As my second year on the job draws to a close, I am very proud of the progress and achievements of the School of Social Work at the University of Oklahoma. As an integral part of a major research university, the School has a responsibility for conducting basic and applied research and for garnering support to carry out its research mission. Along these lines, I am delighted to report that the School is doing quite well -- far better than we expected. As you may recall, in the last issue of this newsletter (spring of 2002), I reported to you that the School's external funding from research grants and training contracts was at an all time high [a little over $2.1 million]. I am equally as happy to report to you that our current year's funding is substantially higher than the previous year. Figures for the 2002-2003 academic year indicate that our external funding is over $3.3 million [about a 63% increase over last year]. Some of the key sources of our support include the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center [$100,000], the US Department of Health and Human Services (HRS) [$1,300,000], the US Department of Health and Human Services (ACF) [$200,000], the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health [$235,000], the Oklahoma Department of Human Services [$1,500,000], and the John A. Hartford Foundation [$30,000]. Because of the School's success in implementing a significant social work research agenda on the OU campus, it has been invited to participate in a distinguished group of research schools known as the St. Louis Group of Research Schools of Social Work. The primary purpose of the St. Louis Group is to increase the capacity of social work administrators and faculty to lead and implement significant research agendas and to improve the quality of social work education. We are pleased to be a part of such an illustrious and important group.

Through the hard work of two of its distinguished Board of Visitors members, Mr. Michael Fogarty and Mrs. Terri Fritz, the School has been awarded a $1 million Indirect Medical Education Grant from the State of Oklahoma University Hospitals Trust to establish its first two endowed faculty professorships. Through the grant the School will establish the following professorships: (1) The Oklahoma Medicaid Endowed Professorship in Health and (2) The Oklahoma Medicaid Endowed Professorship in Mental Health. The primary purpose of the endowed professorships is to bring to the School distinguished faculty members in the areas of health, mental health, and social work. Faculty members appointed to these professorships will be academic leaders, teachers, researchers and scholars of exceptional achievement and ones who have made substantial contributions to teaching, research, service, and practice. As of this writing, the School has already initiated a national search to fill the Endowed Professorship in Mental Health which will be a senior faculty position in the social work program at OU-Tulsa. If things go as planned, we anticipate that we will be able to initiate a national search to fill the Endowed Professorship in Health sometime during the next academic year. This particular professorship will be a senior faculty position in the School here in Norman.

The School welcomes a number of new faculty members and administrative support staff. Dr. Monica Alzate, a PhD graduate in Social Work from the University of Georgia, joins our faculty here in Norman as an Assistant Professor of Social Work. Dr. Tonia Caselman, a PhD graduate in Family Relations and Child Development from Oklahoma State University, joins our faculty at OU-Tulsa as an Assistant professor of Social Work. Dr. Mary Brandt, a PhD graduate in Special Education from Oklahoma State University, joins OU-Tulsa faculty as a Lecturer. Ms. Tammi Hardcastle joins our administrative support staff here at the School as Secretary of Admissions and Records. All of us here at the School are excited about the enthusiasm and commitment that these new faculty and staff bring to the School.
Student Career Opportunity: Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program

The Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) is a collaborative effort among all the accredited schools of social work in the state and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services Division. The program is funded by Federal dollars through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

Since the inception of CWPEP in 1994, a total of 380 students have participated in the program. This number includes students from all the accredited BSW programs across the state as well as MSW students. The MSW students include both current DHS employees and non-employee students planning a career in Child Welfare. The University’s partnership with the Department of Human Services is critical to the recruitment of professionally trained social workers to the field of public Child Welfare.

Of the 380 students participating in the program, 278 have fulfilled or are in the process of fulfilling their employment obligation in the Department’s Child Welfare Program upon graduation and 198 are currently employed by the Department in Child Welfare. Former students who participated in the CWPEP hold positions in more than half the counties in the state. Positions held by these former students range from Child Welfare Specialist I to County Director and Administrative Programs personnel. Figure 1 shows the number of former CWPEP students who continue to demonstrate their commitment to the children and families of Oklahoma through employment in Child Welfare with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Applications to the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program are accepted during the spring and early summer. All BSW (Juniors and Seniors) and MSW students are eligible to apply to the program. For additional information, please contact Martha Scales, CWPEP Coordinator, (405) 325-2907 or mscales@ou.edu or visit our office.
As many of you know, agencies and organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma face major cuts in their budgets. Along with the rest of the University of Oklahoma, the School also faces serious cuts to its budget. While the administration and faculty of the School will have to make some very tough fiscal decisions over the next few years, we are steadfast in our conviction to maintain the outstanding quality of our educational programs and to be the best that we can be. What can each of you personally do to help us maintain the character and quality of the School? Obviously, direct donations to the School will be important. If you are able to make a donation, contribution, or gift (cash, property, investments, etc) now or in the future, please be sure to earmark it for the School of Social Work through a newly established OU Foundation Fund entitled “Social Work Board of Visitors Enrichment Fund.” In the main, I am inviting and encouraging our alumni and friends, groups, and organizations, to provide one-time or ongoing donations/contributions to the School of Social Work. Through your generosity we will be able to continue to promote educational excellence in our students.

As I mentioned earlier, the School continues to strive to be the best that it can be even during these very difficult economic times. We continue to provide important consultation and services to the community, the state, and the profession and our highest commitment is still to our students. We are determined to continue to provide them with an education that creates a sound foundation for practice throughout their careers. Built on a foundation of 68 years of excellence in teaching, research, and service, the School is poised to look forward to the next 68 years. We hope to enlist your strong support in the years to come.

Roosevelt Wright, Jr., PhD
Director
The Development Committee of the School of Social Work Board of Visitors has met several times since being named. Serving on that committee are Alisa West Cahill, MSW, with the Education and Employment Ministry of Oklahoma City; Mike Fogarty, MSW, Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority in Oklahoma City; Linda Ketcher-Goodrich, MSW, who resides in Stillwell and is currently completing her doctoral studies; Rietta Miller, LCSW, Norman Counseling Clinic; Sharon Neuwald, PhD., Coordinator, Office of Legislative Relations and Special Projects, DHS, Oklahoma City; Tim O’Connor, MS, Executive Director, Associated Catholic Charities in Oklahoma City; and Sue Lunsford, LCSW, CEAP, Regional EAP Coordinator for Conoco Phillips, Ponca City. Ms Lunsford serves as Chairperson. Ex-Officio members of the committee are Ina Javellas, MSW, Consultant and Chairperson of the Board of Visitors, and Dr. Roosevelt Wright, Director of the School of Social Work.

The purpose of the Development Committee is to determine ways that Alumni and Friends of the School of Social Work can be supportive of the school and students. We have spent time talking with Jim Gasaway, College of Arts and Sciences Development Program, and benefited from his expertise in identifying ways we can reach our goals.

Progress to this point includes the following:

*Establishment of the School of Social Work Board of Visitors Enrichment Fund (Account #32718). Donations may be made from private sources (individuals, groups, organizations) to be used in support of the School and appropriated by the Director of the School in accordance with the wishes of the Board of Visitors. Contributions are now being accepted, and can be made out and mailed to the OU Foundation, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019. Be sure to designate the number and name of the Fund on your check!

*With the renovation of Room 115 to an Advanced Learning Classroom, there is a great need for improved seating. The Development Committee has established an “Endowed Chairs” program; i.e., a contribution of $300 will purchase a classroom chair with attached desk. A plaque designating donors and/or person to be remembered will be displayed in the classroom. Contribution forms are available in this newsletter. If you would like to talk with anyone further about this project, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

*Other classrooms are badly in need of updating as well. The committee is looking at the possibility of painting and decorating the classrooms to provide an enhanced learning environment. Utilizing the expertise of the College of Art and the School of Interior Design was suggested. Other ideas include replacing/cleaning carpet, improving the student lounge, and make the availability of the 3rd floor computer lab more widely known to students.

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* Adding information on the Board of Visitors and the Development Committee opportunities to the School’s website.

*The ultimate goal, of course, is for a new building, which will involve targeting strategic ways of fund-raising on a much larger scale. However, we believe it is equally important for alumni and benefactors to begin showing support in smaller ways through the Enrichment Fund and the Endowed Chairs.

Thank you for your support of this initiative.

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**“Endowed Chairs” Contribution Form**

Please complete the following form to purchase a personalized endowed chair for classroom 115 or make a contribution to the OU School of Social Work by selecting one of the following fund programs.

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**Address of Donor:** _____________________________________________________________

City: ______________ State: ______ Zip: __________________________

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___ Board of Visitors Enrichment Fund (Acct. # 32718)
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___ Heritage Scholarship
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___ Junior Koenig & Ruth Ireland Knee
___ Lennie-Marie P. Tolliver Lectureship
___ Man Keung Ho Minority Student Scholarship Fund
___ Michael P. Flanagan Scholarship
___ Nadine Roach Memorial
___ Rev. Key and Anna Ketcher Scholarship
___ Social Work Aging Fund
___ Terry Davis Memorial Social Work Fund
___ Value and Ethics Chair
___ Vilona P. Cutler Loan and Development
___ Virginia Olds Practicum Enrichment Fund
___ Wayne A. Chess Scholarship Fund

Mail contributions to the OU Foundation (100 Timberdell, Norman, OK 73019) or the School of Social Work, (1005 S Jenkins, Norman, Oklahoma, 73019). Checks should be made payable to the OU Foundation. **Your contributions are greatly appreciated.**
The University of Oklahoma Research and Evaluation Center

The School of Social Work, in addition to offering a wide array of undergraduate and graduate level courses, also focuses on research. The Research and Evaluation Center (www.ou.edu/socialwork/data/) is one of several research projects being conducted at the School of Social Work. The Research and Evaluation Center is led by Ms. Betty Duran, MSW, MPH (Project Director) and Dr. David Barney (Principal Investigator), and it is supported by seven staff members. The Research and Evaluation Center is currently working on two federally funded Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS): US/Mexico Border Health Project and American Indian/Alaska Native Initiative. Both projects are funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau.

The US/Mexico Border Health Project is a demonstration project to implement unique models of HIV/AIDS care at five different sites for high risk populations living along the US/Mexico border. The project, currently in its third year, began in 2000. It is a five year, $1.5 million project. The Research and Evaluation Center provides technical assistance for the five sites across the US/Mexico Border involved in the project. These five sites include Valley AIDS Council in Harlingen, Texas; Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe in El Paso, Texas; Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services in Las Cruces, New Mexico; Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project in Tuscon, Arizona; and San Ysidro Health Center in San Ysidro, California. The technical assistance provided to these five sites includes dissemination, development of data collection instruments, multi-site data collection, processing, and storage, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, research and literature reviews of most recent articles regarding border health and HIV/AIDS, training and development, and other assistance upon request. The research center also functions as a coordinator of activities between the projects and HRSA, as well as conducts site visits to obtain updates on the projects and to assess what type of technical assistance is needed and how it can be provided. The research and Evaluation Center, along with five project sites also actively participates in generating new research and disseminate new findings. Further information about this project can be found at http://www.ou.edu/border.

The American Indian/Alaska Native Initiative, began in 2002 is also a five year project. The Research and Evaluation Center has partnered with National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) http://www.nnaapc.org located in Oakland, California to both complement its expertise and to enhance its cultural competency to work on this project. The goal of this project is to integrate a number of services that are needed by HIV positive or at risk American Indian and Alaska Native populations. The project also examines substance abuse, sexually transmitted infections and/or mental illness as factors of co-morbidities with HIV/AIDS within this population. There are six project sites involved in this initiative. These sites include Robeson Health Corporation in Fairmount, North Carolina; Four Corners American Indian Circle of Services Collaborative in Gallup, New Mexico; Native American Health Center/Friendship House in Oakland, California; South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency in Shelton, Washington; Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in Anchorage, Alaska; and Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation in Bethel, Alaska. Similar to the US/Mexico Border project, the Research and Evaluation Center coordinates activities between project sites and HRSA, and provides technical assistance which includes assistance with development of logic and service delivery models, development of evaluation and data collection instruments, data analysis, and dissemination of outcomes. The findings generated by this project will be used to develop more efficient and effective service delivery systems to meet the needs of HIV positive members of these populations. Additional information about this project is available at http://www.ou.edu/socialwork/hiv.

In addition to the national level federally funded projects, the Research and Evaluation Center is also involved in various projects at both state and local level. At the state level, the Research and Evaluation Center just completed a Title III needs assessment for Ryan White early intervention services in Southwestern Oklahoma. At local level, The Research and Evaluation Center is currently providing technical assistance and evaluating Proyecto Cambio (http://www.ou.edu/socialwork/lcda/), an Intimate Partner Violence/Sexual Violence (IPV/SV) prevention project among Hispanics/Latinos of Oklahoma City being conducted by the Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA) and funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Research and Evaluation Center also partnered with LCDA on another project, Rompiendo el Silencio or Breaking the Silence (http://www.ou.edu/socialwork/sida/), to study HIV prevention and education among the Latino community of Oklahoma City.
27th Annual Meeting of the Profession - NASW, Oklahoma Chapter
Sponsored by OU Law Center/OU School of Social Work/The Board of Visitors
The Power of Social Work in the Justice System:
A Therapeutic Court
Monday, April 7, 2003 - 1:30 - 4:45
OU College of Law, Dick Bell Court Room

2:00       Cleveland County Drug Court - a metropolitan community's response
            Judge Tom Lucas, JD
            Drug Treatment Team

3:00       Garvin and McClain Counties - a rural community's response
            Judge Candace Blalock, JD
            Drug Treatment Team

4:00       Response panel:
            Ben Brown, Deputy Commission for Substance Abuse Service
            Sharon Neuwald, Coordinator Office of Legislative Relations and Special Projects
            Sue Settles, Child Abuse Training & Coordination Program Coordinator

Graduation Reception

Our Reception will be held at the Sam Noble Museum on May 10th following the Arts & Sciences graduation ceremony. If you would like to attend the Reception please R.S.V.P. Diane Freeman at (405) 325-2822 or email dkfreeman@ou.edu by May 1st. Free Parking at the museum.

Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum
2401 Chautauqua Avenue
Norman, Oklahoma 73072
Phone: Voice: (405) 325-4712

The Board is taking this opportunity to address issues of concern and support for additional state revenues and steps to obtaining support and securing additional revenues according to Board Chairman, Ina Javellas. The Board agreed during the March 28, 2003 meeting to send a letter to Governor Brad Henry and members of the Legislators.

Scheduled board meetings were held 4/5/02, 11/02/02, 3/28/03, next scheduled board meeting 10/24/03. Please contact a board member if you have ideas or any suggestions about joint endeavors between the board and the school. Ina Javellas, Chair of the Board of Visitors.

Ina Javellas, Chair
Board of Visitors
New Faculty Members

Dr. Monica Alzate, PhD., Assistant Professor Mónica María Alzate, Ph.D., Assistant Professor. She is a feminist social worker from Colombia, South America, and joined the faculty of the School of Social Work in August, 2002. She has a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Georgia; an MSW and an MA in Women’s Studies both from the University of Alabama; and a BA in Communications from Universidad Externado de Colombia in Bogotá, Colombia. Prior to starting her Ph.D in 1999 in the USA, she worked as Assistant Professor in the Family Studies Department of Universidad de Caldas, a public University in Manizales, Colombia. Before this experience in the academia, she worked in a feminist health care NGO in Cali, Colombia, worked as a consultant in a program with low-income women in Cali, Colombia, and as a social worker in a children’s services agency in Ohio, USA.

Her general research interests are: women's issues, social policy that affects women and families, poverty, inequality, human development, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Specific research interest include: women and families' well being from Colombia, South America, and the plight of Colombian refugees abroad as well as internally displaced (within Colombia).

She teaches in our school Generalist Practice, Diversity & Oppression, Human Behavior with Communities, Groups, and Organizations. You can contact her at mmalzate@ou.edu or visit her website at http://faculty-staff.ou.edu/A/Monica.M.Alzate-1/.

Dr. Mary Brandt, PhD., Lecturer Prior to accepting the Visiting Lecturer position at OU in the fall of 2002, I worked for one year as the Medical Social Worker in a small community hospital in northeastern Oklahoma. I have continued that position on a part time basis.

Previously to my move to the northeaster part of the state I was employed as an educational consultant to parochial/private schools in Tulsa where I worked mainly in the area of program development for children with disabilities. I also provided counseling services to that same population and their families at my own private practice as well as at the Indian Health Clinic in Tulsa. Mary Brandt, PhD., Lecturer Prior to accepting the Visiting Lecturer position at OU in the fall of 2002, I came to Oklahoma to teach at the University of Tulsa. I have taught at TU as well as OSU in the areas of Special Education, Behavioral Disorders and Developmental Psychology on a full and part time basis over the past 15 years.

I remain very committed to education and the school age population with special needs. My research interests center around School Social Work in general and particularly analyzing the effectiveness of social work intervention in a variety of school setting.

Leah Hunt, MSW, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor at the OU School of Social Work in Tulsa. She received her B.A in Psychology from OU in 1976 and received her MSW at OU in 1986. She has worked in the field for many years and in many different positions. Leah started out as a counselor, moved to a therapist, became coordinator for several different programs, was Director of Outpatient Services at Brookhaven Hospital in Tulsa, and has been practicing as a Psychotherapist for the past 12 years.

I live in the country on 20 acres, have 2 horses, and love bird watching (especially bluebirds). I love tennis and biking. I do stain glass work. I love Indian food and am learning to cook this type of food. I grew up in OKLA and most of my family lives in this state. I am interested in general history, art history, and history of science. My area of concentration in my private practice is dissociative disorders/trauma.
Proposed Programs

A proposed curricular model for a Dual MSW/MPH Degree Program has been developed by a committee of faculty members from the School of Social Work and Department of Health Promotion Sciences at the College of Public Health. The proposed dual MSW/MPH is an 84 credit hour program, and includes 48 credit hours within Social Work curriculum and 36 credit hours within Public Health curriculum. Students in the program should be able to complete degree requirements in three years of study. Efforts are underway to gain University approval in time to implement the program beginning the fall semester of 2003.

Student Association

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- Charles Evans Lang  
  August 20, 1953—May 1, 2002
- Lucy Ann Carlisle  
  September 1, 1966—July 13, 2002
- Zelma Lois Curnutt Hallock  
  July 17, 1916—August 12, 2002
- Fred Grover Fulkerson  
  January 28, 1919—October 18, 2002
- Robert “Gene” Bynum  
  May 23, 1930—January 29, 2003
- Robert R. “Bob” Rhodes  
  May 6, 1944 — March 12, 2003