluation.

Two, three-day training conferences were conducted for all field staff during the year. The winter training conference was devoted to theory and principles of community development and focused on dealing with controversial community issues. The spring training conference was a case study of a multi-county outdoor recreational complex in which the cooperative efforts of the public and private sector were key elements to success. It was conducted in cooperation with extension staffs from Arkansas, Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee.