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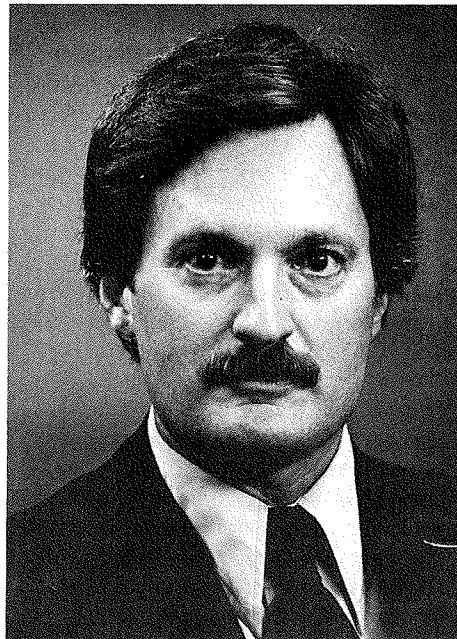
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New Director Appointed

Kenneth R. Wedel, Ph.D. became the director of the Oklahoma University School of Social Work in July 1979. Prior to his appointment he has served as the associate dean, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas; and as an assistant professor, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University. His social work practice includes health services officer, Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; welfare director, Atchison County (Kansas) Department of Social Welfare; and social worker, Kansas State Department of Social Welfare. Wedel received his MSW from Florida State University in 1964 and his Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1973. His teaching experience and interests are in the areas of organizational theory and human behavior,

social program management and evaluation. In addition to Wedel's teaching interests and experience, he has been a director and consultant for numerous agencies and projects and has published numerous reports and journal articles. The most current publication Wedel has been involved in is the co-authorship of a book entitled *Social Services By Government Contract: A Policy Analysis*. Professor Wedel carries a wide experience and exposure in major professional presentations. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Academy of Certified Social Workers, Council on Social Work Education, National Conference on Social Welfare, American Society for Public Administration and The American Association of the University Professors.



Kenneth R. Wedel

Message from the Director

The following comments provide a brief assessment of current affairs at the School of Social Work and future plans. Current enrollment in the undergraduate program is 110 students. A total of 51 students are seniors, a large portion planning to go on to graduate school. Full-time graduate students number 126. Of that group, 41 are first year graduates and 85 are in the second or candidacy year. Students in the candidacy year matriculate from three different sources; students continuing from the first year, part-time students who are ready for their final year of graduate training, and undergraduates from C.S.W.E. accredited programs. The undergraduate major and the first year of graduate work are based upon the concept of generic social work practice. It is not until the candidacy year of the MSW that the students track into the interpersonal concentration or the administration-planning concentration. Students in both concentrations can take a variety of elective courses which are available to compliment the concentration they choose. Several grants provide important supporting resources and activities. These are the American Indian Social Work Education Program, Child Welfare Teaching and Training Project, and the contractual agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Through each of these grants the school is able to offer programming and student support which would not otherwise be available. These grants also provide for

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Newsletter Goals

This newsletter is intended to be one medium by which alumni and friends may share in current developments and future plans for the School of Social Work. It will be an occasional publication to share in the many professional accomplishments of faculty, students and alumni. In order to meet the goals of sharing professional accomplishments of current students and alumni, we request that you inform us of your location, employment, any projects that you are working on, changes in life styles, travel and family news.

curriculum development in areas of potential career opportunities for our graduates.

An additional grant has been proposed to the National Institute of Mental Health to train practitioners for unserved and underserved areas throughout Oklahoma. It is hoped the current levels of funding for special projects and programs will continue. Unfortunately, substantial cut backs in training funds are being experienced nationally in nearly all human service programs.

A major priority over the next two years will be preparation for the Council on Social Work Education Re-accreditation. The process involves a thorough review of the school, the various programs and curriculum, and a self study report prepared by the faculty. The accreditation site visit is scheduled for the spring of 1982.

Another important priority for the school is the plan to build an active alumni association. A general meeting for all interested alumni has been scheduled for May 1, 1980. The purpose of the meeting will be to share information on the procedures necessary to establish an official alumni group, plans for possible alumni projects and an election of alumni officers. The meeting will be held at the Oklahoma Memorial Union at 7:30 p.m., May 1, 1980 in Room 165, which is located on the south end of the union. We hope to see you there. I have received a warm welcome from the social work community of Oklahoma, and look forward to the challenges which lie ahead for our school.

Vilona P. Cutler Memorial Lecture

Professor Donald Krill, MSW, ACSW, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, was the guest speaker at the annual Vilona P. Cutler Memorial Lecture sponsored by The School of Social Work during the Oklahoma Health and Welfare Conference held in October 1979. His topic for the lec-

ture was "Affirming Family Solidarity In An Alienating Society." Krill is a proponent of existential social work and has written extensively in this area.

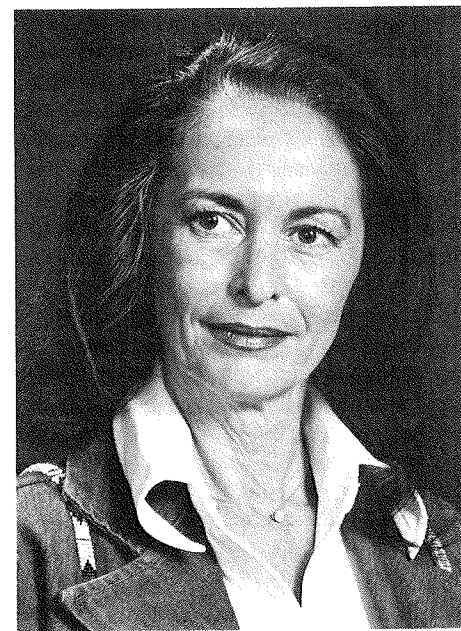
Child Welfare Teaching and Training Project

Jo Ann Dodson ('68) is the project coordinator for the Child Welfare Teaching and Training Project. Prior to joining the faculty as an assistant clinical professor in 1978, Dodson practiced numerous years in child welfare and family services. From 1966 to 1978 she worked with the Oklahoma City Public School System.

The school has received one of 65 Child Welfare Teaching and Training Grants funded through the Administration of Children, Youth and Families, Office of Human Resources of H E W. The training grant is supporting 13 trainees this year. Dodson's activities include the development and teaching of child welfare services in the curriculum. She has been active in workshops throughout the state.

The purpose of the training program is to develop, expand and to improve educational programs and resources for preparing students in the field of child welfare. The goal is to provide education and training opportunities for persons who are committed to entering the field of child welfare services, or who are already working in the field of child welfare services, to enable them to be more effective in achieving the following outcomes for children and families: 1) to provide support to families in their own homes in order to prevent separation of children from their families; 2) where separation is necessary, to develop permanent plans and provide support services to enable children to be returned to their families; 3)

where these options are inappropriate, to provide quality services which enable the child to become adopted or where it is the plan of choice to be placed in a permanent foster home. Students selected for the child welfare traineeships must have a commitment to work in the field of child welfare, have a child welfare services practicum placement, cooperate in a five-year tracking plan to determine type of employment fol-



Jo Ann Dodson

lowing training, and take at least two courses in child welfare services. Undergraduate seniors are eligible for a flat stipend sum for the school year while graduates are eligible for a monthly stipend dependent upon months of paid related work experience, and allowance for dependents, tuition and fees and a travel allowance for particular related travel. Students interested in applying for the child welfare service traineeships must apply first at the OU Financial Aids Office and then they should contact Dodson for an appointment. Selection of these trainees is based primarily on need and minority status.

Dodson has taught courses on Social Work with Indian Children and Families, and Child Abuse and Neglect during the 1979-80 school year.

New Faculty

Antonia (Toni) Dobrec was appointed clinical assistant professor and coordinator for the American Indian Social Work Education Program in September 1979. Professor Dobrec received her MSW from The School of Social Welfare at the University of Kansas in 1976. She has a wide variety of work experience in community



Antonia Dobrec

action programming at the California Public Welfare System. Her last employment was with the Kansas State Department on Aging, in which she was the director of planning and research. The program Dobrec coordinates is the American Indian Social Work Education Program, which is offered by the OU School of Social Work. The program has been in operation since 1973. The American Indian Social Work Education Program has three objectives; to recruit and support American Indian Social Work students for career services focused on comprehensive mental health and allied service programs to develop specific curriculum materials focused on mental health programs and services for American Indians and to develop a state-wide network of practicum placements focused on mental health programs and allied services for American In-

dians. The passage of the Self Determination and Education Act, Indian Child Welfare Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act has stimulated Indian communities and tribal organizations in developing, implementing and operating social service programs. A need exists for trained American Indian social workers in operating and delivering social services, individual and family counseling and community organization. If you are interested in further social work education or are aware of other individuals who are interested, contact Dobrec at the school. Applications for fall 1980 are still being considered. The American Indian program offers a small number of traineeships.

New Programs For the School of Social Work

The school has initiated two new programs in the past few years. Professor Wayne A. Chess is the director of the part-time program in the advanced programs division of the university. Students are allowed to spread their first year over two or three years in this program. It was initiated to benefit those persons who, for one reason or another, could not attend on a full-time basis for two years. During each semester break the university also offers mini semesters. These courses are offered while regular classes are not meeting and entails an intensive period of study over one or two weeks. Students use some of these courses as the electives in the MSW program. Courses offered in the past include Social Welfare and the Native American, The Black Experience, Child Abuse and Neglect, Family Therapy and others. These classes have been attended by both our students and others from within the university.

Academic Hooding Ceremonies

Prior to commencement on May 10, 1980, the School of Social Work will conduct an Academic Hooding Ceremony for graduating master's degree students. The ceremony will be held from 10:30 a.m. until noon in Meachum Auditorium. The ceremony will consist of remarks by Dr. Ken Wedel followed by placing the hood on the individual students as a way of recognizing his or her achievements. The hooding ceremony is being organized by the school's Relations Committee which is chaired by Marion Jackson. This is the first time the School of Social Work has offered an Academic Hooding Ceremony and it is hoped that the ceremony will be received as a positive activity for graduating master's student upon entering professional practice. It is hoped that the ceremony will be a yearly activity.

Faculty News

Lennie-Marie Tolliver received her Ph.D. from the Union Graduate School, Ohio in November 1979. Professor Tolliver is the associate director of the school. M.K. Ho has a new book entitled *Social Work Methods, Techniques and Skills*. He also contributed an article to Martin Bloom's *Life Span Development* and was a contributing editor to *China View* published by the N.A.S.W. Constance Lindemann presented a paper for the First National Conference of Hispanic Feminist in March at San Jose, California, and has had another paper accepted by the Fifth International Conference on Venereal Disease, Family Planning and Human Sexuality in Honolulu in July. Julia M. Norlin and Wayne A. Chess presented a paper at the Sixth Biennial N.A.S.W. Symposium in San Antonio, Texas. The paper was entitled "Are Public Social Services Helpful:

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Faculty News *continued*

The Client's Perspective." Frank Peirce and Morris Kagan are on sabbatical. They will return in September. Wayne A. Chess participated and presented a paper entitled "Monitoring Outcomes Using a Client's Perspective" at a conference entitled The State of the Art - In Client Outcome Monitoring in Washington, D.C., July 19, 1980. The conference was sponsored by the Urban Institute and American Public Welfare Association. Jo Ann Dodson is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for Region VI Child Welfare Training Center, Tulane University. Nadine Roach is working with the Oklahoma City Urban League in developing a document entitled "State of Black Oklahoma City - 1980." The document will be patterned after a national research report developed by the National Urban League.

Alumni News

Don Brewer ('62), executive director, Colorado Christian Home in Denver, was named 1979 Man of the Year by the *Wheat Ridge Sentinel*. Brewer was chosen for his service to children in Colorado. He was also honored by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for his outstanding work during the International Year of the Child and has been named to "Who's Who In The West."

George Buzzard ('72) is the chief of the Social Services Branch, Indian Health Services, National Office, Washington, D.C.

Nancy C. Sylvester ('78) and Kathy Johnston, currently in the second year of the MSW program, recently collaborated on a paper accepted for presentation at the Western Social Science Association Meeting in Albuquerque in April. The paper is enti-

led: "Differences in Attitudinal and Behavioral Feminism in Sex Role Stereotypes." It was written with Paula Englander-Golden from the OU human relations department. Congratulations are in order for Julia M. Norlin ('63), Joe Hefley ('72), and Cliff Norgard ('70). They were awarded Ph.D.'s last year. Madine (Dean) Sweazy was awarded her Ph.D. in 1977. Barry Mickey ('77) is an instructor in Social Work at Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi. Gary Davis ('76) currently is the deputy chief, Area of Human Services Branch, Indian Health Services in Oklahoma City. He will be leaving in May to go into private business in Haskel, Oklahoma. Margaret Ellen Swain is an associate professor of social work at Mississippi State University. Marlene Helsel ('77) is working at the Child Study Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Carl Lauchner ('79) is a psychiatric social worker at Eastern State Hospital, Vinita, Oklahoma and also is a professional photographer. Steve Willy ('79) is also a psychiatric social worker at Eastern State Hospital in Vinita, Oklahoma. Barry McDonald ('79) is a psychiatric social worker at the Big Springs State Hospital, Big Springs, Texas. Mary Beth Bullock ('78) is working at the Sunbeam-Family Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mona Martin ('79) is working for the Oklahoma State Health Department, Stillwater, Oklahoma in the Family Planning Division. Lynn Fogel (BSW '77) is working as a probation officer for the State of Oklahoma located in Oklahoma City. Don Carter (BSW '79) is a social service representative for the Indian Health Service located in Ponca City. Rex McCaughtry ('78) has left his position as the manager of the Kettle, a local restaurant in Norman, and has moved to Houston, Texas where he is employed with the Veteran's Administration Hospital.