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The proposal to have the Ethnic Minorities Standing Committee become the Ethnic Minorities Section passed by the required 60% of those voting. The Section will hold its first sessions in 1981.

## NCFR ANNUAL MEETING

October 22-25, 1980

Portland-Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon

Theme: *The Quality of Family Life: Integrating Theory, Research and Application*

*Wesley R. Burr*, Brigham Young University, Program Chair

### Plenary Sessions



Urie  
Bronfenbrenner

The Ecology of Families with Young Children: "Environmental Stresses and Supports in Parent-Child Activities," *Urie Bronfenbrenner*, Schurman Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, and Psychology, Cornell University; "Informal Support Sys-

tems," *Moncrieff Cochran*, Cornell University. This session is sponsored by the Students and Young Professionals. The presentations will examine the nature of support systems of families with young children, and then explore methods of intervening in these systems.



Moncrieff  
Cochran

"Marriages in Crisis: A Systems Perspective on Treatment and Prevention," *Augustus Y. Napier*, A.C.T.S., Atlanta, Georgia. This will be a discussion of the major systems dynamics that are associated with marital breakdown, and the use of family therapy in the treatment of marital crisis. The use of family therapy as a preventive approach will also be discussed. Specific recommendations will be made for programs aimed at preventing marital stress.

Decade Preview: The Family Field and the 1980's. Presenters and Panelists: *Reuben Hill*, University of Minnesota; *Greer Litton Fox*, Wayne State University; *Felix Berardo*, University of Florida; *Jacqueline Wiseman*, University of California at San Diego. Presiding and Moderating: *Joan Aldous*, University of Notre Dame. This session will feature presentations of four short papers that will be prescriptive analyses for the family field in the 1980's. A dialogue between presenters and with the audience will follow.

Burgess Award Address, *Glen Elder*, Cornell University, 1979 Burgess Award recipient.

"Launching a National Family Perspective," *John A. Calhoun*, Commissioner, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. This session is sponsored by the Congress of Affiliated Councils and the Family Action Section. The address will focus on possibilities in the post-White House Conference era. It will be followed by a dialogue between *Mr. Calhoun*, *Carlfred Broderick*, University of Southern California, and *Ruth Jewson*, NCFR. If time permits, questions will also be taken from the audience.

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## Plenary Sessions Continued



John A. Calhoun

**NCFR Presidential Address, "Ideology and Sexuality,"** *Ira L. Reiss*, University of Minnesota, NCFR President.

The **President's Party** will follow the Presidential Address. This will be a colorful cabaret social event with delicious and appropriate foods and beverages available during the evening. A snappy Combo orchestra will provide music for dancing and general enjoyment. Plan to spend a fun evening with **President Ira** and your many friends. The party will be at the Hilton Hotel. *Helen Hartness* is chair of this event.

### Didactic Session

Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.—"Family Demography," *Graham Spanier*, Pennsylvania State University and *Arthur Norton*, U. S. Bureau of the Census. This is an in-service training session that will deal with using demographic data such as the 1980 Census and Population Surveys. Issues such as computer applications, problems and pitfalls, where to turn for help, and how to locate data will be covered.

### Section Meetings

**Education—George Rowe**, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Section Chair

**Improving the Quality of Sexual Life Among Adolescents and Young Adults.** This session will include presentations of results from three recent studies, followed by a discussion of sexual attitudes and behaviors of adolescents and young adults. — "Sexual Scripts of Adolescents: Conservatism, Liberalism, and Gradualism," *Paul Cameron*, University of Nebraska at Lincoln; "Influence of Family on College Women's Attitudes Toward Sexual Behaviors," *Jill Ginsburg Palmeter* and *Sally A. Koblinsky*, San

Diego State University; "Interaction, Modeling, and Social Exchange and Their Impact on the Development of Young Adult Sexuality," *Carol Darling*, Florida State University; *Mary Hicks*, Florida State University, Presider and Discussion Leader.

**Ethics in Teaching Marriage and Family Courses.** Three University professors and a teaching assistant will present divergent viewpoints on ethical issues facing teachers. Audience participation is encouraged. — Panel Members: *Elizabeth Socha Davis*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *John DeFrain*, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, *Jetse Sprey*, Case Western Reserve University, *Judith O. Hooper*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Organizer and Moderator.

**Evaluation of Family Life Education.** This session will be a presentation and discussion. Convener, *J. Joel Moss*, Brigham Young University.

**Applying Experiential Learning to Improving the Quality of Life.** Educational demonstrations in experiential learning will be led by educators. The audience will also be involved in learning new skills and concepts. — "A Cognitive-Behavioral Approach to Strengthening Self Image," *Marcelle Straatman*, Oregon State University; "A Cognitive-Behavioral Approach to Social Skills Training with Shy Persons," *Lynda A. Haynes*, Louisiana Tech University and *Arthur W. Avery*, University of Arizona; "Creativity in the Classroom Through Literature," *Cecilia D. Gray*, California State University at Sacramento.

**Families Cope with a Changing Society.** A presentation and discussion of several issues illustrating how families react to changing social conditions. — "Surviving a Move: Family Coping Strategies," *Paul Ammons* and *John Wodarski*, University of Georgia; "Perception of Self as a Parent by Child-free Men and Women," *Kaye L. Zuengler* and *Richard N. Hey*, University of Minnesota; "Socialization for Family Violence," *Ira W. Hutchison*, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; *Cladys K. Phelan*, University of Idaho, Presiding.

**Holistic Health and the Middle Years.** Presentation of four components of holistic health in the middle years (45-65), followed by audience participation. — "Gerontological Research and Holistic Health," *George Fitzelle*, University of Rhode Island; "Stress and Nutrition in the Middle Years," Health Promotion Consultant, Kaiser-Permanente, Portland, Oregon; "Human Sexuality and Optimum Health in the Middle Years," *Joseph Trainer*, University of Oregon; "Physical Activity as it Affects Health and Longevity at Midlife," *Joan Sullivan*, Portland Community College; *Dean K. Hoffman*, Indian Health Service, U.S. Public Health Service, Reno, Nevada, Organizer and Panel Chair.

**Improving Communication Skills.** Presentation of two models of communication skills training, illustrating how university

students and community groups benefited. — "Communication as a Process: Empirical Findings and Field Experience," *John Strong*, Iowa State University; "A Model for Communication Skill Training Through Parent Education Practicum Within a University Parent Education Course," *Robert E. Keim*, Northern Illinois University.

**From Research to Educational Programming at the Work-Family Interface.** This workshop will begin by identifying various work-family role dilemmas. This will be followed by small group sessions focusing on educational program ideas for schools and community agencies. — "Problem Perception and Problem Solving Strategies for Dual Career Couples," *Dianne K. Kieren*, University of Alberta; "Workaholism and Personal and Family Health," *Jane Ligowski*, University of Alberta; "Job Sharing: Maximizing Career and Family Potentials," *Brenda Munro*, University of Alberta; "Designing After Hours Services for Dual Work Families," *Doris Badir*, University of Alberta.

**Getting Family Life Education to the People.** This "how to do it" panel will present various methods of delivering family life education to lay audiences. — "A Community Council Provides Education Through Volunteers," *Daniel Fisher*, Family Life Council of Greater Greensboro; "The Use of Radio," *Lynn Scoresby*, Brigham Young University; "The Use of Public Schools," *Terrance Olson*, Brigham Young University; "The Use of Community Consortia," *Frank Apolonio*, Weber State University; "Using the Cooperative Extension Service," *T. Scott Lane*, University of Georgia; *Brent Barlow*, Brigham Young University, Organizer and Moderator.

**Strengthening Families to Redirect Drug-prone Youth.** A social learning intervention approach with youth will be illustrated with slides followed by a demonstration of family strengthening techniques. — Presenters: *Robert H. Coombs*, Camarillo State Hospital, California and *Ted Eckman*, University of California at Los Angeles.

**Parent Education: Past, Present, and Future.** The historical development of parent education will be reviewed, followed by two empirical studies of parents with infants. Implications for the future will be discussed with the audience. — "Historical Development of Parent Education in the U.S. from the Colonial Period Through 1979," *Catherine Chilman*, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; "Childrearing in Black Families: Potential Continuities and Discontinuities Between Home and School," *Marie F. Peters*, University of Connecticut; "Influencing the Reciprocal Interaction Between Parents and the Infant," *Sheryl T. Boyd*, University of Oregon; *Anita Stafford*, Texas Woman's University, Facilitator.

**Improving the Quality of Life in the Later Years.** Two models will be presented to improve life for older persons. A panel

### Education Section Meetings Continued

will focus on marital interaction and then a group-work approach for families with aged relatives will be described. — "The Quality of Marital Interaction of Older Couples: From Theory to Education," *Francis D. Clamser*, North Texas State University; *Norah Keating and Pat Leginsky*, University of Alberta; "The Development and Evaluation of Community Based Support Groups for Families of Aged Persons," *Alida G. Silverman, Carl Brahce and Joel Leon*, Child and Family Services of Brighton, Michigan.

**Family Action—Charles Cole**, Iowa State University, Section Chair

**Jealousy in Variant Life Styles.** A discussion of the theoretical meanings of jealousy, with formal papers being critiqued by a discussant. — "Jealousy: Barrier of Stimulus to 'Open Relationships'?" *Roger Libby*, University of Massachusetts; "Jealousy in Bisexual Marriages," *Lester Kirkendall*, Emeritus, Oregon State University; "Jealousy and Self Esteem," *Lonny Myers*, Private Practice, Chicago, Illinois; "Jealousy, Toward a Comprehensive Model," *Gary Hansen*, Louisiana State University; "Jealousy in the Gay Father Relationship," *Frederick Bozett*, University of California at San Francisco; *Gary Hansen*, Louisiana State University, Organizer and Moderator.

**The White House Conference on Families: Reactions and Implications.** Panel discussion on the substantive issues and political realities of the status of the family in 1980. — Panel Members: *Ronald Daly*, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC; *Ronald Pitzer*, University of Minnesota; *Vel Brook*, Corvallis, Oregon, and *Ildaura Murillo-Rohde*, University of Washington; *Sharon Alexander*, National Association of State Boards of Education, Washington, D. C., Organizer and Moderator.

**Occupational Involvement, Work Schedules and Family Interaction.** A panel discussion of current research on unemployment and family stress, dual career marriages and the impacts of work schedule changes on the quality of family life. — "Unemployment as a Family Stressor," *Patricia Voydanoff*, Merrill Palmer Institute; "From Night to Day: The Impact of a Shift Change on Family Life," *Jane Hood*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; "Combining Marriage and Career: The Marital Adjustment of Professional Women," *Sharon Houseknecht and Annie Macke*, Ohio State University; *Charles Cole*, Iowa State University, Organizer; *Peggy Willis*, Pacific Lutheran University, Moderator.

**Midlife Transitions and the Impact on the Quality of Marriage and Family Life.** A colloquium panel discussion of current research and theory on the mid-life period of the family life cycle in terms of policy implications. — "Conceptualization of the

Mid-life Era: Is it Stagnation, Maintenance, or Transition?" *Rosalie Ackerman*, Iowa State University; "Role Strain and Depression in Two-Job Families," *Pat Keith and Robert Schafer*, Iowa State University; "Marital Consequences of Women's Educational and Career Reentry," *Jeanne Smith*, University of California at Davis; "Governmental Policies Impacting on Husband-Wife Dyad in the Family Systems Context," *Peggy Draughn*, Louisiana State University; *Rosalie Ackerman*, Iowa State University, Organizer and Moderator.

**Forum on Premarital Counseling and Enrichment Programs.** — "In-Lawing Made Easier," *Glen Jensen*, Utah State University; "Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Premarital Enrichment Program: An Assessment of Relationship Adjustment," *Carl Ridley, Stephen Jorgensen, Anita Morgan, and Arthur Avery*, University of Arizona; "Pre-Marriage Evaluation," *David Fournier*, Oklahoma State University; *Charles Hennon*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Organizer and Moderator.

**Remarriage: Second Families Assessing the Quality of Family Life.** A dialogue of panelists discussing current research theory and practice on remarriage, with social policy implications. — Panelists: *Kay Pasley and Marilyn Ihinger-Tallman*, Washington State University; *David Mills*, Seattle, Washington; *Daniel Safran*, San Francisco Center for the Study of Parent Involvement; *Marilyn Ihinger-Tallman and Kay Pasley*, Washington State University, Organizers; *Irving Tallman*, Washington State University, Moderator.

**Marriage Enrichment: Explanations and Demonstration.** A workshop on marriage enrichment with a brief explanation of what it means and a demonstration with audience participation of how to conduct marriage enrichment workshops. — Organizers and Leaders: *David and Vera Mace*, A.C.M.E., Winston Salem, North Carolina.

**Meeting the Needs of Aging Families: Applying Theory and Research—A Panel Discussion in Honor of Muriel Brown.** Focal concerns of older persons and families in the decade ahead; a panel discussion and assessment of the needs of the older persons and their families in the 1980's. — Panelists: *Clifton Barber*, Colorado State University; *Jane Oyer*, Michigan State University; *Wayne Seelback*, Lamar University; *James DeBurger*, University of Louisville, and *Timothy Brubaker*, Miami University, Ohio, Organizer and Co-chair.

**Military Families: Stresses and Supports.** A symposium discussion of researchers on the military family, addressing the issues of special problems and stresses of being a military family and assessing the effectiveness of programs and support systems provided for them. — "Gender Roles and Wives' Coping Patterns," *Joan Patterson and Hamilton McCubbin*, University of Minnesota; "Navy Separations and Physical

Illness: A Failure to Conform," *D. Stephen Nice*, Naval Health Research Center; "Factors Contributing to Divorce in Air Force Marriages," *John Williams*, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; "Attitudes Toward Family Support Programs Among Military Families," *Dennis Orthner and Gary Bowen*, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; "Navy Family Service Centers: Development and Implementation," *Ann O'Keefe*, Department of the Navy.

**Self-Disclosure and Relationship Quality.** — "Breadth and Depth of Self-Disclosure as a Function of Length and Type of Relationship," *Donna Sollie*, Texas Tech University; "Sex Roles and Situational Influences on Self-Disclosure and Marital Satisfaction," *Stephen Jorgensen*, University of Arizona; "Self-Disclosure, Self-Other Esteem and Dyadic Adjustment Among Non-married Cohabiting Couples," *Charles Cole and Stephen Goettsch*, Iowa State University; *Charles Cole*, Iowa State University, Organizer; *Sharon Houseknecht*, Ohio State University, Moderator.

**Divorce and Beyond: Establishing a New Identity.** A symposium on post divorce life adjustments. — "The Binuclear Family: An Emerging Life Style for Post-divorce Families," *Constance R. Ahrons*, University of Wisconsin-Madison; "Personal Reflections on a Journey Through Divorce," *Charles B. Hennon*, University of Wisconsin-Madison; *Emily Brown*, Divorce and Marital Stress Clinic, Arlington, Virginia, and the Focus Group on Divorce and Divorce Reform, Organizers.

**Family Therapy (formerly named Counseling Section)—Marcia Lasswell**, University of Southern California, Section Chair

**Structured Preventive Intervention with Marital Dyads: Identifying Change-Inducing Components.** — Panel: *Candace Russell*, Kansas State University; *Gregory Brock*, University of Wisconsin-Stout; *Harvey Joanning and Edward Wilfong*, Texas Tech University; *Jeanette Coufal*, University of Wisconsin-Stout and *Kenneth Sell*, Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, Discussants.

**Theoretical Variations on Counseling.** Three theoretical positions on counseling will be presented as well as a scale for assessing attributes of family therapists. — "A Family Systems Approach for Victims of Sexual Abuse," *Marilyn Mason*, Private Practice, Minneapolis, Minnesota; "The Effect of Past Experiences with Love on Current Cognitive Definitions of Love," *Terry Hatkoff*, University of Southern California; "The Theoretical Orientations Scale: Assessing the Beliefs, Behavior, and Personality Attributes of Family Therapists," *Robert Green*, Virginia Commonwealth University; *Arthur R. Williams*, Private Practice, Anamosa, Iowa, Presiding.

## **Family Therapy Section Meetings Continued**

**Family Law as a Counseling Issue.** A symposium on Family Law. The program will investigate the interface between lawyers, judges, legislators, family researchers and therapists. — Presiding: *Stephen Bahr*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Outcome Research in Divorce Therapy: Perspectives, Progress, and Prospect.** A symposium on outcome research in divorce therapy will focus on a critique of empirical research and on research needs for the future. — Panel: *Cheryl Storm*, Purdue University and *Ann Goetting*, Western Kentucky University; *Douglas Sprenkle*, Purdue University, Organizer.

**Assessment Scales as Counseling Tools.** — “Assessing Parent Satisfaction,” *Helen K. Cleminshaw*, University of Akron; “Use of the Circumplex Model of Marital and Family Systems in a Diagnostic Interview with a Local Honolulu Family,” *Philip Mark*, Makiki Christian Church, Honolulu; “Conflict: Diagnosis and Strategies for Treatment,” *Richard Berrett*, Private Practice, Fresno, California; “Assessing the Serious Juvenile Offender and His Family,” *Bernard Davidson*, University of Georgia; *Clara Appell*, Greenwich, Connecticut, Presiding.

**Similarities and Differences in Adjustment Following Divorce From or Death of a Spouse.** A panel on how the grief process operates following either divorce or the death of a spouse. There are special similarities as well as important differences. — “Man in Crisis—The Widower,” *Jane Burgess-Kohn*, University of Wisconsin-Waukesha; “A Comparison of the Grief Process in Divorce with the Bereavement Model of Elizabeth Kubler-Ross,” *John Crosby*, University of Kentucky; *Gerald Larue*, University of Southern California, Moderator.

**Clinical Sociology in the Family Therapy Profession.** A symposium on the revival of this topic. The participants will review the history, the present, and the future of the application of sociology in clinical pursuits. — Moderator: *Thomas Lasswell*, University of Southern California.

**Counseling Issues in Relationships.** Four papers on counseling issues in relationships including pre-marital and marital sex, and parental influence. — “Relationship Enhancement for Single Females: Interpersonal Network Intervention,” *Debi Hegi*, Texas Tech University; “Premarital Sexual Guilt,” *Edward Herold*, University of Guelph, Ontario; “Parental Influence on Love, Sexual Behavior and the Sexual Satisfaction of Never-Married College Students,” *Carol Darling*, Florida State University; “The Dynamics of Client Sabotage and Resistance in Sex Therapy,” *Laura Schlessinger*, University of Southern California; *Bunny Duhl*, Boston Family Institute, Massachusetts.

**International—Jan Trost**, University of Uppsala, Sweden, Section Chair

**Family Fertility and Resources.** Panel

discussion with a presentation of papers and ideas, and a discussion, especially concerning the changing African family situation. — *Christine Oppong*, International Labor Organization, and *Helen Ware*, Australian National University, Canberra, Organizers.

**To Marry or Not to Marry.** Presentation of papers, discussant, and audience participation. “Childbearing Outside Marriage,” *Elwood Carlson*, University of South Carolina; “The Effects of Industrialization on Rates of Singleness: A Comparative Analysis,” *Nancy A. Greenwood and Cary R. Lee*, Washington State University; “A Comparative Analysis of Family Formation in Asia,” *Ronald Rindfuss and Charles Hirschman*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; *Wilfried Dumon*, University of Louvain, Belgium, Presiding.

**Family and Disaster.** Presentation and discussion of results from the International Seminar on Family and Disaster. — Panelists: *Wilfried Dumon*, University of Louvain, Belgium, *Pauline Boss*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *Hamilton McCubbin*, University of Minnesota, *Jan Trost*, University of Uppsala, Sweden; *Orjan E. Hultaker*, University of Uppsala, Sweden, Organizer.

**Equals or Equally Good.** Presentation of papers and discussion by a prepared discussant as well as the audience. — “Measurement of Egalitarianism of University Students in U.S.A., Egypt, Germany, and Israel,” *Virginia Frey Grundstrom*, Northern Michigan University; “Parental Sharing of Child Care Tasks in Sweden,” *Linda Haas*, Indiana University; “Employment Role and Division of Household Tasks in Korean Immigrant Families,” *Kwang Chung Kim*, Western Illinois University, and *Won Mao Huhi*; “Managers and Their Wives: A Cross-Cultural Replication,” *Mildred Weil*, Patterson College, New Jersey; *Eugen Lupri*, University of Calgary, Presiding and Discussant.

**We as Individuals or As a Group.** Presentation of papers and discussion by a prepared discussant as well as with the audience. — “Marital Relations in Colombia,” *Bron Ingoldsby*, Kent State University; “Intimacy as a Part of Family Interaction,” *Floyd M. Martinson*, Gustavus Adolphus College; “Marital Integration: Its Definition and Measurement,” *Sylvia Viljoen*, University of Pretoria, South Africa; *Maximiliane Szinovacz*, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding.

**Pre- and Post-Planning.** Presentation of papers and discussion by a prepared discussant as well as with the audience. — “Issues in Cross-Cultural Therapy: The Case of International Graduate Student Families,” *Ephraim A. Frankel and Imogene Higbie*, University of Wisconsin-Madison; “The Permanent Availability Model: Canadian-American Comparisons,” *Jean Veevers*, University of Western Ontario; “Preparation for and Satisfaction with Retirement Among Canadians,” *Thomas J. Abernathy and Margaret Arcus*, University of British Columbia;

*Constantina Safilios-Rothschild*, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding.

**Parents Without Custody.** This is a discussion session headed by a panel of colleagues who are interested in the dynamics of single parent family life and in issues related to divorce, support, and custody. Panel participants will raise key issues but the emphasis will be on an exchange of ideas with those attending the session. This forum is sponsored by the International Section as a joint session with the Family Therapy Section. Organizer: *Susan Anderson-Khleif*, Wellesley College.

**Research and Theory—Pauline G. Boss**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Section Chair

**Abstract Session.** An innovative session, new this year, focusing on interaction between parents and children. There will be 5-minute overviews of each research project, and printed abstracts will be handed out. Further discussions can be arranged informally.

### **Infants, Young Children and Their**

**Parents.** “Father-to-Infant Attachment Behavior in Prenatal Classes and Presence at Delivery,” *Brent C. Miller*, Utah State University and *Sheila L. Bowen*, University of Tennessee; “Multiple Dimensions of Parental Control and Support,” *Cary W. Peterson*, University of Tennessee, *Boyd C. Rollins and Darwin Thomas*, Brigham Young University; “The Effects of Parents’ and Teachers’ Labeling on the Self-Esteem of Hearing-Impaired Children,” *Godfrey J. Ellis*, Oklahoma State University and *Harvey C. Brooks*, Washington State University; “Perceptions of Parenthood by Mothers and Fathers,” *Viktor Cecas*, Washington State University

**Adolescents and Their Parents.** “Reciprocity in the Family and Developmental Change During Young Adulthood,” *Kathleen White*, Boston University; “Individuation and Adolescent Development: Using a Family Systems Approach to the Study of Family Interaction,” *Catherine R. Cooper and Harold D. Grotevant*, University of Texas-Austin; “Sibling Size, Spacing, Density and Birth Order and the Quality of the Parent-Adolescent Relationship,” *Jeannie S. Kidwell*, Texas Tech University; “Family Problem-Solving: The Combined Effects of Interaction, History, and Problem Characteristics of Family Solution Quality,” *Richard J. Calligan*, University of Akron.

**Adult Children and Their Parents.** “Intergenerational Exchange and Quality of Life Among the Elderly,” *Cary R. Lee*, Washington State University; “Relationship Styles of Married Children and Their Parents,” *Judith Fischer and Jeffrey Larson*, Texas Tech University; “Mothers and Mothers-in-Law,”



## Research and Theory Section Meetings Continued.

*Lucy Rose Fischer*, University of Minnesota

**Family Stress and Coping—Impact on Children.** This is a panel discussion focusing on stress and coping from both the child and parent perspective. — “Family Coping and the Development of Invulnerable Children,” speaker from Project Competence, University of Minnesota; “Parental Stress and Coping—Impact on Children with Chronic Illness,” *Joan Comeau, Betsy Cauble, Joan Patterson*, University of Minnesota and *Robert Nevin*, Indiana State University; “Family Coping with Social Stress—Impact on Children in Black Families,” *Grace Massey and Marie Peters*, University of Connecticut; “Low-Income Families—Coping and Effects on Children,” *Diane Dill*, Harvard University; *Hamilton McCubbin*, University of Minnesota, Organizer and Moderator.

**The Meaning and Measurement of Family Interaction.** This special session focuses on two old-fashioned ideas—reliability and validity. Much is written about ways of recording sequences of interactive behaviors reliably, but little is said about the problem of choosing what to focus on and to distill information from descriptive records. Our guest presenters say they cannot claim answers, but at least they will define and discuss the crucial issues. — Speakers: *Michael Lamb*, University of Michigan and *Gordon Stephenson*, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**The Current Status of Theories of Black Family Life.** This session provides an integration of research on Black families, toward the development of a theoretical base for further understanding of Black family structure and interaction. — “New Perspectives on the Afro-American Family Experience,” *Walter Allen*, University of Michigan; “Changing Theoretical Perspectives and Future Directions of Black Family Research,” *Leonor B. Johnson*, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; “Theories of Black Family Life and the African Imperative,” *Wade W. Nobles*, Black Family Research Projects, San Francisco; “Existing Gaps in Black Family Theory,” *Harriette P. McAdoo*, Howard University; *Robert Staples*, University of California at San Francisco, Discussant; *Noel Cazenave*, Temple University, Organizer.

**Poster Session.** This type of session is a new format being tried this year. The researchers will be spread out through the room, with posters identifying the titles of their projects. The audience can move about the room, interacting personally with the authors as they explain their research. The focus in this session is on Sex Roles, and Gender as they relate to quality of family life. — “Consistency of Sex Role Attitudes of Women, 1962-1977,” *Arland Thornton and Deborah Freedman*, University of Michigan; “Time Use and Family Life: The Relationship of Household Division of Labor and

Perceived Quality of Family Life,” *Karen P. Goebel, Charles B. Hennon and Norleen M. Ackerman*, University of Wisconsin-Madison; “Sex Role Norms and Behavior in Single Parent Families,” *Marie Richmond-Abbott*, Eastern Michigan University; “Interactive Effects of Gender and Marital Status on Occupational Attainment,” *Theodore Greenstein and John Marcum*, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale; “Career and Family Roles of High Achieving Women and Their Husbands,” *Jo-Ann Nicola*, University of California-Davis.

**Poster Session.** This session focuses on the Social Context of Family Life, including both Macro and Micro Perspectives. Some papers deal with interaction between the larger political/social environment and the family whereas others deal with interaction inside the family system itself. — “A Cross-National Study to Assess Motivation for Childbearing: Values and Costs of Children Before and After the First Child,” *Brent C. Miller*, Utah State University, *Donna L. Sollie*, Texas Tech University, and *Randy M. Jones*, Utah State University; “Sexual Inequality and the Quality of Family Life in American States,” *Murray A. Straus and Kersti Yllo*, University of New Hampshire; “Familism: A Comparison of Mexican American and Anglo Family Togetherness in a Southwestern Community,” *David E. Jorgenson*, Southwest Texas State University; “The Relation Between Marital Adjustment and the Use and Abuse of Alcohol by Married Women,” *Diane Logan*, University of Georgia; “The Relationship Between Family Environment and Dysfunctional Eating Behavior: Toward Identification of Pre-Anorexic Families,” *Nancy E. Johnson and Pauline G. Boss*, University of Wisconsin-Madison; “Meta-Power, Sexual Inequality and Wife-Beating,” *Kersti Yllo*, University of New Hampshire.

**New Developments in the Actuarial Assessment of Marital and Family Interaction.** This will be a panel discussion about measurement of marital and family interaction. — “Multidimensional Assessment of Marital Interaction: Implications for Treatment and Research,” *Douglas K. Snyder*, Wayne State University; “Assessment of Child and Adolescent Personality: an Actuarial Approach,” *Charles Gdowski*, Lafayette Clinic, Detroit; “The Relationship of Marital Dysfunction to Psychiatric Disturbance in Children: An Empirical Analysis Using the MSI and PIC,” *Douglas Snyder*, Wayne State University and *Charles Gdowski*, Lafayette Clinic, Detroit; “Assessing the Distribution of Affect Within Marital and Family Relationships,” *Joseph C. Lowman*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; *Douglas K. Snyder*, Wayne State University, Organizer and Moderator.

**The Relationship Between Couples and the Larger Social Network in Which They are Embedded.** This session presents a panel of professors and their doctoral students

with a collection of research that focuses on pre-marital as well as family interaction. — “Dyadic and Social Networks Interaction from Pre-marriage to Marriage,” *Catherine A. Surra*, Utah State University; “A Longitudinal Study of Social Activity Among Dating Partners and Their Social Networks,” *Robert M. Milardo*, Pennsylvania State University; “The Role of Parents in Pre-marital Relationship Development,” *Leigh A. Leslie*, Pennsylvania State University; “Reciprocal Processes of Parent-Child Influence,” *Beverly Purrington*, Denison University; *Michael P. Johnson and Ted L. Huston*, Pennsylvania State University.

**Behavioral Assessment of Marital and Family Interaction.** This session presents the “state of the art” regarding the measurement of couple interaction theory. Hardware and software will be discussed. — “Affective Responsiveness in Marital Interaction,” *John Sottman*, University of Illinois; “The MORE and ODAP Systems of Observing Couple Interaction,” *Richard Holm*, University of Washington; “Assessing Couple Interaction: The Dyadic Interaction Scoring Code,” *Erik Filsinger*, Arizona State University; “Recent Theoretical Developments and Challenges for Couple’s Therapy,” *Robert Weiss*, University of Oregon; “Critical Overview and Moderator of Evaluative Discussion,” *Robert Lewis*, Arizona State University; *Robert Lewis and Erik Filsinger*, Arizona State University, Organizers.

**Abstract Session.** This session focuses on the Stress of Family Boundary Changes. Five minute reviews will be given for each paper by the author followed by distribution of the abstract to the audience. Discussions will follow for those who are interested. — “Blended Families: Parental Power and Role Structures,” *Jean Giles-Sims*, Texas Christian University; “Life Satisfaction and Well-Being: A Study of Recently Divorced Men and Women,” *Rite Erishkine*, Cascade Research Center, Vancouver, Washington; “Family Relationship and Coping Styles of the Corporate Family,” *Thomas P. Gullotta and Kevin Donohue*, University of Connecticut; “The Quality of Family Life: Offenders and Their Families,” *Robert L. Hampton*, Connecticut College; “Effects of Relocation on Employees of the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America,” *H. Bruce Ayars*, Boy Scouts of America National Office, Irving, Texas; “Parents and Children: Varying Perceptions of the Decision to Divorce,” *Lisa Baker*, Purdue University; “Coping Behavior in Families with Acquisition of a New Member by Birth,” *Jacqueline Ventura*, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## Affiliated Councils Sessions:

Buffet Dinner, Annual Business Meeting and Program—*Wallace Fulton*, Equitable Life Assurance Society, discussing the COFO Family Violence Project.

Plenary Session, *John Calhoun*, speaker.  
Panel Chaired by *Sharon Alexander*,  
Co-chair, NCFR Committee on White House  
Conference on Families

Session on "Beyond the White House  
Conference: Implications and Directions for  
Local, State, and Regional Family Life  
Councils," with a group of discussants

Membership Workshop—A two-hour  
workshop for persons concerned with in-  
creasing Affiliated Councils membership  
will be led by *Donna Berardo*, University of  
Florida, and *Leland Axelson*, Virginia Tech.

#### Minorities Session:

A session for the Minority members of  
NCFR will be held during the Annual Meet-  
ing. Details will be given in the August  
Newsletter. *David Baptiste*, New Mexico  
State University is planning this session.

#### Round Tables:

Leadership Round Table Coffees will  
again be offered on Wednesday afternoon,  
and Round Table Luncheons will be held  
on Thursday noon. Some of the topics and  
leaders include: "Sociology and the Fam-  
ily," *Jetse Sprey*, Case Western Reserve Uni-  
versity; "The State and Regional Data  
Archives: The National Resource for Family  
Research," *Murray Straus*, University of New  
Hampshire; "Family Violence," *Richard  
Celles*, Children's Hospital Medical Center,  
Boston; "Childrearing in Black Families:  
Potential Continuity and Discontinuity Be-  
tween Home and School," *Marie Peters*,  
University of Connecticut; "Fertility Behav-  
ior and Decision Making," *Jan Trost*, Uni-  
versity of Uppsala, Sweden; "Mate Selection  
the Second Time Around: A Negative Re-  
search Area," *Bernard Murstein*, Connecti-  
cut College; "Middle Age: A Season or Cri-  
sis?" *Richard Kerckhoff*, Purdue University;  
"Joint Custody: Creative Opportunity or  
Destructive Deadlock?" *James Maddock*,  
Judson Family Center, Minneapolis; "Pull-  
ing Together Theory and Divorce Adjust-  
ment," *Helen Raschke*, Sioux Falls College,  
and *Randal Day*, South Dakota State Uni-  
versity; "Marriages That Have Lasted Over  
50 Years," *Marcia Lasswell*, University of  
Southern California; "The Meaning of  
Trends in Marriage and Divorce," *Paul C.  
Glick*, U.S. Bureau of the Census; "Families  
and Criminal Justice: Incarceration and Re-  
habilitation," *Greer Litton Fox*, Wayne  
State University; "Marital Power and Emo-  
tional State: Exploring a Sociology of Emo-  
tion," *Marie Osmond*, Florida State Uni-  
versity; "Family Ritual: Building a Connect-  
ing Link," *Jay Schvaneveldt*, Utah State  
University; "Preparing Manuscripts for Pub-  
lication," *James Walters* and *Lynda Henley  
Walters*, University of Georgia; "Publish or  
Perish: Some Guidelines for the Novice,"  
*Felix Berardo*, University of Florida.

The complete list of round tables will  
be included in the August Newsletter.

*Sharon Price-Bonham*, University of  
Georgia, is Round Table Chair.

#### Pre-Conference Workshops:

**Theory Construction and Research  
Methodology**—Registration remains open  
for the annual workshop, to be held at the  
Portland Hilton Hotel, October 21-22. See  
the March 1980 Newsletter for details or  
write for registration materials to *David M.  
Klein*, Department of Sociology and Anth-  
ropology, University of Notre Dame, Notre  
Dame, Indiana 46556.

The preliminary arrangement of ses-  
sions and papers is provided below.

**Theoretical Perspectives on Boundary  
Maintenance in Intimate Relationships.** —  
"Jealousy and Trust: Unexplored Dimen-  
sions of Social Exchange Dynamics," *Gerald W.  
McDonald* and *Marie Withers Osmond*,  
Florida State University; "Friendship and  
Marriage: An Interactional, Developmental  
Perspective," *Judith L. Fischer*, *Donna L.  
Sollie*, and *Jane Cardea*, Texas Tech Uni-  
versity.

**Practicum on Research Design and Ex-  
ecution.** — "The Management of P-Tech-  
nique with Marital Dyads," *Marsha Roberts*,  
Washington State University.

**The Family's Conception of Itself.** —  
"Family Identity and Normalcy: An Ex-  
ploration," *Katrina Johnson*, University of  
Notre Dame; "Family Pride," *Elizabeth  
Socha Davis*, University of Wisconsin-Madi-  
son.

**Conundrums of Interaction, Percep-  
tion, and Meaning in Marriage and Family  
Life.** — "Topographical Analysis of Marital  
Interaction," *James M. White*, University of  
Calgary; "Paradoxes, Double-binds, and Re-  
flexive Loops: A Comparison of Two The-  
oretical Perspectives and a Suggested Meth-  
odology," *Vernon E. Cronen*, *Kenneth M.  
Johnson*, *John Lannamann*, and *W. Barnett  
Pearce*, University of Massachusetts.

**Removing Obstacles to the Utility of  
Exchange Theory for the Analysis of Mar-  
riage and Family Life.** — "Conceptual Issues  
in the Integration of Economic and Social  
Exchange Theories for Application to Fam-  
ily Research," *Kathryn D. Rettig*, Michigan  
State University; "Beyond Utilitarian Ex-  
change: Toward an Interpretive Theory of  
Exchange and Power," *Kenneth E. Morris*,  
University of Georgia.

**Rationality and Reproduction.** — "The  
Process of Decision-making and Fertility,"  
*Jan Trost*, Uppsala University.

**Competent Persons and Intimate Re-  
lationships.** — "Distinctiveness of Interper-  
sonal Competence in Long- Versus Short-  
Term Relationships," *Erik E. Filsinger*, Ari-  
zona State University; "Personality and  
Marriage: Time for a New Approach,"  
*William J. Doherty*, University of Iowa.

**The History and Future of Theorizing  
About the Family in Sociology and Psy-  
chology.** — "Family Theory: From Roots to  
Falling Leaves," *Darwin L. Thomas*, *Jean E.  
Kleber*, and *Richard J. Calligan*, Brigham  
Young University and University of Akron.

**Intergenerational Linkages in Individ-**

**ual and Family Development.** — "Lineages  
as Units of Analysis: New Avenues for the  
Study of Individual and Family Careers,"  
*Gunhild O. Hagestad* and *Roger A. Dixon*,  
Pennsylvania State University.

**The Effects of Family Relationships on  
Personality and Its Development in the Ad-  
olescent and Young Adult Years.** — "Fam-  
ilial Contexts of Adolescent Development,"  
*Stuart Hauser*, *Sally Powers*, *Joseph  
Schwartz*, *Alan Jacobson*, and *Gil Noam*,  
Harvard University; "Changing Family Re-  
lationships and Psychological Development  
During the Young Adult Years," *Kathleen  
M. White* and *Joseph C. Speisman*, Boston  
University; "Family Influence on Well-being  
from Late Adolescence to Early Adult-  
hood," *Jeylan T. Mortimer* and *Jon Lor-  
ence*, University of Minnesota.

**Beyond the Limits of Logical-positiv-  
ism.** — "Toward a Critical Science of the  
Family," *Beatrice Paolucci* and *Margaret M.  
Bubolz*, Michigan State University.

**Issues in Analyzing Data on Marital  
Quality.** — "Sexual Tensions and Satisfac-  
tions as Dimensions of Marital Quality,"  
*Vaughn R. A. Call*, Boys Town Center for  
the Study of Youth Development; "Multi-  
collinearity: Problems and Solutions—Ap-  
plication to a Model of Marital Satisfac-  
tion," *Jeannie Kidwell*, Texas Tech Uni-  
versity and *Lynn Brown*, Purdue University.

**Theorizing About Parenthood.** — "A  
Theoretical Model of Differential Parenting  
Inputs for Children with Special Needs,"  
*Barbara H. Settles*, University of Delaware.

**Order, Conflict, and Violence in the  
Family.** — "Family Conflict and Evolution-  
ary Theory," *Jetse Sprey*, Case Western Re-  
serve University; "A Developmental Ap-  
proach to Family Violence: A Theoretical  
Integration," *Nancy Sederberg*, Valparaiso  
University.

**Coordinating Work and Family Careers.**  
— "Work-Family Life Cycles," *Patricia Voy-  
danoff*, Merrill-Palmer Institute; "The 'Life-  
cycle Squeeze' Concept: An Appraisal,"  
*Phyllis Moen*, Cornell University.

**Refinements and Applications of Fam-  
ily Role Transition Theory.** — "Building De-  
velopmental Theory: A Propositional Inven-  
tory About Stepfamily Transitions," *Craig  
L. Roberts*, Arizona State University; "A  
Theory of Ease of Role Transitions in the  
Acquisition of the Filial Role in Middle  
Age," *Helen J. Mereder*, University of Minn-  
esota.

**Practicum on the Travails of the Family  
Theorist.** — "Problems in Unifying Theory:  
The World Through Four-color Glasses,"  
*Larry L. Constantine*, Tufts University.

**Theorizing About Post-divorce Adjust-  
ment and Remarriage.** — "Building Theory  
About Post-divorce Adjustment," *Randal  
D. Day*, South Dakota State University; and  
*Helen J. Raschke*, Sioux Falls College; "A  
Theory of Mate Selection Among Divorced  
Women," *Jean Atkinson* and *Maximiliane  
Szinovacz*, Pennsylvania State University.

**Workshop Sponsored by the Education Section—Three Learning Domains Integrated Into Effective Family Life Education.** A workshop allowing participants to interact with the curriculum development process of an integrated K-12 Family Life Education Program in the Calgary Public Schools. — Leaders: *Bunny Gow and Craig Fraser*, Program Teachers with classroom teachers. Coordinator: *Barbara MacDougall*, Curriculum Specialist, Calgary Board of Education.

This workshop will be held Wednesday, October 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Quality of Family Life in the Military—** On October 21, the day prior to the 1980 NCFR Conference, there will be a full-day workshop at the Portland Hilton dedicated to exploring family issues in the military services and to creating meaningful dialogue between family researchers, educators and service providers in and out of the military. The workshop is being formed in response to an expanding concern for families in all branches of the military. The sessions will provide an opportunity for NCFR members to learn about family program developments in each of the military services and to have input in the directions military leaders take in family research, policy, programs, and services. The workshop will also expose to military family planners NCFR members who can assist them in their efforts to improve family life.

Representatives of the Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Army will explain their current family programs and needs at the workshop. Presentations will also be made on military family research priorities and attitudes toward family support programs among military families. Discussion oriented workshop sessions are to be organized around the following topics: Military Family Research, Military Family Policy/Impacts, Marriage and Family Enrichment, and Military Family Stress. In each of these areas, the groups will focus on the priorities, resources, and strategies needed to bring about improvements for families.

There will be no charge for attending the workshop, but registration is necessary. For further information, please contact: *Dennis K. Orthner, Family Research Center, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina 27412.*

**Certification and Licensure Strategies Workshop**—co-sponsored by Family Action and Family Therapy Sections. Legislators and Congressional figures from Oregon will take part, in addition to representatives from law school faculties who will bring their unique perspectives. October 22, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

#### **Post Conference Workshop:**

**An Experiential Workshop on Divorce.** *Robert Menninger, M.D.,* Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas, will present this one-half day workshop on Saturday, October 25. The workshop will deal with his

method for helping families deal with their pain. The Family Therapy Section is sponsoring this special session. Registration details will be given in the August Newsletter.

#### **A Scenic Autumn Tour Offered:**

The Columbia River Gorge, the Columbia River Historic Highway, a coffee break at the charming Columbia River Gorge Hotel built in the Twenties, Mt. Hood Loop Drive, scenic Hood River Valley, Mt. Hood with Timberline Lodge at its base, a Bavarian dinner at the Lodge, an enchanting sunset and then picturesque Portland seen at night resting quietly on the banks of the Willamette River—all this is for your enjoyment on Thursday, October 23, from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. by tour bus with driver guide leaving from the Hilton Hotel. For those who do not wish to have dinner at the Lodge, there will be special buses covering the same route, but returning following the visit to Timberline and arriving at the Hilton around 8:00 p.m.

A warm wrap will be needed for travel since by mid-October the days and nights are usually brisk and cool. Comfortable walking shoes might be added to your wardrobe.

You will enjoy the 35-mile panoramic view from Crown Point, high above the mighty Columbia, and Multnomah Falls cascading 620 feet to the Gorge floor. In October autumn leaves in brilliant reds and yellows enfold the entire countryside. At the 6,000 foot level of Mt. Hood, you will view Mt. Jefferson and several other high Cascade mountains with new fallen snow. The return trip from the mountain will continue through forests and farm countryside to Portland.

Unusual, exciting entertainment—Snow peaked, 10,000 foot Mount St. Helens, some 40 miles from Portland might erupt for you.

*Helen Hartness*, Emeritus, Lewis and Clark College, Local Arrangements Committee

#### **Thursday Evening Party:**

The student membership of NCFR will sponsor a party for the entire group of participants at the Annual Meeting. The theme is "Alumni Visit." Tables will be set up for each graduate school. Please come and visit on Thursday evening with other NCFR members from your school.

#### **Notice to the Seekers and the Sought:**

NCFR's Annual Meeting Employment Service continues to provide the most economic and efficient setting for contacting employers/candidates. Complete files of available positions and candidate vitae are on hand for perusal, augmented by our message center and separate interview room. For appropriate forms and additional information you may write to *Betty Morrison, Coordinator, NCFR Employment Service, 1219 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis,*

*Minnesota 55414.*

#### **Other Significant Features at the Annual Meeting:**

**Reception**—Plan to socialize with NCFR members at a reception on the opening day, Wednesday, October 22, from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. This event is being planned for your enjoyment by *Mary Cramer, Shari Davis, and June Henton*, Oregon State University.

**International Visitors**—Housing in private homes will be available for delegates coming from other countries. *Sherry Boyd, University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, Portland*, is chair.

**New Books and Films**—Save time for these special exhibits, planned for the professional advancement of NCFR members.

**Tapes**—*Wayne Fisher* is again providing high quality tapes at a modest cost.

**Registration**—A hotel card is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please note that it must be sent to the hotel by **October 1**. Other conference registration material will be sent in August.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The Publications Committee** of the National Council on Family Relations is seeking candidates for two editorial positions:

1. Editor of the *Journal of Marriage and the Family* to succeed *Felix M. Berardo* whose term expires with the completion of the November 1981 issue (Volume 43).
2. Editor of *Family Relations* (formerly *The Family Coordinator*) to succeed *James Walters* whose term expires with the completion of the October 1981 issue (Volume 30).

The term of office is three years. The new editors will start accepting manuscripts no later than June 1981 for review and evaluation for the first 1982 issues of the respective journals. The Publications Committee anticipates recommending candidates for the two positions to the NCFR Board of Directors at its annual meeting in October 1980.

Anyone interested in being considered for either of the positions should write to: *William C. Nichols, Jr., 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 455, Birmingham, Michigan 48010*

Please include vita and other information indicating editorial, writing, and scholarly activities.

Deadline for the submission of applications for either position has been extended to July 1, 1980.

## MANUSCRIPTS FOR THE NCFR-SAGE MONOGRAPH SERIES

Manuscripts (130 to 300 typed pages) are solicited for publication in the NCFR-SAGE Monograph Series. The series welcomes a variety of types of work from scholars in all disciplines dealing with any aspect of family in its broadest possible senses, including qualitative or quantitative empirical studies; theoretical or methodological treatises; public policy or clinical analyses; and cross-cultural or historical studies. An author should submit TWO copies of a manuscript for consideration to the Series Editor, *Professor John Scanlon, Stone 207, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina 27412.*

## TELEPHONE INTERVIEW OF STEVEN ENGELBERG, NCFR WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE BY KATE GARNER, NCFR PRESIDENT-ELECT

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K. As our Washington Representative, is it fair to characterize you as a lobbyist?

S. Well, in part I do some lobbying for NCFR, as well as for other clients. On occasion, I attempt to persuade Congressional committees or executive branch agencies (such as HHS) to take a particular position on behalf of my clients. However, most of what I do for NCFR cannot be regarded as lobbying in the traditional sense. For example, I assisted an NCFR committee in developing a position paper on the Carter Administration's welfare reform proposal, and once that paper had been approved by the NCFR Board, the Chair of the Special NCFR Committee on Welfare Reform testified before the appropriate House Committee. In keeping with the character of NCFR, this testimony was designed to help policy makers analyze complex issues underlying the welfare reform proposal, and come to a decision which would help promote family stability. In addition to my effort to represent NCFR at the Federal level, I have attempted also to involve the organization in policy making at the state and local level.

K. What do you mean?

S. There are several examples of this type of involvement. On behalf of NCFR, Ruth Jewson has written the newly elected mayor of Minneapolis, suggesting the creation of an Office for Families at the city level, to help policy makers in city government analyze the impact of their decisions on families. The mayor's office has expressed some interest in this proposal, and given the location of the NCFR national office in Minneapolis, I think that this would be an extremely worthwhile project for the organization to sponsor. To my knowledge, the

creation of such an office would be unique and innovative and I am not aware that any city has established a similar office.

Another example involves an idea that I have been discussing over the last year or so with Ruth Jewson and other leaders of NCFR. I believe that NCFR would be ideally suited to sponsor a sophisticated two-day conference on certain aspects of the reform of domestic relations laws, perhaps in a two or three state area. While this is a subject that has been debated and analyzed for many years, my own experience as a lawyer tells me that those involved in the domestic relations system—lawyers, judges, therapists, and the like—are largely dissatisfied with existing laws and standards involving divorce, child support, custody, etc. Consequently, I think a conference sponsored by an organization such as NCFR—involving judges, lawyers, legislators, clinicians, and the like—could be very helpful, if it were properly structured. The problem, of course, is that such a seminar requires a great deal of time, effort and money to carry out, and it is unlikely that NCFR could afford to sponsor such an event financially. However, there are other major funding sources, and if there is interest in pursuing this idea, I would be glad to help develop it further. My role in such a project would be to serve as a catalyst in getting the project moving, and to play a technical assistance role in helping to develop the agenda for the seminar itself.

It should be noted that on behalf of other clients, such as AAMFT, my representation has extended beyond the Federal level. For example, I am assisting AAMFT in coordinating a national strategy to obtain passage of certification laws for marital and family therapists at the state level, and I have been involved in other governmental problems affecting various clients at the state and local level.

K. In addition to the type of work which you have just described, do you also do traditional legal work for NCFR?

S. Yes, I do a relatively modest amount of what can be characterized as traditional legal work; approximately 10 to 15% of my time for NCFR involves such work. One recent example involved the request by the White House Conference on Families' staff that NCFR receive the grants from various corporations, which in turn will be used for educational and related purposes designed to help delegates and others involved in the White House Conference on Families. As an aside, I think it is a tribute to NCFR's leadership that the White House Conference approached you, given the large number of prestigious national organizations interested in the White House Conference. But getting back to the example. My role in this process was first, to negotiate with the Conference staff, protecting NCFR's political and legal interest in this matter. We had to be sure that NCFR's tax status would not be jeopardized by this ar-

range. Furthermore, there were certain agreements between NCFR and the White House Conference staff which had to be reduced to writing, and I negotiated these agreements. So this is a more traditional legal counsel role which I have played, from time to time, on behalf of the organization.

K. Who are some of the Congressmen or other policy makers in Washington who attend to the family interests, that our members would like to know and try to work with?

S. The problem with answering that question is the way you phrased it. When you talk about family interests, you would have to mention almost every member of Congress, as well as almost every executive branch agency. As you know, there is hardly a matter involving government policy making that does not directly or indirectly impact on families. However, there are a relatively small number of members of Congress who can be identified as specifically interested in those issues which have a very direct and immediate impact on family stability, such as domestic violence legislation, teenage pregnancy programs, and the like. For example, Senator Alan Cranston of California chairs a Senate Subcommittee which focuses on such issues—the old Mondale Subcommittee—and Congressman Miller of California and Congresswoman Mikulski of Maryland are leaders in the House who have spent a great deal of time on such issues. In addition, one can identify certain key executive branch officials who pay a great deal of attention to such issues. Jack Calhoun, the newly appointed Director of the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, is one example.

K. Can you tell us those areas in which you have been most heavily involved on behalf of NCFR over the past six months?

S. Yes. First, I am continually involved with COFO, the Coalition for Family Organizations of which NCFR is a charter member. In addition to congressional testimony, cooperation on an LEAA grant, and other matters, every several months I spend a good deal of time in helping to put out the quarterly COFO Memo, which attempts to focus on public policy issues directly affecting families, primarily at the federal level.

Second, I have spent a great deal of time, particularly in recent months, in representing NCFR's interest in all matters involving the White House Conference on Families. Ruth Jewson and I have concentrated primarily on the political issues involving the Conference, whereas Sharon Alexander has spent an enormous amount of time and effort in assuring that NCFR's substantive views on a variety of issues were presented to the Conference staff and the Conference planners. I want you to know that Sharon has done a tremendous job on behalf of the organization, and she is an example of the kind of hard working volunteers who are absolutely essential if this or-



ganization is to "make its mark" in Washington.

Finally, I have been fairly heavily involved in the early politicking and lobbying to establish and then properly fund the new Office for Families within the Department of Health and Human Services. Specifically, the Office for Families is under the jurisdiction of the Administration for Children, Youth and Families.

K. Can you be more specific concerning your role on the new Office for Families? Exactly how have you worked with that Office, and what do you see as its potential?

S. Well, from the beginning, I worked closely with Pat Langley, the FSAA Representative in Washington, as well as representatives of the National Conference of Catholic Charities; these two organizations have played a major role in the evolution of this Office, and NCFR, as well as the other COFO organizations, have also been involved in this process. When President Carter first announced the creation of such an office in a speech to the National Conference of Catholic Charities several months ago, the representatives of the above organizations began working with officials on the President's domestic counsel staff, officials in the Office of Management and Budget, and HEW officials, to ensure first that this office was officially established, and second to assist in lobbying for an adequate budget and staff for the new office. For example, we had several meetings with various officials within the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, including Jack Calhoun, and as a result of these meetings, we had a fairly significant role in helping shape the general guidelines which establish the Office. (Federal Register, Nov. 20, 1979). Mr. Calhoun has assured us that in the search which is now underway for the first director of this Office, representatives of these organizations will play a major role in developing the qualifications for the director.

It should be emphasized that the new Office has run into some very serious initial funding problems, which is not surprising given the budgetary situation in Washington. As of now, there are three professional slots and one clerical slot for the new Office for this fiscal year, and six additional professional slots are possible for the next fiscal year, although those extra slots are very much in doubt. In addition, if the full funding for the new Office goes into effect, it will have a research and development budget in fiscal year 1981 of \$400,000, which would not be a bad start. However, it should be emphasized that this allocation will depend of HHS getting its full appropriation for the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, which may be reduced by the Congress.

In summary, it is still too early to tell whether or not this new Office will be adequately staffed and adequately funded. Fur-

thermore, it will take at least several years to determine whether the Office can meet its mandate. But I think there is no doubt that an Office such as this makes a great deal of sense, if federal policy makers are to begin getting a handle on the "family impact" implications involved in almost every significant policy decision.

K. COFO is obviously one of the finest achievements of NCFR and the other organizations involved in the Coalition; I know that you had an important role in that development. As I plan toward next year, could I consider appointing interested NCFR members to work with COFO in order to free you up to do some other things on behalf of NCFR which might make better use of your expertise and background?

S. Yes, that is very possible. The problem right now, Kate, is that the staff representatives of the COFO organizations and myself need to do a great deal of planning for some COFO activities over the next year to year and a half, which could utilize the talents and expertise of NCFR members, as well as members of the other COFO organizations. One idea we discussed is a one to two day COFO-sponsored seminar on domestic violence legislation, which could be held in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area; participants at this conference would be a very small number of policy makers at the federal, state and local levels in the D.C., Virginia and Maryland areas, who deal with issues involving domestic violence on a day-to-day basis, such as directors of Departments of Human Resources, welfare officials, members of Congress who are very interested in this issue (such as Barbara Mikulski) and their staffs and the like. Such a seminar would be aimed at bringing together the best thinking on the problems of preventing and coping with domestic violence, including a careful analysis of existing government programs which are available, as well as an effort to develop and improve these programs. I know that there are a number of NCFR members who have written a great deal about this issue, and could help structure such a seminar so that it would be relevant to policy makers such as those listed above. COFO, I think, would be a very good vehicle to help put this type of seminar together, because of the unique interests of the COFO organizations. If this idea makes sense, and if the COFO organizations could come up with the limited budget which would be required in putting on such a seminar, then I could see NCFR members playing a very major role in both the development of this seminar, and in the actual conduct of the seminar itself.

K. And that is where some of our members could be more involved?

S. Yes. However, it should be kept in mind that the agreement and cooperation of the other COFO organizations also would be involved.

K. It seems to me that in order to car-

ry out such activities as you were discussing, we definitely need you in a consultative role, to represent us in bringing it together; but that we will use our members to develop the content. Our members would probably like to know that you are not providing the content. That is our job.

S. That's right. A perfect example of what you are talking about involves the NCFR position papers or statements which have been developed over the past several years on such issues as welfare reform, national health care policy, domestic violence, and the various papers submitted to the White House Conference on Families. For the most part, my role in each of these projects was very peripheral, although consistent with what I think the organization has retained me to do. In some instances, I was a catalyst to get the project off the ground; in other instances, I arranged for dissemination of the position papers to appropriate policy makers. But for the most part, almost all the time and effort involved was a result of the volunteer contribution of NCFR members who were experts on the particular subjects. I hope we can continue one or two of these projects each year, since I believe these position papers demonstrate the unique value of an organization like NCFR, which consists of professionals from various backgrounds, all of whom share a strong interest in the family.

K. Well, that brings me to perhaps a key question and that is, as an expert on policy what are your views about the ways in which an organization such as NCFR should be involved in establishing public policy? I am thinking that we are a multidisciplinary, very diverse group of people, all interested in the family; but, my goodness, in so many different ways. So what are your views?

S. Representing an organization such as NCFR is certainly a lot more difficult, and not nearly as open and shut as representing a more conventional trade group, or a more conventional professional group. Part of the problem, of course, is that you have a very wide, eclectic group of professionals who make up the organization. Secondly, when you talk about the family and try to identify public policy concerns, it is very hard to define or limit exactly what issues you are talking about. Nevertheless, we live in a time when interest in the family is becoming more and more intense among policy makers and a variety of national organizations, and there is no doubt that NCFR is uniquely situated to take advantage of this strong and growing interest—perhaps more so than any other national organization that I know of. In short, NCFR can play a unique role in this process because of the type of diversity and eclecticism which characterizes the organization. However, given the limited financial resources of the organization, and given the fact that it does not have a huge membership, I think NCFR has to be very, very careful as to how

it enters the public policy arena, and as to how it spends its budget as well as the volunteer time of its members. Quite frankly, I have spent a great deal of time over the past several years in trying to help define an appropriate public policy role for NCFR, and I have had many discussions on this issue with Ruth Jewson, and the elected leadership of the organization. In fact, you and I just completed a very long meeting where this topic was explored in great detail.

K. But as I am hearing you, you are suggesting that we should not get involved in taking very strong positions on specific issues. Is that true?

S. Yes, you are exactly right. Almost from the beginning of my representation of NCFR, I have strongly recommended that the organization avoid becoming a narrow advocacy organization, particularly concerning controversial issues which could easily divide the NCFR membership. In addition to the fact that the character of the organization does not lend itself to that type of advocacy, in my opinion, it should also be kept in mind that NCFR, like a lot of other small national organizations, does not have the strength and financial resources dramatically to affect the public debate on most issues. In short, I do not think that NCFR would be getting "the most bang for its buck" in becoming an advocacy organization.

On the other hand, NCFR has joined other organizations in supporting various issues, and indeed, it certainly has taken positions on public policy matters, both before and after my representation of the organization. But what I am talking about involves how you concentrate your resources, as opposed to taking positions randomly on a variety of public policy issues, particularly those which are not divisive in nature.

The bottom line is that I think NCFR will have much more impact as an analyst type of organization—an organization which is helpful to policy makers in trying to sort out issues. That doesn't mean that the organization cannot and should not take positions on issues. But rather, it's a question of where you focus your attention.

K. How much time do you devote to NCFR?

S. I am retained on a monthly basis for approximately 12 to 13 hours of my time every month, but the actual time expended every month varies, depending on what's on the agenda for that particular month.

K. I would like to end with some information about you personally, and about your family. What is your own family situation?

S. Well, I am 38. I am married—for almost 16 years—and I have two children, a son age 7 and a daughter age 10. I am a founding partner of a small law firm that now has six lawyers. We are located in downtown Washington, and we have a fairly diverse general practice, which incidentally in-

cludes a fair amount of domestic relations matters. My part of the practice is exclusively involved in representing clients like NCFR, as well as a few corporations, in a variety of government relations matters.

K. Back to your family. With this wife of 16 years and a son and daughter, you have almost the traditional American family. Is your wife a full-time homemaker?

S. Yes, she is.

K. Do you have a dog?

S. Yes.

K. Are you a native of Washington?

S. No, I am a native of Memphis, Tennessee.

K. You are a Southerner!

Well, Steve, this is quite a lot, and you have somebody waiting; so if there is nothing else really outstanding which should be included, I'll say good-bye.

## RESEARCH FORUM

The White House Conference on Families sponsored the National Research Forum on Family Issues on April 10-11 in Washington, D.C. Over 200 scholars, researchers, practitioners and concerned citizens were invited to attend sessions which covered many aspects of family life in the United States. Also attending were state coordinators and members of the National Advisory Committee.

Stuart Eisenstat, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, gave the keynote speech and urged the participants to consider the strengths and diversities of families. He emphasized three key questions for the presenters and participants to consider throughout the forum discussions: 1) What do we know about families? 2) What don't we know about families? and 3) What are the implications of what we know?

The forum focussed on the following White House Conference on Families themes: Family Strengths and Supports, Diversity of Families, The Changing Realities of Family Life, Families with Special Needs, The Impact of Public and Private Institutional Policies on Families, and The Impact of Discrimination. Sessions were held on such issues as Family Violence, Divorce, Substance Abuse, Adolescent Pregnancy, Housing, Child Care, Media, Child Welfare Services, and Education. Each session included a presenter and one or more discussants.

Numerous family scholars were involved in the presentations, including several NCFR members. The plenary session on Thursday night, "Focus on Families," involved Urie Bronfenbrenner, James Dobson, Jane Howard, and Elizabeth Abramowitz. In a study he is conducting, Dr. Bronfenbrenner stated that the highest stress for mothers in families was reported by women who work part-time, the next highest stress for mothers was reported by women who do not work, and the least stress was reported

by women who work full time. He recommended that people have the opportunity to work 3/4 time, that more women be placed in positions of authority, and that men become more involved in child care. The speakers agreed that if families have strong values which hold the family together, family members can survive much stress. However, without such values, families disintegrate and individuals become alienated from society.

Robert Hill, member of the National Advisory Committee and planning chair for the Research Forum, was gratified by the response to the meeting. He said, "We were extremely pleased with the success of the Research Forum, particularly since it was one of the first endeavors that brought researchers from various disciplines together with practitioners and community action organization representatives to discuss many family issues. We feel that the product of this research forum will indeed provide a meaningful backdrop for the deliberations at the national conferences."

*Sharon Alexander, Chair, NCFR White House Conference on Families Committee*

## NCFR AFFILIATED COUNCILS

**ARIZONA: Family Life Council of Greater Tucson**—A program on Parenting for the 80's was offered by the Greater Tucson Council in April, in cooperation with the Family Counseling Agency and the Arizona Council on Family Relations. Ray Payne, Director of the Delphi Foundation and an international technological consultant, discussed the technological revolution as a framework for understanding the changing needs of families in the 80's. In addition, workshops on the single parent family, blended families, foster families, adult children and their aging parents, step-parenting, and the disabled family ran simultaneously...*Connections*, a newsletter published by Information and Referral Services, Inc., Tucson, Arizona 85719, is a new venture which publishes materials from several cooperating agencies, including the Family Life Council of Greater Tucson...President is *Frank Williams, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721*.

**CALIFORNIA:** Two CCFR members have been chosen to be delegates to the White House Conference on Families: Jane Dill, immediate past president, and Pamela Fischer...The CCFR Board has chosen Working Together for Better Family Policy as the theme for their 1980 Conference. In addition to fostering professional growth and increasing organizational cohesion, a major purpose of the conference will be to follow up the White House and the State Conferences on Families with political and grass roots action programs...Ira Reiss, NCFR President, spoke on "The Family in

the 1980's," at a meeting in San Diego in February...President is *Nona Cannon, 3904 Milan Street, San Diego, CA 92103.*

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** The D.C. Metropolitan Area Council, now in its second year, reports that it is keeping abreast of Federal Government activities in relation to public policy relating to family. Since they represent primarily professionals in government, academe, and family service associations working and/or residing in proximity of the Capitol, they are available to the federal government. Stephanie Cooney is chairing a committee to gather information regarding public policy activities. Roger Rubin and Virginia Heffernan co-chair the White House Conference on Families committee...President is *Ned Gaylin, College of Human Ecology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.*

**FLORIDA:** The new president is *Catherine Duncan, 2066 Avalon Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960.*

**GEORGIA:** *Donald Bower*, Georgia president, is serving on the state planning committee for the White House Conference on Families, and is primary liaison with all professional organizations having input or questions regarding the State White House Conference on Families process. Don's address is *P.O. Box 4061, Ft. Valley State College, Ft. Valley, GA 31030.*

**IDAHO:** *Carol Harvey, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Boise State University, Boise, ID 83725,* President of the ICFR, reports that their Annual Meeting will be held in October.

**ILLINOIS:** *Sterling E. Alam, 811 South Mattis Avenue, No. 2, Champaign, IL 61820,* is the new president.

**INDIANA:** *Dama C. Wilms*, past president of the ICFR, write: "Our Council would like to express its appreciation for the dues rebate system adopted by the National Council. This has provided us with the extra resource that has encouraged us to invest more in our activities. In the past two years we have developed a new logo and contemporary stationery, utilized printing instead of mimeographing for our newsletter, designed an exhibit for use in recruitment, and updated our membership brochure. These may seem like small items, but for us they spell progress."...New president is *Howard Kauffman, Goshen College, Goshen, IN 46526.*

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**MARYLAND:** Everyday Issues for Everyday Families: Are We Prepared for Change? (Session II) was the theme for the 20th Annual Conference in April, with Thom Thompson, Morgan State University addressing the topic. The program also celebrated "Twenty Glorious Years," presented

by Past-president, *Geneva Ely-Flickinger*, who prepared a printed historical sketch of the Council...President is *Alice Kjer, 1319 Denby Road, Baltimore, MD 21204.*

**MICHIGAN:** Bert N. Adams, University of Wisconsin—Madison, gave the keynote address at the Annual Meeting, on the topic of Familism, Individualism, and the Changing Family. Greer Litton Fox and William C. Nichols, were reactors. Ira Reiss, NCFR President, brought greetings from the NCFR, and also participated in a colloquium...President is *Margaret Bubolz, 922 Michigan, East Lansing, MI 48823.*

**MINNESOTA:** A pamphlet entitled "What You Need to Know to be a Responsible Client," written by Rick Bell, Patricia Lillgren, and Marilyn Mason, is available for \$.50 from the Minnesota Council on Family Relations, 1219 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55414. The publication describes the code of professional conduct most therapists follow, suggests what the client's responsibilities are, and the questions s/he has a right to have answered. ...MCFR delegates to the White House Conference on Families include Ted Bowman, Ron Pitzer, Marty Rossmann, James Baskfield, and Ronald Reed...Energizing the Family into the 80's was the theme of the annual MCFR/MHEA Conference in April, with Marty Rossmann, University of Minnesota, as chair...President of MCFR is *Linda Budd, 2261 Gordon Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.*

**MISSISSIPPI:** Officers include *Frances McCuffee, 304 West Madison, Clinton, MS 39056,* President; *Louella Mitner,* President-elect; and *Lynette C. Tuggle,* Secretary-Treasurer.

**MISSOURI:** April 11-12 were the dates for the Missouri Council's Annual Meeting. Arthur Norton, U.S. Census Bureau, spoke on Changing Patterns of Family Life...President is *John Howell, 5001 North Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64118.*

**NEW JERSEY:** *Rose I. Ford,* President of the New Jersey Council, is an organizational delegate to the White House Conference on Families. Her address is *94 Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079.*

**NEW YORK:** Decade Preview: The Family in the 80's is the theme for the fall conference to be held October 8-9 at Syracuse University. For information on presenting papers write *Harlan London,* Program Coordinator for the meeting, Department of Child and Family Studies, 744 Ostrom Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210...Newsletter information should be sent to *Herman Williams,* NYCFCR editor, Union College, Character Research Project, 207 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305...*Norma Newmark, 40 Dunning Road, Middletown, NY 10490*

is New York chair.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Delegates to the White House Conference on Families from the North Carolina Council include *Ann Compere, Marvin Vick, and Mel Markowski.* ...*Mel Markowski, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27834* is Council president.

**Watauga County, North Carolina—**The Youth Committee is making plans to have a week-end for high-school teenagers in May...The Aging Committee is planning a program for June 14...The Finance Committee is planning a Watauga Family Life Cookbook...President is *Joyce Stines, Department of Economics, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608.*

**OREGON:** "Does the Family Have a Future?" is the theme for the spring conference on May 17 at George Fox College, Newberg. Reuben Hill, Regents' Professor of Family Sociology, University of Minnesota, will be the keynote speaker. His address will be followed by workshops on Marriage and Divorce in the Future, The Family Through the Ages, Reactions to the Oregon White House Conference on Families, Families and the Church as an Institution; and by a panel discussing "After the Rhetoric—What Are the Real Issues?"...*Peter Vennewitz, Education Director, Planned Parenthood, 1200 Southeast Madison, Portland, OR 97214* is President.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** This Council's Annual Meeting is September 26, in Camp Hill. ...Plans to combine Pennsylvania and Delaware into a joint Council are being considered...President is *Nathan W. Turner, 14 Elliott Avenue, Suite 5, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.*

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN:** The Colorado State Coordinator for the White House Conference on Families is NCFR member *Dorothy Martin, 2313 Tanglewood Drive, Ft. Collins, CO 80203.*...President of the Rocky Mountain Council is *Joseph Turner, Child Development and Family Relations, 119 Gifford Building, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80523.*

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** NCFR member *Arinda McCumber,* South Dakota State University, Home Economics 251, Brookings, SD 57707 is State Coordinator for the White House Conference on Families...The newly formed South Dakota Council is electing officers in May...*John Sorenson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57702* is acting chair.

**SOUTHEASTERN:** The 1981 Annual Meeting will be at the Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, March 29-31. The theme is expected to relate to Families in the

Community...At the 1980 Annual Meeting, John T. Greene, emeritus, Florida State University, received the Southeastern Council Outstanding Service Award, and Mary Catherine Beasley, University of Alabama was elected President-elect...*Michael Sporkowski, 201 Wallace Annex, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061* is President.

**TRI-STATE:** The Study-Work Tour to China, sponsored by Tri-State, will leave July 29 to spend 16 days in China, 2 in Hong Kong. Peking, Sian, Chengtu, Kunming, Xian, Chengdu (capital of Szechuan), Kunming (capital of Yunnan), and Kwangchow will be visited. The all-inclusive price is \$3,425; a few places are open. This tax-deductible tour is being arranged by the China Academy of Social Sciences. Write *Norma L. Newmark, 40 Dunning Road, Middletown, NY 10490 (914-342-2619)*... President of the Council is *M. Patricia Duffy, 63-3783rd Street, Rego Park, LI, NY 11379*.

**UTAH:** Glen Jenson, Utah State University, is a delegate to the White House Conference on Families...President is *Jay Craig Peery, UMC 29, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322*.

**VIRGINIA:** *Jessica Cohen*, President of the Virginia Council, and State Coordinator for the White House Conference on Families, will be a member of the Virginia Delegation to the Conference...The Annual Meeting of the VCFR will be held June 18-20 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Roanoke. VCFR is cooperating with the Mental Health Services of the Roanoke Valley and Roanoke Memorial Hospitals in sponsoring the Second Annual Group and Family Psychotherapy Conference. Speakers will include Murray Bowen, M.D., and Everett Shostrom, Ph.D. Registrations may be made through the Mental Health Services, 920 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA 24016. *Susan Molomphy, Mental Health Services*, will assume presidential responsibilities on June 15.

**WISCONSIN:** The WCFR had significant involvement in the planning and implementation of the recent Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Families...The Annual Meeting will be held in Eau Claire, November 7-8, with Ken Davidson, as chair...President is *Charles Adam, P.O. 08434, Milwaukee, WI 53208*.

## STUDENT NEWS AND VIEWS

Hello once again from Carolyn, Steve, Nancy and Jeri, your student representatives. We've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that some exciting plans are materializing. The second annual student-sponsored plenary session being planned for the coming Annual Meeting in Portland will feature Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner! Your student representatives

are very excited about this development. Working with this year's Annual Meeting program chair, Dr. Wesley Burr, has been delightful. We wish to thank him for his helpfulness.

The Student Award and the accompanying \$500 check will be presented at the student-sponsored plenary session. The nominations for the award are now being processed and the winning candidate will soon be selected.

The student-sponsored party is another exciting event scheduled for the Portland Annual Meeting. There will be an alumni theme to the party and the entire NCFR membership is invited. That is to say, the party is for all members, both student and non-student. This second annual party is expected to be a highlight in Portland. Candace Fake's and Scott Lane's organizational planning and work on this project are greatly appreciated.

Since airfare is going up from 2% to 10% per month, it is best to make your reservations to Portland on the Super-Saver plan now. We looked into getting charter prices from the east coast and found that the Super-Saver plan was less per student than charter prices. We are also receiving assistance in finding less expensive housing and meal arrangements than can be found at the hotel. Candace Fake has worked hard toward lowering student costs, all to encourage a maximum attendance at the Annual Meeting...more about this in the August Newsletter.

The mid-year Board of Directors meeting in San Diego went very smoothly. Your student representatives supported the Section name change from the Counseling Section to the Family Therapy Section. We believe this will be appealing to more graduate students who are specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy. We also supported the Ethnic Minorities Section proposal that was voted on by the members. Overall, we felt much support from the Board for the interests of the student membership. The Board members are most interested in the outcome of the Student Membership Lapse Study which we conducted. So are we.

Please give us all of your ideas for making NCFR as meaningful as possible to you. The only bad news is that some student members want to get more involved in NCFR, but are afraid to write us. Some think that only students from a few "select" schools have an opportunity for involvement. Please write and share any opinion and/or interests. Our addresses and phone numbers are below. A call or letter will be attended to and can have a meaningful impact. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in October.

*Carolyn Love*, Educational Relations, Consumer Affairs Department, J.C. Penney Company, Inc., 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019 (212-957-0286).

*Steve Elliott*, Department of Psychiatry (Marital Health Section), Bowman Gray

School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 (919-727-4281).

*Nancy Bueche*, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC 27412 (919-855-3374).

*Jeri Hepworth*, 28-C Anton Road, Storrs, CT 06268 (203-487-0674).

## ISSUES PAPERS AVAILABLE

The NCFR's Committee for the White House Conference on Families has developed a packet of Issue Papers, under the chairmanship of *Sharon Alexander*. Contents include "How Two-Earner Families Can Be Assisted," *Phyllis Moen*, "Meeting the Needs of Families with Elderly Members," *Rose M. Somerville*, "Families and Health Legislation," *Joan Aldous and Katrina Johnson*, "Constructive Day Care Policies for America," *Bettye Caldwell and Diane Carr*, "The Impact of Divorce and Public Policy," *Thomas J. Espenshade*, "How Families with Violent Members Can be Helped," *Richard J. Gelles*, "Family Diversity," *Ira W. Hutchison*, and "Identifying the Needs of Families with Handicapped Members," *Margaret McCullough*. Packets may be obtained from the NCFR for \$2.00 plus \$.55 postage.

## IM MEMORIAM



Mildred I. Morgan

*Mildred I. Morgan*, president of the NCFR in 1957-58, died in Black Mountain, North Carolina, April 28, 1980 at the age of 87. She had been a member of the NCFR since 1946. Dr. Morgan served as professor of Home and Family Life at Florida State University for eleven years. Before that she was Coordinator of the Family Life Education program in the city schools of Asheville,



North Carolina. She was also a pioneer in the field of marriage counseling.

Dr. Morgan was in 1967 the first recipient of the Irvin B. Sperry Award of the North Carolina Family Life Council, given to honor a person who has rendered outstanding service to families in North Carolina. In 1975 she received the Outstanding Service Award of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations, for her contributions to that organization. After retirement she continued active with the NCFR in many capacities.

*Irma H. Gross*, member of NCFR since 1940, died January 5, 1980 in LaMesa, California, at the age of 88. She was Professor Emeritus of Home Management at Michigan State University. In addition to serving as visiting professor at several universities, Dr. Gross had the distinction of being named an Adjunct Professor of Home Economics at San Diego State University at the age of 86. Dr. Gross authored many books, including *Management for Modern Families*, first published in 1954, and reissued in its 4th edition in 1979, co-authored with M. Knoll and E. W. Crandall.

### NEW AWARD FOR FAMILY RESEARCH AND THEORY ARTICLE OF THE YEAR

The Research and Theory Section of the National Council on Family Relations will initiate an award for the outstanding family research article of the year at the 1980 Conference in Portland, Oregon. This recognition will honor the author(s) whose article in the preceding year best combined theory and methodology in the analysis and interpretation of a significant marriage or family issue. Nominations of one's own articles published in 1979 or those published by others are encouraged. Address inquiries and send nominations (including 7 reprints if possible) to: *Brent C. Miller, Department of Family and Human Development, UMC 29, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322.*

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

#### INDIANA:

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY:** Department Head Position.

Department: Child Development and Family Studies, School of Consumer and Family Sciences. Department has 22 faculty members representing child development, early childhood education, family studies, marriage and family counseling, and offers the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. The department currently enrolls 269 students, including 192 undergraduate majors and 77 graduate students; and department also includes a Marriage and Family Counseling Center, a Preschool Child Development

Laboratory, a Family Research Institute, and a Cooperative Extension Program.

**Appointment:** Full Professor, 12 months. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Degree and experience requirements: earned doctorate in a related discipline and a strong background in teaching, research, and publication. Demonstrated administrative and leadership abilities.

**Responsibilities:** Leadership of a multi-discipline department involved in teaching, research and public service. Overall administration of the department, including fiscal management, faculty and staff evaluations.

**Starting Date:** January 1, 1981.

**Application Deadline:** July 1, 1980. Applicants should send a letter of interest, vita, and three letters of recommendation addressed to: Richard K. Kerckhoff, Search Committee Chair, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

#### MISSOURI:

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AT COLUMBIA:** Re-opening—Position in Extension Child and Family Development (Family Life Education), tenure leading, 12 month appointment in child and family development. Doctorate required with previous experience in Extension or other adult education programs preferred. Responsibilities include leadership roles in development and implementation of Extension's programs in family studies, adolescence, education for parenting and interpersonal communications with special emphasis in family policy. Provide assistance to Area Extension Specialists and develop educational materials for use with diverse Extension audiences. Rank and salary commensurate with qualifications. Apply with resume, transcripts, and 3 letters of recommendation by July 15, 1980 or until qualified candidate is found, to: Phyllis Pirner, 14 Gwynn Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211 (314-882-4628). The University of Missouri is an equal educational and employment opportunity institution.

#### OHIO:

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY:** Assistant Professor, full-time, 9 months. Teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in family relations and adult development; advises undergraduate and graduate students; directs master's theses and serves on doctoral committees; organizes and conducts research; supervises field experiences. Requirements: Doctorate degree with emphasis in Family Relations and Human Development or closely related discipline; experience in organizing and conducting research; teaching experience at college level. Beginning October 1, 1980. Interested candidates should send vita, transcripts, three

letters of reference and recent publications to Patrick McKenry, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Family Relations and Human Development, Ohio State University, 1787 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210 no later than May 15.

### FUTURE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCES

**THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH** will be held July 5-8, 1981, with the Administration for Children, Youth and Families the agency responsible for most preparations. Patricia Harris, Secretary of Health and Human Services, will select the Executive Director, the Advisory Committee Chair, and conference themes. Anne H. Cohn, White House Fellow and Special Assistant to Secretary Harris, is adviser to the Secretary for the Conference, and will be responsible for liaison with other agencies concerned with children and youth. For information contact E. Dollie Wolverton, Principle Planner, White House Conference on Children and Youth, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, D.C. 20013.

**THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING** is scheduled for November 30-December 4, 1981. Conference themes will include Older Americans as a Growing National Resource, Creating an Age-Integrated Society, Economic Security, Physical and Mental Health, Social Well-Being, and Research. The White House Conference on Aging has been called to develop a "comprehensive, coherent national policy" for the nation's elderly, keeping in mind the changing demographics which indicate a sharp increase in the aging population over the next decade. Sadie T. M. Alexander, Philadelphia, will chair the conference. Co-chairs are Arthur Flemming, Bernice Neugarten, Lupe Morales, and Ellen Winston. Conference activities across the nation began in May, with local community forums, to be followed by state conferences and regional hearings. During the next 18 months, a series of mini-conferences will focus on special issues, such as income security. For information contact Jerome R. Waldie, Executive Director, White House Conference on Aging, 330 Independence Avenue SE, Room 406, Washington, DC 20201.

### ASSORTED ITEMS

**DECADE OF THE 1970'S:** Felix M. Berardo, Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, announces that the Decade Review of the 70's will be published in November. There will be articles on family theory, sex roles, premarital sexual behavior, mate selection, teen-age parenting, parent-child re-

relationships, family power, marital satisfaction, family stress and coping, violence and the family, variant marital and family structures, kinship, aging and the family, family therapy, cross-national research and the family, the NCFR, and divorce, desertion, and remarriage.

**BLACK FAMILIES:** The 1980 *Directory of Professionals and Researchers in the Area of Black Families*, including child socialization and childrearing has been completed for the NCFR by Marie F. Peters. To order your copy, send \$1.50 to her at the Department of Human Development and Family Relations, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268.

**CALL FOR PAPERS:** Papers are being accepted until June 1, 1980 for a special issue of the *Journal of Family Issues*, on the Economics of Family Life. Articles that address important family economic issues are desired, including the economic aspects of sex roles, marital formation, marital dissolution, fertility, welfare policy, unemployment, and affluence. Contact Stephen J. Bahr, Guest Editor, Family and Demographic Research Institute, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

**RUNAWAYS:** A Special Issue on Runaways, *Journal of Family Issues*, will be published in June, under the guest editorship of F. Ivan Nye and Craig Edelbrock. Write Sage Publications, P.O. Box 5024, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

**J. C. PENNEY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:** *Family/Child Resources: Is Society Meeting the Needs of Family? Parenting: Fathers, Mothers and Others* are just some of the topics covered through J. C. Penney educational materials. Rapidly changing societal values demand greater attention to developing critical thinking skills for improving the quality of individual and family life. Valuable for home, school and community groups, the materials are available as teaching units, filmstrip kits and resource magazines. A wide variety of subjects are covered, including a special focus on children in *A Celebration of Children: Little People, Big Needs, International Year of the Child: Who's Responsible for Children and Families?* and *TV-Impact on Children*. Consumer education, communication skills and value clarification educational tools for preschool through adult ages are emphasized. Single copies of new publications (*Forum* and *Forum, Plus*) are free to educators through local J. C. Penney store managers. Multi-media teaching kits are available on loan through the store's educational library. If there is no store in your community, write for a Fact Sheet describing our materials which may be purchased at production price: Consumer Education Department, J. C. Penney Company, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019. (Paid Announcement)

**ACTION SEMINARS:** Weekend Workshop for Professionals, Santa Monica, June 21 and 22. Theme: "Fair Fight Training." Write: Action Seminars, 3017 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405. (Paid Announcement)

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY REVIEW** invites authors to submit manuscripts for a special 1981 issue to be devoted to review articles about alternatives to traditional family living. Projected topics include (but are not limited to): cohabiting couples; commuter families; dual-worker families; homosexual families; household sharing among the elderly; kibbutzim family life; remarried families; role-sharing couples and single-parent families. Articles should synthesize and analyze knowledge and project trends about realistic, viable options for family life in the eighties. The implications of a particular alternative for current policy, legislation, and programs concerning families should be covered. Needed theoretical and empirical work should be included. The submission date is December 1, 1980. All articles are subject to peer group review. The issue will be co-edited by Marvin B. Sussman, University of Delaware, and Harriet Engel Gross, Governors State University. Send for further information or submissions to Harriet Engel Gross, Division of Social Sciences, Governors State University, Park Forest South, IL 60466.

**DIVORCE IN THE 1970'S:** The 1979 supplement of *Divorce in the 1970's* has just been published. This classified bibliography of over 450 books, articles, dissertations, films, and government documents on divorce and divorce related topics published in 1979 is available for \$2.00. Copies of all supplements covering the period 1970-79 with over 1400 items can be purchased for \$5.75. These materials can be obtained from Kenneth D. Sell, Department of Sociology, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC 28144.

**INVENTORY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LITERATURE:** Volume VI (1979) of the Inventory, edited by David H. Olson, may be ordered from Sage Publications, PO Box 5024, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. The Inventory is produced in cooperation with NCFR and the following units at the University of Minnesota: Department of Family Social Science, Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Minnesota Family Study Center.

**ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES:** "Counseling Resources," "Premarital, Marital and Family Therapy," and "Human Sexuality," by John Curtis and John Greene, are available from Pilgrimage Press, Jonesboro, TN, as a part of its Counseling and Psychotherapy Monograph Series.

**HUMAN LIFE AND THE NEW GENETICS:** a report of a Task Force commissioned

by the National Council of Churches, may be ordered from G. William Sheek, Office of Family Ministries and Human Sexuality, Office 711, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. \$1.25 per copy, \$1.00 for 10-24 copies, \$.80 for 25 or more copies, plus postage.

**MAJOR TEXT REISSUED:** *Emerging Conceptual Frameworks in Family Analysis*, edited by F. Ivan Nye and Felix M. Berardo, and published by the Macmillan Company in 1966, will be re-issued in 1980 by Praeger. Write Lynda Sharp, Associate Editor, Praeger Special Studies, 521 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

**THE SEXUAL RIGHTS OF CHILDREN:** Lester A. Kirkendall and Ronald Moglia have prepared a statement, "The Sexual Rights of Children," offered for the consideration of people world-wide. The intent is to transcend cultural lines and to recognize the need for sex education and responsible sexual relating as a concern affecting human beings wherever they live. Write Dr. Kirkendall at 12705 S.E. River Road, No. 705C, Portland, OR 97222.

**CWLA/CRITTENTON REPORTER:** This publication on school-age parenting is published by the Child Welfare League of America Center for Governmental Affairs, with funds provided by the National Florence Crittenton Mission. \$36.00 a year. Write Suite 310, 1346 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

**THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE:** publishes educational materials that deal with child abuse, child abuse prevention, and parenting. Selected titles have been translated into Spanish. The NCPA Catalog, which describes these materials and gives ordering information, is available free upon request from the Publishing Department, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60604.

**THE AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF SEX, MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY:** A new quarterly journal for academics, researchers, administrators, educators and clinicians in the helping professions, commenced publication in February 1980. For further details write to the Executive Editor, c/o P.O. Box 143, Concord, N.S.W. 2137, Australia.

**THE YONINA TALMON PRIZE:** The sixth Yonina Talmon Prize will be given in 1981 for an article on the family and kinship system (including certain aspects of gerontology). This prize carries an award of \$400. Unpublished work and that under consideration for publication may be submitted. Published work is not acceptable. Persons may apply up to 10 years after receiving their doctorate. Deadline for the receipt of manuscripts is November 1, 1980. Write to

Charlotte Schwartz, MIT Medical Department, 12-127, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.

**FULBRIGHT AWARDS IN SOCIOLOGY:** Among the approximately 500 Fulbright awards available in about 100 countries for 1981-82, a number have programs in Sociology. In addition, for many countries, applications "in any field" are accepted for lecturing or research. A copy of the 1981-82 Fulbright announcement booklet may be obtained from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Department N, 11 Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036.

**JOURNAL OF SOCIAL ISSUES:** The two most recent publications are Vol. 35, No. 4, Children of Divorce, and Vol. 36, No. 1, Teenage Parenting: Social Detriments and Consequences. Those interested in ordering these particular journals may write the *Journal of Social Issues*, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

**CLEARANCE SALE:** A good variety of past issues of the NCFR journals is available from the NCFR office for \$2.00 a copy. (Special issues not included.) This is an opportunity to fill in gaps in your library.

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## CALENDAR

### CALIFORNIA:

**American Health Planning Association:** Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 1-4. Theme: "Strategies for Health Systems Change: The Challenge of the 80's." Write: AHPA, Suite 700, 1601 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

**Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontology Center:** Summer Institute, Los Angeles, various dates, starting July 7. Write: Summer Institute, Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

**National Sex Forum:** Two Programs in Sexual Attitude Restructuring, San Francisco, June 28-July 5 and August 16-23. Write: National Sex Forum, 1523 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

**University of California-Davis:** Seminar, Sacramento, June 27-28. Theme: "Children and Grief." Write: University Extension, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

**American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists/The American University:** Summer Institutes, July 13-18: "Advanced Sex Education Skills." July 20-

25: "Advanced Sex Therapy Skills." July 27-August 1: "Advanced Studies in Human Sexuality." Write: AASECT, 5010 Wisconsin Avenue N.W., Suite 304, Washington, DC 20016.

**Home and School Institute:** Workshops, various dates, starting June 23. Write: HSI, c/o Trinity College, Washington, DC 20017.

### HAWAII:

**Pharmacists Planning Service/Planned Parenthood of Canada:** International Conference on Venereal Disease, Family Planning and Human Sexuality, Honolulu, June 24-July 1. Theme: "Planning for the Future." Write: Hawaii Conference, P.O. Box 1336, Sausalito, CA 94965.

### ILLINOIS:

**American Academy of Child Psychiatry:** Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 15-19. Theme: "Child Psychiatry and the Law and Mental Retardation." Write: Virginia Q. Bausch, Executive Director, AACP, 1424 16th Street N.W., Suite 201A, Washington, DC 20036.

**American Medical Association:** National Conference on Physicians and Schools, Chicago, November 13-14. Write: William H. Cerlyon, Director, Department of Health Education, AMA, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

**Center for Family Studies/Family Institute of Chicago:** Growth Workshop, Chicago, June 26-28. Write: CFS/FIC, 10 East Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

**MTI Teleprograms, Inc.:** Burnout Workshop, Chicago, June 17. Write: MTI Teleprograms, Inc., 4825 North Scott Street, Suite 23, Schiller Park, IL 60176.

### KANSAS:

**Menninger Foundation:** Workshop, Topeka, July 14-16. Theme: "Assessment of Sexual Functioning." Write: Division of Continuing Education, Menninger Foundation, P.O. Box 829, Topeka, KS 66601.

**Menninger Foundation:** Workshop, Topeka, September 12. Theme: "The Psychologist and the Legal System." Write: Division of Continuing Education, The Menninger Foundation, P.O. Box 829, Topeka, KS 66601.

### KENTUCKY:

**Rational Behavior Therapy Center:** Intensive Training Course, Lexington, August 11-15, 1980 and January 12-16, 1981. Theme: "Behavioral Diagnosis and Treatment of Emotionally Distressed Adults." Write: RBTC, University of Kentucky, College of Medicine, 2108 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY 40503.

### MASSACHUSETTS:

**Boston University Gerontological Center:** Summer Institute in Gerontology, Boston, June 9-27. Write: Boston University,

Summer Term, 755 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

**North American Society of Adlerian Psychology:** Annual Convention and Workshops, Amherst, June 13-17. Theme: "The We Decade." Write: University Conference Services, C580-133, Campus Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01002.

### MICHIGAN:

**Institute of Gerontology:** Continuing Education Offerings, Ann Arbor, various dates. Write: Bea Stephen, Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan, Box NL, 520 East Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

**National Black United Fund:** Conference IV, Detroit, June 25-29. Theme: "Funding the Black Agenda: Models for Survival in the 80's." Write: National Black Urban Fund, 3741 Stocker Plaza, Suite No. 211-212, Los Angeles, CA 90008.

### MINNESOTA:

**Center for Early Education and Development/Department of Family Social Science:** Minnesota Round Table in Early Childhood Education VII, Wayzata, July 8-9. Theme: "The Impact of Families: Their Young Children in Educational Arenas." Write: CEED, 226 Child Development Building, 51 East River Road, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

**Council for Exceptional Children:** National Topical Conference and Institute, Series on Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Individuals, Minneapolis, August 11-15. Write: CEC, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091.

**Johnson Institute:** Workshop on Chemical Dependency and Adults, Minneapolis, July 13-18. Write: Johnson Institute, Adolescent Workshop Secretary, 10700 Olson Memorial Highway, Minneapolis, MN 55441.

**Program in Human Sexuality:** A Health Professional's Workshop, Minneapolis, June 4-6, 1980 and February 11-13, 1981. Theme: "Adolescent and Family Sexual Concerns." Write: Program in Human Sexuality, Department of Family Practice and Community Health, Medical School, University of Minnesota, 2630 University Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE:

**American Society for Psychophyllaxis in Obstetrics:** Convention, Waterville Valley, July 20-25. Write: ASPO, 1411 K Street N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005.

### NEW JERSEY:

**Institute for Student Enrichment:** Seminar, Princeton, August 15-17. Theme: "The Self in Relationships." Write: Institute for Student Enrichment, 6 Willow Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.