Vilona P. Cutler Memorial Lecture

Mark Battle will be the speaker at the Vilona P. Cutler Memorial Lecture sponsored by the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work and the school's Alumni Association. He is the chairman of the board of Mark Battle Associates and a professor in the School of Social Work at Howard University, Washington D.C. Battle will speak on the topic "Challenges in Social Service Management for the 1980's."

Battle is a frequent speaker at national meetings and seminars, and he is widely known for his activities as a management consultant. Among other activities, he serves as consultant to the director of Citizens Participation Programs and NIMH consultant to the director.

Battle is listed in Who's Who in America and has received the following awards: James M. Yard Brotherhood Award and National Citizenship Award (City of Patterson, NY), Youth Service Award (USEES), and Outstanding Leadership Award (Near North Community Organization—Chicago.)

Message from the Director

The beginning of the fall semester 1980–81 is filled with enthusiasm and the outlook for a productive school year. On the opening day of classes, (August 25) the student body included 170 undergraduate social work majors, 38 first-year full-time graduate students and 85 second-year graduate students. More than 125 students are enrolled in the part-time graduate program through the advanced programs. New faculty are Dr. Stephen Anderson and Dr. Dale Kunkel, both of whom will be teaching in the area of practice. Part-time teaching faculty this fall are Marion Jackson, Elizabeth Tackwell and Greg Sather.

I am pleased to report that we are beginning the year with a vote of confidence from the various grant funding sources which aid our school in offering student stipends and help in program development. Again this school year, we have been awarded the Teaching and Training Child Welfare Grant, the NIMH American Indian Project and a continuation of the Title XX contract with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. A funded research project conducted by Drs. Wayne Chess and Judy Norlin will examine several dimensions of child abuse and neglect. The school has been involved in several other grant proposals; one of these could bring a Long Term Gerontological Planning Grant to the university through cooperation between the Norman Campus and the Health Sciences Center. We are disappointed to receive word that our application for an NIMH grant to develop resources and train individuals for rural and small town areas of Oklahoma was approved but not funded for the 1980–81 school year. We will continue to seek out grant proposals in training and research which lend themselves to student support and development of curriculum in areas our school is willing to make commitments for the education of future social workers.

A high priority continues to be the upgrading of physical facilities for the School of Social Work. The university has made a commitment to improve access of Rhyme Hall for handicapped students, and to remodel the first-floor restroom to accommodate persons with wheelchairs. We will continue to encourage the university in efforts to rehabilitate and preserve Rhyme Hall.

This will be a critical year in our preparation for re-accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education. During the year, the school's various committees will be involved in developing curriculum material, evaluating various aspects of our programs and proposing policies and procedures to improve existing programming and projecting future plans and directions. The self-study process will require a concerted effort by faculty, practice instructors, students, alumni and members of our various advisory groups. Aside from the obligations to fulfill the requirements which are necessary to be an accredited school of social work, this will be an opportunity to seriously examine the educational mission of our school. A CSWE site team will visit the school in the spring of 1982.

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Alumni Meeting

A meeting was called May 1, 1980, by Dr. Kenneth Wedel, director of the School of Social Work, for purpose of organizing an Alumni Association. Carolyn Thompson of the university Alumni Association met with the group to assist in efforts to organize an association.

Wedel outlined several areas in which the school and alumni can work together in supporting the program and value of the degrees offered through the School of Social Work. Several areas covered were: assistant in the improvement of the research and teaching activities of the school; assistant in the planning and development of continuing education offerings; increase support for the school; and increase the effectiveness of the relationships between the school and its various publics.

In order to conduct future planning, two committees of the Alumni Association were formed. They were the committee to plan the Vilona Cutler Lecture and reception, and the committee to design and send a questionnaire to alumni concerning additional activities which may be planned.

Those present at the organizational meeting were:

Babette Behrman Mary Minatee
Nan Binder Jerry Risenhoover
Charlotte New Nancy Chess
Vickie Picklin Barbara Council
Mabel Church Sally Groves

The planning group would like your recommendations relative to the Alumni Association's structure and activities. Please complete and return the enclosed questionnaire.

NEW FACULTY

Dale Kunkel, assistant professor:
Dale comes to the school from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus. His prior teaching experience was at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare where he was program coordinator for the Wichita Off-Campus Program. Before moving to Kansas, he served as director of field instruction at the School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

Stephen Anderson

Bemidji State University in Minnesota. His B.A. and MSW degrees are both from the University of Minnesota. Anderson has worked in the areas of juvenile probation and individual, marital and family counseling.

His primary teaching responsibilities are in the interpersonal practice area.

Anderson is married and has three children. His wife Rosalie, serves as director of the Region VI Resource Center on Child Abuse and Adoption.

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Mary-Jo Mathews who retired in 1979 is residing in Little Rock, Ark., and is quite involved in volunteer activities.

Frank Peirce has returned from San Jose State Univ. where he spent his sabbatical leave as a visiting professor.

Lynda Wager resigned as clinical assistant professor in May 1980, and is still living in Norman.

Marion Jackson, clinical assistant professor resigned in May 1980, to complete her Ph.D. in anthropology at OU. She is currently teaching a course as adjunct professor for the school.

Julia Norlin and Wayne Chess presented a paper entitled "Successful and Unsuccessful Outcomes: Qualities of The Helping Relationship" at the 107th annual conference of the National Conference on
Social Welfare held in Cleveland in May 1980.

Eloise Reynolds, admissions secretary, celebrated her 17th year of service with the school in July. Among her duties she serves as co-editor of "Interaction."

Helen Cuadrado, secretary for the American Indian Social Work Education Program, has just completed her fifth year of service.

Mary Sandefur, secretary to the director, has just completed three years of service.

Martha Kimbrell, secretary for academic services, joined the school July 1980.

Wayne Chess, Julia Norlin, and Siri Jayaratne of the University of Michigan, have their paper "Self-Esteem and Locus of Control Among American Indians & Black and White APDC Recipients" published in the Journal of Social Service Research. Their research appeared as the lead article in the Spring 1980 edition of that journal (Vol. 3, #3).

 Mildred Swift, assistant clinical professor, will begin library research in Sept. 1980 on a project entitled "The Black Woman in Oklahoma: Historical Perspectives and Current Life Transitions." The preliminary research is being funded by a small university grant.

JoAnn Dodson, assistant clinical prof., wrote two grant proposals funded by DHHS; Child Welfare Teaching grant and Child Welfare Training Grant. Grants were funded for 1980-81 year.

Dodson is also a member of a committee studying the Indian Child Welfare Act as it impacts upon Oklahoma state law. The committee consists of State Court Judges, Indian CFR Court Judges, BIA, DHS Child Welfare Division Supervisors, DHS attorneys. This committee work is in preparation for a workshop to be given for the training of social workers in the Indian Child Welfare Act, and a state court judges workshop.

Constance Lindemann received tenure during 1979-80 and presented a paper "Pregnancy Preference and a Reproductive Behavior in an Adolescent Clinic Population" at the Fifth International Conference on Fetal Disease, Family Planning and Human Sexuality in Hawaii, July 1980; she also presented a paper on "Feminism and Disability" at the National Women's Studies Association, Bloomington, in May 1980, and a paper and report at the National Conference on Hispanic Feminists at a Women's Studies Colloquium at OU on April 1980. She is a delegate for OU Women's Studies Program to the National Women's Studies Association Delegate Assembly, National NWSA Conference, Bloomington, IN, May 1980, and, also member 1981 APM Corresponding Committee of CSWE. She has reviewed proposals for CSWE Annual Program meeting to be held in Louisville, KY., in March 1981.

M.K. Ho will participate in the 23rd annual institute of the Southwestern Group Psychotherapy Society in October in OKC. He will present a session on Marital Therapy.

Wayne Busby & Virginia Olds attended the CSWE Field Instruction Seminar in Denver, Co., during June.

Antonia Dobrec, was elected president of the OU American Indian Faculty and Staff Council, and assisted in the development of a long-term Gerontology Research and Training Grant in conjunction with the faculty at the Health Sciences Center. She has also been appointed to the Advisory Council for the OU Southwest Resource Center's Child & Family Development Program.

Ken Wedel has been appointed by President William S. Banowsky to serve on the Mental Health Education and Training Advisory Board at the OU Center for Continuing Education. He has also been appointed as chairperson for the NASW Committee on Continuing Education.

Santos De La Rosa (MSW '79) is working as a psychiatric social worker at Taliaferro Mental Center as a Drug Abuse Coordinator, Lawton, OK.

Cee Divers (MSW '77) is a psychiatric social worker in Highlab California State Hospital. Serves on interdisciplinart committee for mentally disordered sex offenders. Also works on a unit for penal code patients who are not competent to stand trial for offenses.

Michael Fogarty (MSW '74) has been appointed deputy director of the State Department of Human Services, OKC.

Tim Frost (MSW '78) has been appointed to the Mental Health Advisory Council for Continuing Education at OU. Frost works at the Hope Treatment Center in Oklahoma City.

Vicki Fritz (MSW '79) and C.A. Noorgard (MSW '70) are members of the faculty of the Southwestern Group Psychotherapy Society. They will participate in the 23rd annual institute in Oklahoma City in October. Noorgard will present a workshop entitled "Living Together by Being Separate." Fritz is a member of the Institute Committee. Other alumni participating in the institute are Dennis Brackeen (MSW '76), Gwen Gibson (MSW '79), R. Kay Hobbs (MSW '77), Jan Painter-Sommeyer (MSW '78), Sandra Sheehan (MSW '65), and Elizabeth Ann Waring (MSW '76).

Carolyn Gebhardt (BSW '79) received her MSW from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA in May 1980, and is currently working on a master's in Hospital Administration in California.

Georgin Ann Gibson (MSW '77) is a medical social worker, Maternal and Child Health, Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa, OK.

Paul Richardson Harbert (MSW '72) is with Social Work Service VA Medical Center, Des Moines, IA.

Charlotte Heard (MSW '72) is the aging director, Section of the Areawide Agency on Aging, OKC.

Judy Lynn Hicks (MSW '79) is a psychiatric social worker in the VA Hospital in OKC.

Vinnie Payton-Hoover (MSW '80) is a psychiatric social worker for Eastern State Hospital in Vinita.

Jelena E. Hyde (MSW '78) is doing volunteer work at St. Anthony's Hospital in OKC.

Dorothy Jean Lobitz Kinman (MSW '72) is an English as second language tutor, Bellevue School district, Bellevue, WA. Her husband is an Electronic Engineer with Boeing, and there are two children in college.

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Cynthia Abernathy (BSW '79) is working as a psychiatric social worker at the Camarillo State Hospital, Camarillo, CA.

Ben Brown (MSW '72) is running for State House of Representatives, Democrat OKC.

Virginia Leora Clarke Brown (MSW '43) is a licensed practical nurse part-time employee in Pediatrics Unit of Riverside Hospital, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Janet Rizzo Bush (BSW '78) is living in Norman, OK and actively involved with The Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Charlotte Coffee (MSW '77) is a social worker (Hospice) for the Visiting Nurse Association of Dallas, TX.

Debra A. Corbett (MSW '79) is a psychiatric social worker for the Donohue Mental Health Center, Norman, OK.

In Memory of Teresa Ann Carlson (MSW '79). Died August '79.

Marsha Daniels (BSW '78) has been appointed captain in the U.S. Air Force and serves as the chief of supply, in Columbus, MS.

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Alumni Survey

The OU School of Social Work’s planning for an active Alumni Association is under way. The survey committee requests that you complete the questionnaire below. The information will be utilized in developing a foundation for the association to meet alumni needs. Thank you.

Please detach and return to:

Nancy Chess
1421 Cherry Laurel Dr.
Norman, OK 73069

ALUMNI QUESTIONNAIRE
OU School of Social Work

I graduated __________________________ 19 ________ □ MSW □ BSW

I would be interested in attending OU Social Work Alumni meeting
□ Yes □ No

WHAT KIND
□ Seminar/Lecture □ Social
□ Other______________________________________
Be Specific

WHEN
□ Spring □ Fall
□ Other________ Specify

WHERE
□ Norman □ Oklahoma City
□ Other________ Specify

I would be interested in giving input into the School □ Yes □ No

I would be willing to pay a reasonable fee for a speaker □ Yes □ No

Other Comments__________________________________________
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Name

Address
Alumni News continued

Madeline Kliger Koenigsdorfer (BA '40) is the volunteer coordinator "Meals on Wheels" Jewish Geriatric Center, Kansas City, MO, and would like to hear from 1940 class members. Write her at 109 E. 67, Kansas City, MO 64113.

Charles W. Kramer (MSW '80) is an outpatient therapist for the Center for Mental Health, in Anderson, Ind.

Gail Lapidus (MSW '79) is a counselor for individuals, families and groups, East Tulsa Family Children's Services, Tulsa, OK.

Sharon Maestri (MSW '79) is the psychiatric social work coordinator of the Outpatient Clinic, Ozark Guidance Center, Springfield, MO.

Robyn Moser (BSW '78) is working in Juvenile Services for DHS in OKC.

James P. Murphy (BSW '65) is a social worker at VA Medical Center, Amarillo, TX. He was elected in April to a three-year term to the Board of Trustees for the Canyon Independent School District.

Ginger Naifeh (BSW '76') is working for the Sheraton Hotels Corp. in Okla. City.

Karen Newald (BSW '76) is a research analyst with the State of OK. Legislative Council, OKC.

Sharon Newald (BSW '76) is currently attending the LB&J School of Public Policy at the University of Texas at Austin.

Janelle Nee (MSW '79) is a service worker for the Catholic Social Ministries, OKC.

Dorothy N. Olson (MSW '58) is a psychiatric social worker for the Mental Hygiene Clinic, VA Medical Center, Waco, TX.

Robert Overby (BSW '79) is living in Norman, and working for DHS in Cleveland County.

Dee Ann Patterson (BSW '80) is a social worker with the Women's Resource Center, Norman, OK.

Kevin Pipes (MSW '80) is working as a staff assistant for U.S. Rep. Tom Steed in Norman, OK.

Angela Robinson (MSW '79) is a social worker (Oncology) St. Anthony's Hospital, OKC.

Suzanne Belden Rice (MSW '80) is living in Seoul, Korea and working with American-Asian Teenagers with the International Human Assistant Program.

Jose Saenz (MSW '80) is working for Urban Renewal in Okla. City.

Mae Skipping (MSW '69) is working as program manager for A County Welfare Dept. in El Centro, CA.

Chuck Smith (MSW '73) is working in the Ambulatory Care, VA Outpatient Clinic, Tulsa.

Mel Smith (MSW '72) is an assistant superintendent, Pauls Valley State School, Pauls Valley, OK.

Nelda Spyers (MSW '79) is employed as supervisor and field practicum instructor by the Clara Waters Home for Women in OKC.

Ann Black Sutter (MSW '77) is an instructor of social work in the Division of Child Psychiatry, University of Florida. Clinical practice with children, adults, families; teaching social work and psychiatry to medical students 2nd and 3rd years; Psychiatry and Pediatrics residents, Social Work practicum students, and psychology interns.

Margaret E. Swain (MSW '56) was elected President of the Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare, Jackson, Miss.

Loretta Sweetman (MSW '80) is serving as a medical social worker for St. Joseph's Hospital, Ponca City, OK.

George Taylor (MSW '67) is teaching at Virginia State College in Petersburg, VA.

Bill Timmons (MSW '63) is a supervisory social worker for the BIA Talihina, OK.

John Tolan (BSW '80) is a captain with the Salvation Army Community Center Norman, OK.

Peter K. Vaslow (MSW '66) is a mental health consultant, in Philadelphia, PA.

Debbie Williams (MSW '79) is developing a course, including teacher and student manuals—Client benefit to be taught for the Developmental Disabilities Grant from East Central University in Ada, that will be presented to Shelter Workshops Personnel throughout OK. Debbie supervises one intake worker and four district workers in the Division of Assistance Payments including APDC, AD, AA, AB, Medical assistance, short and long term; crippled children, services and food stamps in Pontotoc County.

Crist Ziegler (BSW) is working and living in Clinton, OK and works for the Clinton Mental Health Center, in the area of juvenile services.