Rhyne Hall Renovations

During spring 1982, the State Board of Regents allocated $112,000 for the renovation and repair of the School of Social Work’s facility. Over the years, the 50-year-old building had deteriorated considerably. Now, after a great deal of time and effort involved in the restoration project, Rhyne Hall has become one of the most unique and beautiful university facilities on campus.

A secondary project for the building was the establishment of a video training facility. One classroom has been converted into a training center in which practice classes can be taught and students can refine their practice skills.

Message from the Director

This past year has been a busy and challenging one at the School of Social Work. I am pleased to report the news that accreditation for both our undergraduate and graduate programs has been reaffirmed by the Council on Social Work Education for the full seven-year period. This accomplishment was possible only through the diligent work of faculty, student committee representatives, field practicum agencies, alumni, and friends of the school.

In my perusal of recent newsletters from other schools of social work, a common theme recurs. The economic climate for social work education is not favorable, and the outlook in the near future is questionable. Like other schools of social work throughout the country, we too are feeling the effects of funding cutbacks for services and training. The important contributions of grant and contract support to the school have been shrinking. Particularly serious is the reduction in funds to support students through stipends, scholarships, and other means of financial assistance.

The net result is predictable: fewer potential students are applying to the school, and of these, many are compelled to work while attending school. Though the number of applications has declined, I am pleased to report that the number of qualified students who eventually enroll in both the graduate and undergraduate programs has been holding up fairly well.

Enrollment for the 1982-83 school year stands roughly equivalent to the past two years: 90 undergraduate majors; 35 first-year full-time graduate students; 75 second-year graduate students. Maintaining student enrollment in the future will require new sources for student financial support, aggressive student recruiting, and scheduling alternatives for students who are forced to work while attending school.

Part-time enrollment in the graduate program continues to be in strong demand. In addition to part-time programming in Norman through the university’s division of Advanced Programs, a new University Center in Tulsa (UCAT) has opened further opportunities for part-time graduate education in the eastern part of the state. It is expected that the UCAT facility will serve to simplify registration and enrollment as well as provide a number of academic support services. Plans are on the drawing board to request sufficient university resources to offer the full two years of the MSW program through the UCAT facility.

The economic picture in Oklahoma has now taken a turn for the worse. At this writing, efforts are under way to cut expenditures in the current university budget, and a reduced budget appears likely for the 1983-84 school year. We are particularly concerned here at the School of Social Work that the
The Nadine Roach Memorial Award

Charlotte Heard (MSW '72) was the first recipient of the Nadine Roach Memorial Award, which was presented during the school's annual recognition ceremony May 15, 1982.

Prior to completing her master's degree in social work at the University of Oklahoma, Heard was an active volunteer in community affairs. Upon graduation she was employed as the director of the Area Wide Aging Agency in Oklahoma City. Throughout the years she has served as an adjunct faculty member with the School of Social Work. In her capacity as a field instructor she has guided students who in turn have become actively involved in the field of aging. In addition, she has promoted state and federal legislation that has benefited the lives of older Oklahomans.

The Roach Memorial Award was established in 1982 with the purpose of fostering and continuing the kind of contribution made by Professor Roach during her life and career as a social worker and educator. Professor Roach was especially recognized for her community action, her achievements in social change, and her sound and direct perspective on social work practice.

The award is an individual unrestricted cash award in recognition of the creative synthesis of social work theory with practice in the field practicum which goes beyond the expected roles of practitioners.

Individuals eligible for the award include students, staff, classroom faculty, practicum faculty, agency personnel, and all others whose work is related to social work and/or social work education.

Faculty News

Faculty Update


Wayne Busby conducted a workshop at the annual program meeting of the Council of Social Work Education held in New York City. The subject of the workshop was "Human Ecology: A Theoretical Base for Social Work Practice." He also developed a proposal to the Oklahoma Legislature for the state chapter of NASW entitled "A School Social Work Demonstration Project," which is currently under consideration. His article, "The Hidden Revolution in Social Work Education," was published in the proceedings of the Social Work Education in the Southwest conference. Wayne was also quite active in providing the basic planning for the reorganization of the school's field practicum program.

Antonia Dobrec, assistant director, serves on the CSWE Commission on Minority Group Affairs and on the Annual CSWE Program Planning Committee. She co-presented a paper, "Human Service Need Assessment for Non-Reservation American Indians," at the Southwest Sociological Association's annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, and is the program manager of the American Indian Child Welfare Curriculum project.

Man Keung Ho presented a paper titled "Identifying and Utilizing a Client's Preferred Mode of Communication—A Neglected Aspect of Social Work Practice with Ethnic Minorities" at the NASW Minority Issues Conference, June 9-12, 1982, in Los Angeles; he was also the keynote speaker for 1982 Mental Health Conference sponsored by Oscar Rose Junior College, speaking on "Surviving Today's Family Through a Constructive Marriage." He published an article in Practice Digest (NASW publication), Vol. 5, No. 3, December 1982 issue entitled "Building on the Strength of Minority Group: Asian American Perspective." And he has been elected to serve on NASW Committee on Nomination and Leadership Identification from 1982-85.

Dale Kunkel, coordinator of field practicum, serves as chairman of the board of directors for Transition House Inc., a new halfway house for persons leaving residential mental health treatment. He presented a paper, "Sexual Issues in Social Work Practice," at the Texas Social Work Conference conducted by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. He also presented a paper entitled "Human Sexuality and Social Work" at the sixth annual Texas NASW conference. Both papers were co-authored with Catalina Herreras, a 1981 MSW graduate now in the Ph.D. program at the University of Texas. In addition he presented a paper, "Social Work with the Emotional Problems of Aging," at the seventh annual Kansas Governor's Conference on Aging.

Constance Lindemann published the following articles: "The Fertility-Related Behavior of Mexican-American Adolescents," (with Wilbur Scott) in the Journal of Early Adolescence, (2:31-38, 1982); "Women's Sexuality and Mental Health" in Women and Mental Health, Kristen Watts-Penny, editor; she also developed the Teaching Resources Directory on Women. She conducted a workshop on women's sexuality at a conference on women and mental health for the Women's Resource Center and Oklahoma...
New Faculty

Herman Curiel joined the faculty as a visiting professor in the fall of 1981 and was appointed as a full-time assistant professor the fall of 1982. Curiel earned his MSW from Our Lady of the Lake University, Worden School of Social Service, in San Antonio, Texas, in 1962 with a specialization in casework. In 1979 he received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, specializing in curriculum development and instruction in higher education with emphasis in bilingual education.

Curiel's field of practice is in interdisciplinary training and community mental health. His teaching areas include social work practice, cultural diversity, and human behavior.

Ella Euwing has served as a clinical assistant professor with the school’s field practicum program since the spring of 1982. She received her undergraduate degree in sociology from Tuskegee Institute and her MSW from the University of Michigan in 1971.

Euwing has worked as a clinical social worker with a family service agency in Oklahoma and a community mental health center in Kansas. Her clinical experience has been wide and varied. Her practice has been directly involved in working with multi-problem families, child abuse and neglect, marital conflict, and child welfare services.

John Gunther earned an MSW degree from Alabama and his doctorate from Tulane University in 1979. He has done post-doctoral study at Loyola University in advanced social statistics and research methods and at the National Science Foundation. Prior to his appointment last fall, he was a member of the faculty at Southern University in New Orleans.

Gunther teaches in the areas of research and policy and is the coordinator of the administration/planning concentration in the graduate program.

Kristi Twichell joined the faculty of the School of Social Work in the fall of 1982. She completed her doctorate in social welfare that same summer at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Twichell’s background is in the area of medical social work, with a special interest in the clinical aspects of that field. Since arriving at OU, she has been busy teaching practice courses and acting as an undergraduate advisor. She has also been involved in the long-term care planning grant that was developed by the Gerontology Center in conjunction with medicine, nursing, and social work.

Alumni News

This information is as timely as the letters we receive from you. We are sure that some of you have changed jobs, been promoted, retired, or moved. We especially need to hear from BSWs. Please keep in touch.

BSW

Kindanne Jones ('82) is attending Columbia Law School. Kindanne received the Harriet Harvey Scholarship award during her senior year. This award is given in honor of Dr. Harvey, who was
a member of the university faculty from 1954 until 1962. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of demonstrated high scholastic ability and standards of personal conduct, judged by the nominees and selections committee to be outstanding. The award was established in 1963. Kindanne is the first social work student to receive this award.

Carol Crownerov (82) is completing the last semester of the second-year graduate program. Carol and Kindanne were Phi Beta Kappas.

Janet J. Phelps (82) and Mary Lois Saidkhod (82) graduated with distinction.

Mary Alexander (82), Joyce Atkinson (82), Karen Bush (82), Karleen Daughtery (82), Phyllis Gustafson (82), Barbara Keith (82), Richard Mann (82), Douglas Nelson (82), Bill Nichols (82), Bonnie Parham (82), Kelly Partovi (82), Teresa Pearn (82), Linda Phillips (82), Georgia Slentz (82), Carol Behrens (82), Harriet Eckhoff (82) are all completing the last semester of the second-year graduate program.

Susan Leonard (82) is working on a master's degree in journalism.

Cindy Reedy (80) and Doc Reedy (MSW '80) are the proud parents of Laura Colleen Reedy.

Lezlie Brown (first-year '77) lives in Ft. Myers, Fla. Lezlie received an MSW from Washington University in 1979.

MSW 1980s

Lois Chiles (82) has been chosen as the new executive director of the Oklahoma Chapter of NASW. Former director Mike Dover has taken the position of director at Variety Health Center in Oklahoma City. Lois was active in promoting passage of the new vendorship law in 1982 and is following reorganization plans for the DHS this year.

Carol Clabo (82) is a social worker at the Laura Dester Center in Tulsa.

Annalee C. Davis (82) is a therapist intern at the Tulsa Psychiatric Center.

Dan Helms (82) works as a counselor at St. Joseph's Children's Home in Oklahoma City.

Mary Joyce Rodgers (82) is a social worker at the Child Study Center in Oklahoma City.

Bessie Speyer (82) is employed as a social worker for the Department of Human Services.

Janelle Adams (81) is a social service supervisor in Oklahoma City for the Oklahoma County Department of Human Services.

Patricia Allford (81) is working as an intake, probation, and parole counselor in court-related services for the Department of Human Services in Hughes County.

Chris Anderson (81) is a social worker with the Latter Day Saints Adoptions and Foster Care Program in Chicago.

Yoko Baba (81) is enrolled in a doctoral program at Case Western Reserve University.

Tom Bateman (81) is a psychiatric social worker with the Jim Taliaferro Mental Health Center in Lawton. He supervises the activities of six satellite stations for the center.

Vicki Burkes (81) works as a social service supervisor with the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Division, in Oklahoma City.

William Clayton (81) has returned to New Jersey after graduation.

Virginia Craig (81) is a social worker in the Child Study Center in Oklahoma City.

Nancy Deal (81) is a medical social worker at Community Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Joseph Dolin (81) is with the Crippled Children's Unit of DHS in Oklahoma City.

Jody Youngman Evans (81) is working with families in a community mental health center in Avera, South Dakota, seeing "lots of families."

Frances Ford (81) is a social worker with the Tribal Community Health Merger in Shawnee.

Joan Goodnight (81) is a social worker at COJTC in Tecumseh.

Michael J. Harris (81) is a school social worker in Idaho. He reports that he believes the OU program is "more adequate than many of us realized at the time we were there."

Diane Holmes (81) is a Social Worker II assigned to day care at the Department of Human Services in Oklahoma City.

Wanda Holt (81) is a social worker at St. Joseph Children's Home in Oklahoma City. She does individual therapy with children and group and family treatment.

Gloria Hovorka (81) is the program coordinator for Supplemental Security Income, Disabled Children with the Department of Human Services in Oklahoma City.

Cheryl Kelley (81) is the director of Parents Anonymous in Tulsa.

Connie Lee (81) is working with children in Houston.

Vici (Mueller) Marzec (81) is a Social Worker I with the Department of Human Services in Norman.

Bradley McKeever (81) is a medical social worker with the Department of Human Services in Oklahoma City.

Stephen and Susan Moore (81) are living in North Dakota, and Steve is working for the Veterans Administration there.

Glenda Morris (81) is a part-time secretary to the Employee Executive Council at OU and working on a master's degree in art therapy.

Ellis Molley (81) is employed at Barry-Lawrence County Counseling Services in Monett, Mo. He is a counselor in outpatient therapy and a consultant to Family Services and Aurora Community Hospital.

J. C. Oehslager (81) is a counselor with Sunbeam Home and Family Services Inc. in Oklahoma City.

Gwendolyn Onken (81) is a Social Worker II at Central State Hospital in Norman.

Shelia Tiarks (81) is a Social Worker I doing nursing home intake for the Department of Human Services in Oklahoma City.

Robert Young (81) is a Social Worker III, Child Welfare Division, Department of Human Services in Oklahoma City.

Jodi Youngman (81) is working as a clinical social worker and psychotherapist at a mental health clinic in Aberdeen, S.D.

Kevin Pipes (80) is the human resources coordinator for the Oklahoma State Senate.

Doc Reedy (80) and Cindy Reedy (BA '80) have a new daughter named Laura Colleen.

Robert J. Roedl (80) has opened a counseling office in Oklahoma City.

Dalewares (80) is a counselor with Parent's Assistance Center in Oklahoma City.

1970s

June Carter (79) is working at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Mary L. Jordan (79) is a Clinical Social Worker III at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City.

Sandra K. Smith-Myers (79) is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Communication at the University of Oklahoma. She works for the American Red Cross in Oklahoma City.

Claudia Arthrell (78) is a counselor for individuals, families, and groups and facilitates workshops on "Coping With Stress" in the Tulsa area at the East Tulsa Family and Children's Services.

Barbara Morris (78) is an adoption specialist in Pauls Valley.

Charlotte New (78) is the new executive director of the Oklahoma City YWCA.

Janet Wager-Tinkle (78) is now living in Battle Ground, Wash.
Andy Ayers ('76) where are you?
Your Interaction newsletter was returned.

Sue Hardcastle ('76) is the Latimer County administrator for the Department of Human Services in Wilburton.

Karen K. Hill ('76) is the executive director of Youth Services of Tulsa County Inc.

Bill Mobley ('76) is married and living in Fort Worth, Texas.

Frank L. Hutchins ('75) is the inpatient project director for the Sedgwick County Mental Health Department, Wichita, KS.

Katherine Skalnik Winslow ('75) is working in alcohol treatment at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Marjorie H. Young ('75) has opened a private office in Norman.

Bill McAdams ('74) is the administrator of the employee assistance program for Alcoa-Warrick operations in Newburgh, Ind. He has produced a 30-minute videotape entitled "Alcohol, Drugs, and Addiction," which is being shown at Alcoa's domestic locations.

Adelia Milligan ('74) is a medical social worker with Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Ralph Nichols ('72) has moved back to Oklahoma City after completing his tour with the Air Force.

Douglas M. Gibson ('71) is the executive director of Youth Services for Oklahoma County in Oklahoma City.

Paula Richardson Harbert ('71) is in social work outpatient service in Des Moines, Iowa.

Terry Harbert ('71) is in social work service at the VA Medical Center in Knoxville, Iowa.

1960s
Michael B. Dutcher ('69) is the clinical director of the Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Program in Ft. Hood, Texas.

Sally Frazier ('69) is a psychiatric social worker and satellite coordinator with the Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center in Altus.

Marilynn A. Cason ('68) is on the social service staff of North Dakota State Hospital as a Social Worker III.

Jeanne Parkhurst ('68) is a school social worker in Illinois. Recent communication indicates she is planning a move to Colorado soon.

Nathan C. Martin ('67) is the regional administrator for the Texas Department of Human Resources in Lubbock, Texas.

Anna Sturges ('66) is who "actually retired," is the interagency coordinator for the Hugo public schools, finding services for handicapped school children.

Elizabeth M. Pickel ('65) lives in Ft. Myers, Fl.

1950s and earlier

Guilford Breedlove ('58) has retired and has offered the school his collection of professional magazines. He lives in Salisbury, Md.

David Schwartz ('58) is a clinical social worker in private practice in Oklahoma City.

Robert J. Gilchrist ('53) is a case manager in Holly Center, Salisbury, Md.

Ozell Nelms ('44) gave a collection of her professional books to the school.

In Memoriam

Swami Akella (MSW '77) was employed at Eastern State Hospital. The social work department at Eastern State has established a fund to purchase books for the hospital library.

Phyllis Davis (MSW '70). Bill Davis has donated Phyllis' practice library to the OU School of Social Work.

Junior Koenig Knee (BA '41) earned a Master of Arts degree from OU and a master's degree in public health at the University of Michigan. His distinguished career included more than 25 years in public health service. He was named executive secretary of the Public Health Conference on Health Records and Statistics in 1968 and held that post until he retired in 1973. He is survived by Ruth Ella Irelan Knee (BA '41) of Fairfax, Va.

Gwendolyn Lee (MSW '69).

Nadine Roach (MSW '68).

The Doris W. Neustadt Wing of Bizzell Memorial Library was completed in 1982 and now more than doubles the capacity of library holdings.

Alumni Support

A new program has been initiated by President Banowsky to assist the university in achieving national greatness. The program, called the President's Partners, is sponsored by the University of Oklahoma and its Alumni Association.

Members donate $100 each year for academic enrichment, university improvement, and other campus projects. Gifts may be restricted for any college, school, academic department or program, or may be unrestricted.

Each member of President's Partners will receive a membership card for each calendar year and an annual report detailing how the funds were spent. All gifts are tax deductible.
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quality of our educational programming does not suffer.

We are, however, grateful that a new plan for financial endowment, which has already been of benefit to the school, has been initiated. The plan is called President’s Partners and is described in further detail in this issue of Interaction. Briefly, the plan provides for donations of $100 with a designation that a school or department receive the funds.

Several President’s Partners donations have already been designated for the School of Social Work, and the funding will be a great help in maintaining and improving our educational programming.

In the last issue of Interaction, a survey concerning alumni interests in school-sponsored alumni activities was included. The response was positive, and based on the results of the survey, it appears that an annual alumni event would have popular appeal. An alumni subcommittee will be working with me in the near future to plan for such a major school-alumni event. Your comments are welcomed and appreciated.

In the meantime, please keep in touch and come by to see the “new look” of Rhyne Hall.

Kenneth R. Wedel

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