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## Dear Friends:

I am writing this on a cold, snowy day, the weekend before classes begin again at Notre Dame after the holiday break. It provides some comfort on this wintry day to know spring will be making a tentative entrance when you read these paragraphs.

At least one person has asked me what I wanted to accomplish in my year as President of the National Council on Family Relations. The demand for my "platform" was not overwhelming, obviously, but was enough to make me think through my goals.

Aside from wanting to promote the over-all good of NCFR, my two major wishes are to involve more of you in the Organization's activities and with your help to get it on a sounder financial footing. Both of these goals enable me to write something about the way NCFR operates, so that will be the subject of this letter to you.

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Not having been part of NCFR's inner workings until now, I'm really impressed by how many capable members we have who keep the Committees going and get the work done. Of course, there are some "do nothings" who expect the small paid staff at headquarters to do the work, but they are few in numbers. Most persons accept a request to serve only if they are willing to take the time to fill the responsibilities.

But I want to ask a broader range of people to help us out. For this reason, I asked in a last year's Newsletter for those of you interested in doing so to let me know. A number of you did volunteer to serve NCFR, and I'm grateful to you. I've been sending your names to other NCFR elected officials like Margaret Arcus, Vice President of Membership, Bill Doherty, Chair, Family and Health Section, Viktor Gecas, Chair of the Research and Theory Section, Matti Gershenfeld, Chair, Affiliated Councils, and Nelwyn Moore, Chair, Education and Enrichment Section when you've expressed

an interest in activities that are in their bailiwick. What I have discovered was that the NCFR President makes comparatively few committee appointments on her own. Most of them come from the various Section Heads, and I send out the letters to the persons they suggest asking them to serve. The Section Heads are aware of and share my concern to bring more members into active participation. Let the people who head the sections with the activities you're interested in know of your qualifications and willingness to help.

In some cases, like the Committee on Publications, the elected Vice President, Brent Miller, does not select its members but serves with appointees of the President. In line with the constitution, I appointed two members for three year terms. One was Felix Berardo, former editor of the Journal of Marriage and the Family and Diane Keiren, one of our Canadian members who is presently editing a research journal. Their experience should enable them to ask the hard questions concerning costs and quality of our publications.

## DOLLARS AND SENSE

Another of my appointments was Graham Spanier to head a Fund Raising Committee, and this brings me to getting NCFR's financial status in the black. (Please don't let your eyes glaze over and stop reading here.) This was also a goal of my predecessor, Sharon Price, who first started Graham thinking about money. Alas, despite budget cuts all around, dues increased, and contributions from Leland Axelson, Charles Figley, Hamilton McCubbin, Eleanor Macklin, Ann Ellwood, Nelwyn Moore, J. Ross Eshleman, Bert Adams, Pauline

Boss, Graham Spanier, Lynda Henley Walters, James Walters, Katherine Allen, Matti Gershenfeld, Sharon, Graham, me and others aware of the opportunity to help NCFR to serve us better, NCFR ended the year some \$13,000 in the red. Unlike the US Government, we cannot continue to operate at deficit. We need your help in the form of tax-deductible contributions to NCFR to pay for activities going beyond day-to-day costs, contributions that come back to you in quality services. I am thinking here first of the awards we give to recognize outstanding achievement by you in the field of the family. Only the Ernest G. Osborne Award for excellence in teaching family relationships has sufficient endowment to permit yearly awards. Presently, the Distinguished Service to Families Award, the Student Dissertation Award, and the Marie Peters Award require funding out of NCFR operating monies. Your financial help can enable these awards to continue regardless of the current state of NCFR's budget. The sum needed to do so is \$20,000.

The Family Resource Database, a great asset to all family scholars and practitioners needing information on the state of the family, limps along for lack of adequate funding. A "dictionary-thesaurus" of subject matter topics which directs the database user to the specific terms most useful in finding specific information would be helpful. Costs for this, even at a professional discount, are \$22,000. We have no money to meet requests from smaller and less fortunate agencies and colleges who want speakers to show clients, students, and the lay public alike what we know about

families today and the possibilities for a career in the area. The price tag here is \$15,000 and for yearly lecture sponsored by NCFR which would pay for a fine practitioner or scholar to give a lecture at some college or agency.

The last item I shall list is an embarrassment, but it indicates just how hard up the NCFR is. We owe our Executive Director, Mary Jo Czaplewski, \$2,200 on headquarters office furniture for which she footed the bill. Let's get out of hock to Mary Jo.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

It's easy to ask for contributions for a fine cause like NCFR. Won't you join Graham Spanier, Sharon Price, me and other friends of NCFR? Here is what you can do.

First of all, you make tax-deductible gifts to NCFR. Please respond with checks made out to National Council on Family Relations Fund Drive and encourage others to do so too. Our address is National Council on Family Relations, 1910 West County Road B, Suite 147, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113. A second way you help NCFR is recruiting new members. More members mean more contributions to our operating budget to continue our services. Third, getting the library you use to subscribe to Family Relations and the Journal of Marriage and Family if it does not already, is another way to make NCFR's financial soundness more of a reality. Sale of our journals also contributes to our income.

NCFR is worthy of our financial attention. Don't wait to be reminded by letter. And that's all for now.

Joan Aldous  
President

## Brubaker named Family Relations editor-elect

Timothy M. Brubaker is the new editor-elect of NCFR's Family Relations journal. His editorial term begins with the first issue of 1987. Brubaker is a pro-



Dr. Timothy H. Brubaker

fessor in the Dept. of Home Economics and Consumer Sciences, Miami University, Oxford, OH. He holds a Ph.D. from the Dept. of Sociology of IA State University in Ames, a master's degree from the Dept. of Sociology, Central MO

State University in Warrensburg, and a bachelor's degree from Bethel College in St. Paul, MN.

Brubaker is no stranger to Family Relations: In 1978 he was a co-editor (with Larry Sneden) for the special issue,

"Aging in a Changing Family Context". (The journal then was called The Family Coordinator.). He also has been a member of a special issue of

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## Please be patient. . .

NCFR headquarters has spent the past several months preparing for conversion of membership and subscription data from a computer service bureau to its own inhouse system.

The data conversion was made in late January, and the month of February has been spent customizing software, training operators, programming, and "getting the bugs out".

My March 1, the system was expected to be operational, although it will be several weeks before all processes are running smoothly.

Headquarters staff have worked many long hours to make this transi-

tion, and ask NCFR members to be patient while waiting for publications and member services in the coming weeks.

The February issue of Journal of Marriage and the Family was approximately five days late in leaving the printing company. New and renewing members may notice a delay in receiving their January and February membership cards, but no other major delays are expected.

Please call Kathy at headquarters (612-633-6933) if you experience undue difficulties during the coming month. Thank you for being patient during this transition period.

## Letters to Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed for REPORT.

All letters must bear the writer's name (printed) and signature, address, and telephone number.

All letters are subject to condensation by the editor.

### Desiderata for the Social Scientist

(with apologies to Max Ehrman)

Go cautiously amid the garbage and the polemics, and remember what joy there may be in intellectual craftsmanship. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all academicians. State your theories definitively and clearly; and listen to others, even the stupid and dogmatic; they too are only human. Avoid axiomatic arguments; they are fraught with emotionalism. If you compare your theories with others, you become jealous and defensive, for always there will be theories that have greater or lesser explanatory power than your own. Enjoy your accomplishments as well as your position. Keep interested in your own contribution to knowledge, however humble; it is a reality in our world of understanding.

Exercise caution in your intellectual exchanges, for the world is full of destructive criticism. But let this not hamper you from fruitful discourse; many of us await your ideas, and everywhere there are eager students.

Be honest. Especially do not fabricate

your data. Neither be cynical about your findings; for in the face of all doubt and ambiguity, they have some significance. Take kindly the counsel of your peers; their comments should be well-taken. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you from the sudden misfortune of computer failure. But do not distress yourself; there is always tomorrow.

Many fears are born of exaggerated scrutiny. Ours should be a wholesome discipline; so let us be genteel with each other. You are a student of the cosmos no less than your teachers or your pupils; you are in the right to have a point of view. And though you may feel a sense of obscurity, our understanding of the world is increasing as it should. Therefore be at peace with yourself, whatever you conceive the order of things to be. And whatever your efforts and desires, in the noisy publication race, keep peace with your colleagues. With all its disillusionment, frustrations and rejections, it is still a source of great satisfaction. Be scholarly. Strive to have an open mind.

Ivan L. Cook  
Tallahassee, FL

section chairs. In this latter proposal, the intent is to increase the number of section representatives to the smaller Board of Directors. The thought might be given to designating the three section chairs to be those that have the largest number of members, again insuring the representativeness of the section chairs to the Board of Directors.

A decision will be sought at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

## Brubaker. . .

**Lifestyles: Journal of Changing Patterns** (1984 and 1985). He guest edited a special issue of the **American Behavioral Scientist** titled, "Development Tasks in Later Life".

Brubaker also has edited a book of readings through Sage Publications and served on the editorial boards of the **Journal of Gerontology** and **Lifestyles: Journal of Changing Patterns**. He has published articles in applied journals, including **Journal of Applied Gerontology**, **Alternative Lifestyles** and **Adolescence**.

Recently Brubaker spoke with Brent Miller, chair of NCFR's Publications Committee. Following are excerpts from that conversation.

**Brent:** What are your primary goals as the incoming editor of **Family Relations**?

**Tim:** Currently, **Family Relations** publishes high quality articles and is respected with the child and family area. I hope to build on the rigorous foundation laid by the previous editors such as Mike Sporakowski and Jim Walters and continue to publish high quality applied articles.

**Brent:** The applied orientation of **Family Relations** is an important aspect. How do you define "applied"?

**Tim:** Application of findings in the child and family area is important and I am committed to the publication of articles that present information that is useable to the readers. Questions I will use to direct my decisions include: Is the application of the contents of a manuscript

clearly presented? Does the app flow out of the research or is it on"? Can one or more of the au of **Family Relations** "use" the mation presented? Therefore, i portant that scholars present re and theory in an applied manner others can use it. Research : need to have a clear applicati practitioners. This application ne flow out of the research. Conseq the use of research or program d ed in the manuscript should be stated at the beginning of the The reader should be informed what problem or issue is addr and, at the same time, how this could be, useful to family life spec Therefore, articles directed toward life educators need to clearly p educational objectives, proce evaluation and suggestions for r tion.

**Brent:** Who are the major audi of **Family Relations**?

**Tim:** **Family Relations** is dir toward a variety of family life speci These specialists may include fam educators, therapists/counselors, specialists, evaluation research other family life practitioners (e.g., s health, legal specialists). While emphases may differ, all are conce about the application of informati family relations. **Family Relat** needs to publish articles releva each of these audiences.

**Brent:** Will you continue to pu special issues?

**Tim:** Yes, I would like to publi least one special issue each year. first special issue will focus on "I Families: Stability and Change", an be guest co-edited by Charles B. I non and Ramona Marotz-Baden. submission deadline is December 1986, and the publication date October, 1987. I encourage N members to send me suggestion topics for other special issues. Pres ly, I am developing a list of poss special issue topics and am open to suggestions.

**Brent:** Have you selected mem of your editorial board?

**Tim:** Currently, I am developg a of persons interested in serving members of the editorial board. All sons who would like to be review should send me a vita and note ind ing areas of expertise.

**Brent:** What changes do anticipate in the journal?

**Tim:** Currently, I am gathering much information as possible f market research, a future member readers survey. I urge NCFR meml to send me any suggested chang Whenever a new editor is appointed, a good time to consider changes, am open to comments.

## Alternatives sought for changes in NCFR Board of Directors

NCFR president-elect Hamilton I. McCubbin has announced that the Task Force consisting of President Joan Aldous, past president Sharon Price, past treasurer Jan Hogan, and Executive Director Mary Jo Czaplewski, have discussed various alternatives to modify the current Board of Directors of NCFR. Opinions were sought from all section chairs. The Task Force is examining three major proposals as well as alternative recommendations.

The three proposals are:

I--Proposal that the Board of Directors be reduced to those members elected to office on the national slate (president, president-elect, past president, treasurer, secretary, membership chair, vice president of publications, affiliated councils chair, student representative, and vice president for annual conference). To this group we would add an elected section chair (elected by all the section chairs for that particular year).

II--Proposal that we keep the Board of

Directors as is but with the identification of an **executive committee** consisting of all the individuals who are elected to office and an elected person to represent the section chairs -- as noted in Proposal I. In other words, the second proposal would be to keep the Board as is, but to establish an executive committee.

III--Proposal to reduce the Board of Directors to all those members elected to office and **three positions** for section chairs, to be elected by the

## Fundraising kick-off!

The NCFR Board of Directors and the Fund Raising Committee have initiated the NCFR fund campaign to raise \$400,000 over the next five years with their own contributions. During the month of February individuals of the Board and Fund committee have pledged or contributed \$4,000 toward the five-year goal.

According to Graham Spanier, Committee Chair, endowments and ongoing funding are being sought for the following projects.

Expanded Awards Program for:  
Marie Peters Award  
Distinguished Service to Families Award  
Reuben Hill Award  
Scholarships  
Graduate student  
Minority fellowship program  
Scholars Program  
Distinguished visiting NCFR Scholar/Practitioner  
Annual Meeting Program lecture-ship  
New Member services and publications

Thesaurus of Family terms  
Education Materials

The Fund Raising Committee, with the cooperation of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director, is making contacts throughout the country with foundations and corporations to seek the funds needed for NCFR.

"Although we are working hard to solicit major gifts from corporate and philanthropic sponsors," said Spanier, "the support of our own members is the most critical element in our fund raising campaign."

"We are writing to all of our members and to friends of NCFR, encouraging them to be as generous as possible in making either an unrestricted gift or a gift targeted to a specific project or award," said Spanier.

Tax deductible contributions can be made to NCFR and sent to the national office. They may be designated in honor or memory of a family member or friend. If the gift is matched by an employer, it should be indicated. Givers will be acknowledged in the REPORT, unless the giver requests that his or her name not be publicly released.

## Fourteen thanked for donations

Fourteen persons contributed funds to NCFR between November 1, 1985 and February 1, 1986. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!

Joan Aldous, Notre Dame, IN; Lel J. Axelson, Christiansburg, VA; Paul Boss, St. Paul, MN; Charles Fig Chicago, IL; Thelma Dunn Hansen Lansing, MI; Linda Harris, Washington, DC; Daisy R. Lloyd, Indianapolis, Hamilton and Marilyn McCubbin Madison, WI; F. Ed Nuno, Whittier, William H. Sewell, Madison, WI; Gral B. Spanier, Setauket, NY; James Wa and Lynda Henley Walters, Athens, GA

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# Senate committee on families proposed

Contending that the problems of American families and children need to be more systematically addressed by the Senate, Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) and Jeremiah Denton (R-Ala.) introduced legislation February 3 to create a Senate Special Committee on Families, Youth, and Children.

The committee would analyze the effect of government policies on the nation's families and children through hearings and research; evaluate the economic status of families and children; and issue an annual report on the condition of the nation's family and youth.

Such responsibilities are currently divided among several Senate committees and subcommittees, and the Senators believe this prevents the Senate from giving these important issues the attention they deserve.

"No government can avoid having policies that profoundly influence family relationships," Sen. Moynihan said in a statement. "The only option is whether these will be purposeful, intended policies or whether they will be residual, derivative, in a sense, concealed ones."

"The Senate needs an official focal point to study, evaluate and provide oversight for the entire range of problems and government policies that affect families and children."

"This special committee will not solve the problems of childhood poverty and the growth of single-parent families. But it will help us better understand them."

Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr. (R-Md.), chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, which would first consider creation of the new committee, is an original co-sponsor of the Denton-Moynihan bill.

In a letter to Sen. Moynihan, Sen. Mathias said the Rules Committee would hold hearings on the proposal. "The time is ripe" for such a committee, Sen. Mathias said in his letter.

Since 1982, the House of Representatives FRD Director's report



NCFR Executive Director Mary Jo Czaplewski recently met with Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan at his Washington office. Their conversation was featured in the latest issue of COFO Memo (December 15, 1985).

atives has had a panel to monitor family and children issues -- the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families -- and the Senators said the Senate must start paying more careful attention to these issues. Like the House panel, the Senate Committee would have no legislative authority.

Under the legislation, the Senate Special Committee on Families, Youth and Children would have 11 members, six from the majority party and five from the minority. The chairman and members would be appointed after

recommendations by the Senate Majority and Minority leaders.

In his recently released book, *Family and Nation*, Sen. Moynihan discusses the disintegration of the American family and pays particular attention to the consequent rise in childhood poverty.

Sen. Moynihan notes that the United States is probably the first society in which children are distinctly worse off than adults: A child under age 6 is seven times more likely to live in poverty than an adult over age 65.

The Senator also reports that:

\*More than 21 percent of the nation's

children, some 13.3 million youngsters, now live below the poverty line.

\*One-third of all American children born in 1980 would likely be on welfare before reaching age 18.

\*60 percent of all children born in 1984 can expect to live in a one-parent family before reaching age 18.

"In his 1984 Presidential Address to the Population Association of America, University of Pennsylvania professor Samuel H. Preston spoke of 'the earthquake that shuddered through the American family in the past 20 years,'" Sen. Moynihan said in the statement.

"Our special committee can help us understand this earthquake, and, it can be hoped, soften the aftershocks."

In his book, Sen. Moynihan urges liberals and conservatives to find "common ground" in seeking solutions to the break-up of American families. The co-sponsors of the Senate Special Committee on Families, Youth and Children range across the Senate's political spectrum.

In addition to Sen. Mathias, the other original co-sponsors are: Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Ut.), Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex.), Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), David Durenberger (R-Minn.), Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), Daniel Inouye (D-Ha.), and Lawton Chiles (D-Fla.).

Footnote:

On November 17, 1985, Mary Jo Czaplewski interviewed Senator Moynihan in his Senate offices in Washington, DC, for COFO Memo. (See V:4 Dec. 15, 1985). The Senator's singular message to all family professionals was: **We need to hear from you!** NCFR members, please write to the Senator and sponsors of the above resolution (S. Res. 330) supporting their action. Offer your expertise. Whenever possible, attend hearings to provide testimonies. Offer your assistance in writing the bills. MJC.

## Important family field journals identified



Margaret Bodley  
FRD Director

Sixty associate editors of the *Journal of Marriage and the Family* and *Family Relations* and past presidents of the National Council on Family Relations responded to a request to identify journals important to the family field. The purpose of the request was to include experts in the decision-making process and thus provide a basis for journal selection for the new abstracting service being inaugurated by the National Council on Family Relations' Family Re-

sources Database project. Abstracts from these selected journals will appear in the publicly available online database starting in 1986.

The respondents selected 499 journals from the more than 1,000 journals listed in *Current Contents: Social and Behavioral Sciences* publications list, 1985, plus 42 additional journals each. Twenty journals were identified by at least 25 of the 60 respondents. On the other hand, nearly 300 of the total selected journals were identified by three or fewer of the respondents.

These observations suggest that while a majority of the journals recognized in the field are of specialized interest, there exists a core of journals which is generally recognized as important to the family field.

For a free copy of the complete report entitled "A Report of a Poll to Identify Journals Important to the Family Field", (10 pages), please write or call (612-633-6933) the NCFR home office.

Margaret Bodley, Director  
Family Resources Database

Table 1: The Twenty Most Frequently Selected Journals

Journal Titles	n (n=60)	%a
Family Relations	45	75.0
Family Process	43	71.6
Journal of Family Issues	43	71.6
American Sociological Review	40	66.6
Journal of Family History	39	65.0
Journal of Marriage and the Family	37	61.6
Journal of Family Therapy	36	60.0
Sex Roles	36	60.0
American Journal of Family Therapy	35	58.3
American Journal of Sociology	35	58.3
Journal of Divorce	34	56.6
Journal of Family Law	34	56.6
Family Planning Perspectives	33	55.0
Adolescence	32	53.3
Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy	32	53.3
Journal of Sex Research	31	51.6
Journal of Family Welfare	29	48.3
Journal of Marital and Family Therapy	29	48.3
Family Law Quarterly	26	43.3
Journal of Adolescence	25	41.6

aPercentage of the respondents' selections.

# 1986 NCFR candidates for office

Biographical data is included for candidates on the following points: (1) present professional position; (2) immediate past professional position; (3) past and present participation in NCFR, NCFR sections, and NCFR Affiliated Councils; (4) past and present related activities; (5) publications -- books, chapters, articles. A sixth section for a platform statement is included for candidates for national offices and for Student/Young Professional representative-elect.

NCFR members will find a ballot and return envelope inserted in this issue. If you received a ballot, you may vote. Only regular, associate, emeritus, student and life members may vote; organizational members and persons receiving the newsletter through a subscription may not vote.

Everyone who receives a ballot may vote for the national office candidates. However, **you may only vote in the section races if you are presently a member of that section.** Also, only NCFR student members may vote for the Student/Young Professional representatives.

You should check the mailing label on this issue. Along with your NCFR identification number, you will see a letter denoting your membership type and other numbers after the letter. The latter numbers are sections to which you have paid dues. Each section ballot contains the name of each section and the number assigned to it. If you find that number in the upper right of your mailing

label, you may vote in that section election.

If you do not see the number (or any numbers other than your identification number), **you may not vote in section elections.** If you think an error has been made on your mailing label, please call headquarters (612-633-6933), and your records will be checked.

If you are a student, your membership letter code on your label will read "S". You may vote for the Student/Young Professional representative **ONLY** if you are an NCFR student member.

Although your vote is not tallied along with your name, each ballot must arrive in

a signed and identification-number envelope so that the vote can be certified valid. Your section memberships a student status will be checked against NCFR records to ascertain that only those who are section members vote each section election, and that only NCFR student members vote in the Student/Young Professional representative election.

If you have voted in a section and are not one of its members, your vote in that section will not be counted. If you vote in the Student/Young Professional election, and are not a student NCFR member, your vote in that election will not be counted. Your votes in other sections to which you belong or in the national election will be counted.

## President-elect



**Fox, Greer Litton, Ph.D.** (1) Professor, and Head, Department of Child and Family Studies, University of TN, Knoxville. (2) Professor of Sociology and Associate Director of the Merrill-Palmer Institute for Child and Family Research, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. (3) NCFR: Board of Directors; Committee on Organizational Transition, Chair; By-laws Committee; Public Policy Issues Position Papers Committee; Research and Theory Section; Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-Chair. Affiliated Councils: Keynote speaker, Michigan and Tennessee annual meetings. Associate Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**. (4) American Sociological Association; Family Section, Chair; Committee on Public Issues and the Family, Chair; Society for the Study of Social Problems; Family Problems Division, Chair. Editorial Board: **Journal of Family Issues**, **Journal of Early Adolescence**. State of Michigan: Governor's Task Force on Adolescent Pregnancy and Teenage Parenthood. Member, American Home Economics Association, American Psychological Association Division 34 (Psychology and Population), Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, Population Association of America, Sociologists for Women in Society. (5) Author of over 40 research and professional publications, including **The Childbearing Decision** (ed.) NCFR-Sage Monograph Series; principal investigator on eight research grants.

(6) Often the work we do with families stays within academic circles. A major challenge facing NCFR members is the translation of our knowledge about family problems and solutions into information that can be used by consumers in the private sphere and decision-makers in the public political arena. Our journals, the national meeting, and our broad network of affiliated councils are excellent forums for the advancement of

knowledge about families. Needed now is to move beyond our traditional audiences and boundaries to market our strengths more broadly.



**Spanier, Graham B., Ph.D.** (1) Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Professor of Sociology and Psychiatry, State University of New York at Stony Brook. (2) Associate Dean for Resident Instruction and Professor of Human Development and Sociology, College of Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University. (3) Board of Directors (3 terms); Program Vice President; Chair, Fund Raising Committee; Chair, Family Action Section; Chair, Osborne Award Committee; Member, Osborne Award Committee; Member, Nominating Committee; Member, NCFR and Business Interests Committee; Member, Constitution Implementation Committee; Member, Future Annual Meeting Sites and Dates Committee; Member, Student Award Selection Committee; Member, Distinguished Service to Families Award Committee; Associate Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Recipient, Outstanding Student Award; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**. (4) American Sociological Association: Chair of Family Section; Chair, William J. Goode Distinguished Book Award Committee; Nominating Committee. AAMFT: Clinical Member and Fellow; National Research Committee. Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family; Program Committee. Christian Children's Fund: Board of Directors. Delegate to White House Conference on Families. Child and Family Review Panel of the National Institute of Mental Health. Founding editor, **Journal of Family Issues**. Editorial Advisory Board, **Family Studies Abstracts**. Member of Population Association of America, International Sociological Association, International Academic of Sex Research. (5) Author of more than 100 publications,

including 8 books and two dozen articles in NCFR publications (**Journal of Marriage and the Family**, **Family Relations**, and **Journal of Family History**). Most recent books are **Parting: The Aftermath of Separation and Divorce** (1984, with Linda Thompson), **Recycling the Family: Remarriage After Divorce** (1984, with Frank Furstenberg), and **The Child in the Family** (1984, with Jay Belsky and Richard Lerner).

(6) NCFR's next President must provide vigorous leadership during a most challenging time. Memberships have declined, the organization's financial picture is not as strong as required, and members increasingly are being asked to affiliate with other professional associations with interests that overlap NCFR's. As President, I would devote much of my time to raising the visibility of NCFR in professional arenas and with the public, fund raising, seeking ways to broaden our most important services to members, promoting the profession, and encouraging increased involvement and membership in the organization by affiliated council members.

## Program vice president



**Lewis, Robert A., Ph.D.** (1) Head and Professor of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. (2) Professor and Director of the Center for Family Studies, Arizona State University. (3) NCFR member since 1964; Student Awards Committee; Nominating Committee, Co-chair; Task Force on Aging: **Symposium of the Aging Family Member**; Associate Editor: **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Associate Editor: **Family Relations**. Member, Reuben Hill Award Committee; Co-editor, special issue of **The Family Coordinator**. Affiliated Councils: Minnesota Council, Treasurer; Georgia Council, Charter-

Secretary/Treasurer; Indiana Council, current President-Elect. (4) Program Chair, Groves Conference; Chair, Nominating Committee, Family Section of the American Sociological Association; Clinical status, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy; Member, International Sociological Association; Associate Editor, **Teaching Sociology**; **Alternative Lifestyles**. (5) Author of over 50 research and theoretical publications, including four edited books: **Men in Difficult Times**; **Assessing Marriage: New Behavioral Approaches**; **Men in Families**; **Men's Changing Role in the Family**.

(6) As Program Chair of Groves a few years ago I worked hard to raise the awareness levels of family professional in Groves to some of the then developing areas in family research, teaching and advocacy. Many of these areas and issues are now at the forefront of our disciplines. As Program Vice President-Elect of NCFR, I would make similar efforts, in order to help shorten the gap between the development of family problems and efforts to ameliorate them.

In addition, I would work to maximize the full and early participation of younger professionals in our NCFR Sections by not only encouraging them to submit papers etc., but by proactively seeking out newer professionals who may not yet know about NCFR.

I would like to also strengthen not only the membership but the active participation of former NCFR members in the various sections. In addition, I would work to effect and strengthen ties between NCFR and some of our sibling national organizations, e.g., social work nursing, home economics, with whom we have many common interests and concerns. I have long believed that we would have more vitality and strength from cooperating more fully with them. Such efforts may also help NCFR to acquire new and larger sources of revenue, as well as new members.

**Ideas for REPORT?**  
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**Schvaneveldt, Jay D., Ph.D.** (1) Professor and Head, Department of Family and Human Development, Utah State University, Logan. (2) Visiting Professor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1980-81. (3) Section member of Research and Theory, Education and Enrichment, Past Secretary and Vice President of Affiliated Councils, Region 8 President, Secretary of Southeast Council, President of Utah Council; Chair of Research and Theory Section 1977-79, Board of Directors member 1977-79, Chair of Reuben Hill Research and Theory Award 1984, 85, 86, presently Chair of Reuben Hill Research and Theory Award Committee for 1986. Currently Chair of the Family Discipline Section for 1985-86. Also served on Nominating Committee for two terms, and Member of the Burgess Research Award Committee for two terms. (4) Abstractor for American Home Economics Association, membership in AHEA, American Sociological Association, National Committee for Historical Restoration and Preservation. Associate Editor for: **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, **Family Relations**, **Family Perspective**, **Western Sociological Quarterly** and Guest Editor for several other journals. Consulting work for several publishing houses. (5) **Understanding Research Methods**, Longman, 1985 (with G.R. Adams); **Child Development in a Modern World**, Worth Pub. Forthcoming (with A.B. Austin and S.K. Lindauer). Sibling relationships in the family in W.R. Burr et al. **Contemporary Theories About the Family** (with M. Ihinger-Tallman); The interactional framework in the study of the family in Nye and Berardo (eds.) **Emerging Conceptual Frameworks in Family Analysis**, Praeger, 1981. Author of over 60 articles in scientific journals, author of over 100 popular and technical publications.

(6) I believe that the Annual NCFR Program is a delicate balance of stimulation and participation. Plenary sessions often serve a major function in providing information, stimulation, confrontation, and inspiration for conference attendees. Plenary sessions must be able to provide these types of input for the conference, or the program fails in part. The other major goal of a conference is the opportunity to participate and network. NCFR enjoys a rather good track record for participation and networking, and I would stress this as a main goal in my work as Program Vice President. I would pledge to work very closely with the Section Chairs so that through our **cooperative efforts**, NCFR could provide a rich, stimulating, and professionally enhancing annual program for all those who attend. Finally, I would argue that we need to be more innovative, challenging, and professionally insightful in regards to the annual meeting program and I would place high importance in pushing the program towards this function.

## Membership vice president



**Houseknecht, Sharon K., Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. (3) Member, Committee for the Distinguished Family Service Award, 1982-84; Board of Directors, 1981-83; Chair, Family Action Section, 1981-83; Member, Public Policy Methods Committee, 1981-83; Secretary-Treasurer, Family Action Section, 1979-81; Member, Publications Committee, 1979-80; At-Large Member of the Executive Committee for the Ohio Council on Family Relations, 1981-83. (4) American Sociological Association, Family Section Council, 1984-87; American Sociological Association, Family Section Nominating Committee Member, 1979-81; Chairperson, 1984-85; American Sociological Association, Family Section Student Paper Award Committee, 1983; North Central Sociological Association, State Director, Ohio Membership Committee, 1984-85; North Central Sociological Association, chairperson, Scholarly Achievement Award Committee, 1982-83; Guest Editor, **Journal of Family Issues** (December 1982); Guest Editor, **Alternative Lifestyles** (Fall 1983); Associate Editor, **Journal of Family Issues**, 1979-present; Associate Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, 1979-81; Book Review Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, 1979-81. (5) Publications in **Handbook on Marriage and the Family**, **Social Problems**, **The Sociological Quarterly**, **Sociology and Social Research**, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, **Journal of Family Issues**, **Marriage and Family Review**, **Psychology of Women Quarterly**, and **Alternative Lifestyles**.

(6) I will do the best I can to increase the number and variety of NCFR members. Enhancing attendance at the annual meetings would also be one of my goals.



**Marotz-Baden, Ramona, Ph.D.** (1) Professor of Family Relations, Department of Home Economics, Montana State University. (2) Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Human Development, Utah State University. (3) NCFR: Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor of International Section; Nominating Committee; President-Elect Utah Council; Associate Editor, **Family Relations**. (4) American Home Economics Association; Research Related

to International Development Committee; Chair, New York Section of Colleges and Universities; Montana Home Economics Association Research Chair; Associate Editor, **Canadian Journal of Home Economics** and **Western Sociological Review**; Board member, Utah State University Foundation; Sigma Xi Member, Omicron Nu Alumni member; Member, Montanans for Children, Youth, and Families. (5) Author of over 20 research and professional publications including 3 books.

(6) Membership is the life blood of NCFR. I propose a membership drive aimed at students and professionals in the many fields serving families as one way of recruiting new members. I also propose a survey of past members who have dropped out of NCFR to ascertain why they are no longer members. This information would provide future direction for our organization as we strive to meet the perceived needs of the membership.

## Publications Vice President



**Bubolz, Margaret M., Ph.D.** (1) Professor, Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University. (2) Chair, Department of Family and Child Sciences, Michigan State University, 1969-1974. (3) Chair, Task Group #4, NCFR Task Force for the Development of a Family Discipline; President, Michigan Council on Family Relations, 1979-1983; Newsletter Editor, MCFR, 1975-79; Present, discussant or presider at Theory and Methodology pre-conference workshops; presenter at NCFR and MCFR annual meetings. (4) Chair, Priority Issues Committee on Support for Secondary and Higher Education, American Home Economics Association, 1980-1985; Public Affairs Chairman and Section Chairman, Michigan Home Economics Association; Presenter at AHEA, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Home Economics Defined Conference, Society for Human Ecology. (5) Co-author, **Women, Families and Non-Formal Learning Programs**. Chapters in: **PEOPLE AS PARTNERS**; **PROCEEDINGS OF WORKSHOP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION**; **STUDENT WORKBOOK FOR CONSUMER ECONOMICS**; **PATTERNS OF SUPPLEMENTARY PARENTING**; **COMMUNITIES LEFT BEHIND**; **HOME ECONOMICS: A DEFINITION**. Articles in **JOURNAL OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY**; **FAMILY COORDINATOR**; **FAMILY RELATIONS**; **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY REVIEW**; **JOURNAL OF HOME ECONOMICS**; **HOME ECONOMICS RESEARCH JOURNAL**; **SOCIAL INDICATORS RESEARCH**; **AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN VALUES**. Several research reports and cooperative Extension publications.

(6) As Publications Vice President I would encourage publication of exemplary materials representing a wider range of theoretical and research paradigms, including interpretive or hermeneutic and critical science, as well as the analytic-empirical perspective. Materials employing a grounded strategy to explore theoretically-interesting ideas in

family study and those which address implications of societal issues affecting families such as social and economic tensions and technological and structural changes in world society, are needed. Attention to the programmatic, policy and practice implications of research and theory should continue, especially in **Family Relations**.



**Figley, Charles R., Ph.D.** (1) Professor of Family Therapy and Family Studies, Purdue University. (2) Associate Professor. (3) NCFR: Board of Directors; Executive Committee; Chair, Student Award Committee; Founder, Newsletter's **Student News and Views**; Co-authored (with Barbara Frances) NCFR's **STUDENT PERSPECTIVES: A REVIEW OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN FAMILY STUDIES IN NORTH AMERICA**; Family Life Education Certification Committee; Public Policy Committee; Publications Committee. (4) Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family President, Publication Committee and Program Chair; President, Society for Traumatic Stress Studies; President, the Indiana Planned Parenthood Affiliates Association; American Psychological Association's Division 43 (Family Psychology) Fellows Committee; AAMFT's Legislation and Public Policy and Membership Committees; President's Commission on Mental Health's Special Work Group; Editor (founding), Brunner/Mazel Psychosocial Stress Book Series; Editor (founding), **JOURNAL OF PSYCHOTHERAPY AND THE FAMILY**; Editor, Book Review Section, **AMERICAN JOURNAL OF FAMILY THERAPY**; and editorial board of 5 scholarly journals and frequent reviewer of 12 others. (5) Over 50 research and professional publications, including 8 books.

(6) These statements include most often a tallying of problems with solutions. But, I am impressed with NCFR's publications over the last five years and the editors responsible for their quality in the future. I am hard pressed to identify any major problems at all. **The task is to maintain quality while increasing both the readership and the revenue.** This would require careful and informed efforts, drawing guidance from our membership and colleagues equally challenged in other organizations. It would be fun to try.

## Student/ Young Prof. Representative



**Barr, Eugenia (Jennie), Doctoral Candidate.** (1) Lecturer Ad Interim, Department of Family and Consumer Studies at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas; Clinical Supervisor for masters and doctoral programs in Marriage and Family Therapy. (2) Doctoral student in Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas; Teaching assistant, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University; Research Director, NIH Grant, "Diet, Marital Interaction, and Diabetes Mellitus", at Texas Tech University. (3) Student/Young Professional Representative for Research and Theory Section; Member of Research and Theory, Family Therapy, and Family and Health Sections of NCFR; Member of group on Research in Family Therapy; 1986 Registration Chairperson for the Texas Council on Family Relations (TCFR). (4) Presentations at international, national, and state conferences: NCFR, TCFR, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (TAMFT), Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. Sponsorship of Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Bradford P. Keeney, at Texas Woman's University. (5) "A Systematic Model of Intramarital Violence". "Marital Indicators of Stress in Couples with a Diabetic Spouse". (Manuscripts in progress)

(6) As a full-time faculty member at Texas Woman's University for the past two years and, concurrently, as a doctoral candidate at Texas Tech University, I know what it means to be both a student and a young professional. From my knowledge of and involvement with many NCFR members (students, young professionals, and established professionals) since joining NCFR in 1982, I believe that I have a first-hand understanding of the role and impact that students and young professionals have within the organization.

If elected to serve, I would work to accomplish the following goals for student and young professional members of NCFR: (1) To continue the tradition initiated by previous Student/Young Professional Representatives of increasing student and young professional membership within NCFR, as well as retaining students as they move into young professional status through a stronger networking system. (2) To foster the Young Professional identity through a sponsorship program where established professionals within each section of NCFR would be matched with young professionals who are interested in making contributions to family studies and who wish to utilize the expertise of senior members of NCFR. (3) To continue benefits offered by NCFR to students and young professionals for reduced membership rates, support for involvement in the national conference, and professional visibility in the field.



**Gibraltar, Jonathan, Ph.D. 1986 (anticipated).** (1) Full time doctoral student and graduate assistant in Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University; Recreational Therapist at St. Joseph's Hospital on a chronic care, psychiatric, out-patient unit. (2) Program Counselor at Benjamin Rush Center, a private psychiatric hospital in Syracuse. (3) A Study of Stepfamily Interaction Patterns, a paper presented at NCFR Annual Meeting in San Francisco; Presided over sessions on The Intergenerational Transmission of Family Violence: Implications for Family System's Therapy at NCFR Annual Meeting in Dallas. (4) The Evolution of Nontraditional Family Forms in the United States, workshop presented to Stepfamilies of Central New York, 1984; Finding the Balance in a Relationship, Presentation for series entitled "Love and War" sponsored by Syracuse University, 1985; Finding the Balance in a Relationship, Presentation for WJPZ radio, 1985; Living in Step; Practical Issues for Stepfamilies. Presentation to Syracuse Girls' Club, 1985. (5) An Examination of Rehearsal Variations in an Assertion Training Program (with C.T. Twentyman and J. Inz) in *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 1979.

(6) As a doctoral student in Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University I have had the opportunity to witness the development of the Student and Young Professional Organization of the National Council on Family Relations. If I am elected as the 1986-87 representative, I will continue to support and be open-minded to new ideas that expand upon this superb resource for professional growth.

Some realistic goals I would like to accomplish are: continuing to explore alternatives so that young professionals can receive reduced rates for annual meetings. In the past, room sharing and student involvement, as conference organizers, has yielded a lessened financial burden. I also whole-heartedly support the Student Skills Exchange and will continue this function at annual meetings to allow young professionals a forum for sharing their concerns. This proved to be invaluable to many people at the 1985 meeting in Dallas, Texas. I will work towards the development of a database of information relevant to the family field that may be utilized for qualifying exams, theses, and as a sharing network. Finally, I will work to expand current methods of assistance for young professionals who, like myself, are anxiously looking forward to putting into practice the knowledge we have worked so hard to achieve.



**Gilbert, Kathleen R., Ph.D. Candidate.** (1) Graduate student in Family Studies, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University; (2) Parent Educator, Children's Development Center, Rockford, IL, with parents of abused and neglected children. (3) Volunteer at 1983 and 85 annual conferences; on 1986 conference Student and Young Professionals Skills Exchange Panel; member of Qualitative Family Research Network; presented roundtables at 1985 and 86 IN Council on Family Relations meetings. (5) Member, Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and North Central Sociological Assn.; Director, Purdue Leadership Effectiveness and Development Program, teaching graduate/undergraduate course and administering another (800 students); presented papers and workshops on intersystemic approach to family coping, stress and the family, coping with traumatic stress, surviving accidents and acute illnesses, parent-child communication and parenting skills; will give keynote speech at Family Wellness seminar (IL Office of Extension) and participate in workshop on treating family stress and presentation spouse issues and social support. (5) Bridging the gap: An intersystemic approach to family coping with traumatic stress. Submitted to *SOCIOLOGICAL FOCUS*; Parental bereavement from a systems perspective, couple coping with the death of a child. To be submitted to *OMEGA*.

(6) If I am elected as NCFR Student and Young Professional representative, I will work to make NCFR more attentive to the needs of the student members. In order to facilitate this, I will conduct a needs assessment of the student membership and work toward making NCFR aware of these needs and ways in which they may be met.

I will maintain and expand the skills exchange and establish an interest network among students and young professionals. Other priorities include increasing student involvement at the national conference and retaining students, especially those who do not enter academia professionally, after they graduate.

## Nominating Committee



**Barber, Betty L., M. S.** (1) Assistant Professor, Family and Child Development, Department of Human, Environmental and Consumer Resources and Coordinator of Women's Studies Program, Eastern Michigan University. (2)

Family Life Educator, Wayne-West Public Schools. (3) NCFR Board Directors; Affiliated Council Chair; Arrangement Chair 1986 Annual Conference; Member, Committee on Standards and Certification for Family Educators; Member, NCFR Nominations Committee; several presentations at NCFR conferences; Michigan Council on Family Relations Past President; current member, Board of Directors; Co-Director, Project: AIM, Workforce Educational Equity Act funded project; U.S.D.A.; Facilitator, Staff Development for School Improvement; College Health and Human Services professional development project; Member, Executive Faculty Council, Council on Teacher Education, Women's Commission; Student Executive Committee Adjunct Board to Institute for Study of Children and Families; Member, AHEA, General Conference on Marriage and Family; **Motherhood After 28: Causes and Women Who Waited**, 1984; Study Guide (with R.C. Morley Kantor and Lehr **Inside The Family**, 1980; The Mentoring Academic Model for Encouraging Academic Achievement of Girls in Math, Science and Technology (with Van Voorhees **MOSAICS**, 1985.

**Fiorito, Basil, Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor and Department Head of Psychology and Human Development, California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. (2) Assistant Professor in same department institution. (3) Present: Past President, Congress of Affiliated Councils; Affiliated Councils Nominating Committee. Past: NCFR Membership President, 1981-82; Chair, Congress of Affiliated Councils, 1984-85; Membership Committee, 1988 President, California Council on Family Relations, 1981-82; Past President, California Council on Family Relations (CCFR), 1982-84; Newsletter Editor, CCFR, 1980-81. (4) Advisory Member, National Family Life Education Network; Clinical member, AAMFT. No publications. Presented paper at NCFR and AAMFT national meetings.

**Fischer, Judith L., Ph.D.** (1) Professor of Human Development, Family Studies, Texas Tech University. (2) Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University. (3) Member, Research and Theory Section; Member, Family Action Section; Nominations Committee, TCFR, 1984. (4) Memberships: Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, Society for the Study of Social and Personal Relationships, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, American Psychological Association, Society for Research on Adolescence, International Network for Social Network Analysis, Secretary to Board of Directors, General Conference, 1983-86; Site Selection Chair, Groves Conference, 1983-present; Membership Committee, General Conference; 1982-present; Nominations Committee, Groves Conference, 1985-86; NIH review panel, Office of Adolescent Pregnancy, 1983; Associate Editor, *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 1984-present; Editorial Board, *Lifestyles*, 1983-present; Consulting Editor, *Journal of Early Adolescence*, 1980-present. (5) Twenty publications in such journals as *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Family Relations*, *Alternative Lifestyles*, *Sex Roles*, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Psychology of Women Quarterly*,





**Hepworth, Jeri, Ph.D.** (1) Assistant Professor and Director of Behavioral Sciences, Department of Family Medicine, University of Connecticut School of Medicine. (3) Public Policy Methods Committee, 1981-83; Membership Committee, 1981-82; Student and Young Professional Representative, Board of Directors, 1979-81; Presenter, Invited Discussant or Chair for presentations to NCFR annual meetings, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985. (4) Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; President, Connecticut division, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Member, Groves Conference; Member, Society of Teachers in Family Medicine. (5) Author of research and professional publications in journals including *Family Relations*, *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, *Journal of Early Adolescence*.



**Jurich, Anthony P., Ph.D.** (1) Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Kansas State University. (2) Instructor, Pennsylvania State University. (3) Member of NCFR for 15 years, attended the past 15 Annual NCFR Meetings; Member, Family Therapy, Family Action, and Research and Theory Sections; Vice Chair, Family Therapy Section 1984 to present; President, Pennsylvania State Association on Family Relations, 1971-72; Participant in the Pre-conference Workshop on Marriage and Family Therapy Research since its inception; Liaison with AAMFT, 1984. (4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Clinical Member, Approved Supervisor, Fellow, Research Committee Member (1981-84), Judicial Committee (1985-present), Program Committee (1984), Liaison with NCFR (1984); American Psychological Association: Member and Section Member in Counseling Psychology and Family Therapy; American Sociological Association (including the Family Section); Midwest Sociological Association; American Association for Counseling and Development; Groves Conference; American Home Economics Association. (5) Author of over 76 articles, book chapters, and books, including being co-editor of *Marriage and Family Therapy: New Perspectives in Theory, Research, and Practice*.



**Macklin, Eleanor D., Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor and Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Department of Child, Family and Community Studies, Syracuse University. (2) Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Development, University of Maryland. (3) Chair, Family Therapy Section, 1984-86; Secretary, Family Therapy Section, 1982-84; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1977-82; Member, Nominating Committee, 1979; Co-Chair, Working Conference on Research in Family Therapy, 1982-85. (4) Member, Committee on Continuing Education, AAMFT, 1980-85; Member, Research Committee, AAMFT, 1984-86; Member, Board of Directors, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, 1977-82; Program Chairperson for 1981 Annual Meeting, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, 1981; Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor, AAMFT; Certified Sex Therapist, AASECT; Director, Training and Education, Human Sexuality Institute, Washington, D.C. (5) Editor, with Roger Rubin, *Contemporary Families and Alternative Lifestyles*, 1983; Non-traditional Family Forms: A Decade of Research in *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1980; Nonmarital Heterosexual Cohabitation: Review of Research in *Marriage and Family Review*, 1978.



**McAdoo, Harriette Pipes, Ph.D.** (1) Professor, Research Sequence, and Former Dean, School of Social Work, Howard University, Washington, D.C. (2) Research Associate, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. (3) NCFR: Program Vice President; Board of Directors; Chair, Ethnic Minorities Section; Annual Meeting Program Committee; Presented papers at Annual Meetings; Family Resource Thesaurus Project; Executive Office Search Committee; Burgess Award Committee. (4) Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family: 1983 Program Chair; Board of Directors. National Advisory Committee, White House Conference on Families. Society for Research in Child Development Governing Council and Publication Committee. Program Committee, Conference on Empirical Research in Black Psychology. American Sociological Association member. (5) *Black Children: Social, Educational,*

*and Parental Environments* (with John McAdoo); *Services to Young Families: Program Review and Policy Recommendations* (co-editor with T.M. Parhem); *Black Families* (Editor); *Women and Children, Alone and in Poverty* (with Diane Pearce); Articles in professional journals such as *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Family Relations*, *Social Work*, *Alternative Lifestyles*, *Journal of Contemporary Psychology*, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, *Psychology Today*, *Encyclopedia of Social Work*; Co-editor, *Mothers and Fathers* (filmstrip); Chapters in 7 books; and several research reports.



**Pickett, F. Ethel, M.Ed.** (1) Assistant Professor, Glassboro State College, Home Economics Department. (2) Elementary and Middle School Teacher. (3) NJCFR: President, President-Elect, Newsletter Editor, Historian, Board of Directors, Co-founder. Affiliated Councils: Secretary/Treasurer, Member, Development Task Force; Member, Nominating Committee. NCFR: Consultant to Family Life Education Certification Committee; Member, Education and Enrichment and Family Action Sections; Member, Family Life Education National Survey Committee; Member, Task Force on Aging, Child Abuse. (4) Member, AHEA; NJHEA: Member and Co-Chair of Trends Analysis Committee; State and Local Advisor, Student Member Section; Member on Committees for Parenting, Adolescent Pregnancy, Family Life Education; Program Chair, 3-day conference for Quality of Life. Member, New Jersey Committee to write State Guidelines for Family Life Education Mandate. Co-Chair and Keynoters, Enabling Children to Make Healthy Decisions Conference. Consultant to school 4-H program. Chair, Township Planning Board.



**Price, Sharon J., Ph.D.** (1) Professor, Departments of Child and Family Development and Sociology, University of Georgia. (2) Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Tulsa. (3) NCFR: President, 1984-85; President-Elect, 1983-84; Board of Directors for 10 years; Vice President for Annual Program, 1980-81; Committee to Select Outstanding Student Award; Committee to Select Osborne Award Winner; Nominating Committee; Committee to Develop Criteria for Certification of Family Life Educators; Program Committee, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980; Committee to Select Distinguished Service to Families Award; Chair of Family Action Section; Member, Committee to Investigate Restructuring of NCFR Board. Southeastern Council on

Family Relations: Vice President, Program Chair, Nominating Committee. Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family* and Monograph Series. (4) Clinical Member of AAMFT; American Council on Education: Fellow in Administrative Leadership; Section Vice Chair: American Home Economics Association; Member and Past Board Member: Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. (5) Have published in *Family Relations*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Family Perspective*, *Journal of Divorce*, *Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy*, plus others.

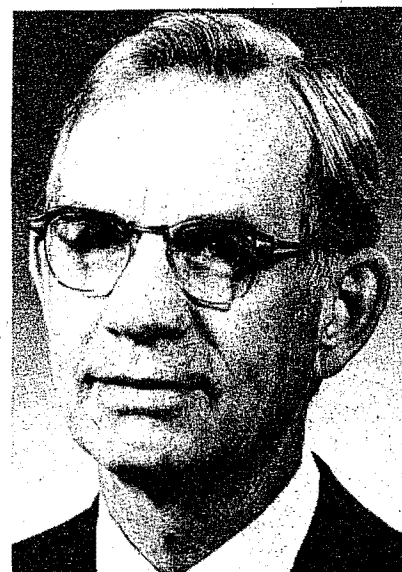


**Walters, Lynda Henley, Ph.D.** (1) Assistant Professor and Associate Dean for Instruction and Research, University of Georgia. (2) Director, Educational Research Laboratory, College of Education, University of Georgia. (3) NCFR: 1985-86 Secretary; Chair, Research and Theory Section; Secretary/Treasurer, Research and Theory Section; Annual Meeting Program Committee; Board of Directors; Publications Committee; Burgess Award Committee; Chair, Family Law Focus Group; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Chair, Public Policy Methods Committee; Presented papers at Annual Meetings. Affiliated Councils: Member and Past Membership chair, Southeastern Council on Family Relations; Member, Georgia Council on Family Relations. (4) American Home Economics Association: Member, Population Education Advisory Committee; Member, Moran Research Award Committee. Member, Society for Research in Child Development. (5) Author of over 25 research and professional publications.

## Education Chair

**Barber, Betty L., M.S.**

See vita and picture under nominating committee.



**Hawkins, Leo F., Ed.D.** (1) Human Development Specialist, North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service (20 years). (2) Minister, Chadbourn Baptist Church (7 years). (3) Member, Education and Enrichment and Family Action Sections; Past Chair, NCFR Affiliated Councils; Program Participant,

Presenter in Sections, 8 years; Round Table Presenter, 2 years; Task Force on Reorganization; Focus Groups and Special Groups; Midlife, Aging, Farm Families. (4) Editorial Board, **Family Relations**. (5) **Interpersonal Relationships: Relating to Fathers**, 1985; **Interpersonal Relationships: On the Level**, 1985; **Interpersonal Relationships: Friendship, Part I: Health**; **Interpersonal Relationships: Friendship, Part II: Happiness**, 1985; **Interpersonal Relationships: Helpful Relationships**, 1984; **Interpersonal Relationships: Acceptance of Self and Others**, 1984; **Interpersonal Relationships: Listening**, 1984; **Interpersonal Relationships: Expressing Feelings**, 1984; **Interpersonal Relationships: Anger**, 1984; **Interpersonal Relationships: Resolving Conflicts**, 1984; **Grief and Growth: Educational Resource Packet** (with Dr. Frances Wagner), five sections, 1984; **Motion for Life - Two lessons on "Self-Esteem" and "Stress"**, 1984; **My Family: Past, Present and Future** (with Dr. Frances Wagner), 1984; **The Delicate Balance: Work and Family in Journal of Extension**, 1982; **The Impact of Policy Decisions on Families: A Guidebook for Agents for White House Conference on Families**, 1979; **The Impact of Policy Decisions on Families for The Family Coordinator**, 1979; **Child Rearing Learning Interests of Fathers of First Grade Children for Home Economics Research Journal**, 1975; Paper, **Understanding and Relating to Young People for American Dietetic Association**, 1970; **Urbanization, Families, and the Church for The Family Coordinator**, 1969. In addition, there are numerous other Extension publications.

## Education Vice Chair



**Nelson, Patricia Tanner, Ed.D.** (1) Family and Child Development Specialist, Cooperative Extension, University of Delaware. (2) Lecturer in Family Relationships and Child Development, Douglass College, Rutgers University. (3) Secretary, Education and Enrichment Section, 1985-86; Presentations for 1979, 1981-85 NCFR annual meetings on topics such as single parenting, family policy and program evaluation. (4) Chair, Governor's Commission on Families, 1984-present; Delaware Coordinator, 1980 White House Conference on Families; Associate Editor, Extension's Model for Planning and Analyzing Programming (MAPP) Project, 1985; Northeast regional representative on Extension's Evaluation Committee, 1982-present, 1986 national workshop planning committee; Member, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, American/Delaware Home Economics Association. (5) Professional articles on work and family, newsletters for single parents and parents of infants, evaluating family life education, family

stress management, the White House Conference on Families. Extension fact sheets, newsletters and learning packets focusing on family and parenting relationships.



**Schultz, Jerelyn B., Ph.D.** (1) Professor, Home Economics Education, and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Iowa State University. (2) Associate Professor, Home Economics Education, Iowa State University. (3) Presented papers and workshops at NCFR Annual Meeting; Member, Education and Enrichment Section; Consultant, NCFR Family Life Education Certification Committee; Member, NCFR Family Life Education Certification Implementation Committee. (4) Presented papers at American Home Economics Association, American Vocational Association, American Vocational Education Research Association, and American Educational Research Association Annual Meetings. Served as Program Chair, Vocational Education SIG; Secretary, National Association of Teacher Educators of Vocational Home Economics; President, Iowa Educational Research and Evaluation Association. Directed funded projects on parent education. Served as consultant on state and national parent education projects. Chair, American Vocational Association Work and Family Subcommittee. Editor, **Journal of Vocational Education Research**. (5) Editor of four-book series, **Contemporary Parenting Choices: The Decision to Parent, Sexuality and the Adolescent, Parenting Today, and Parent Education Workbooks for Mainstreamed Students**. Author of more than 20 refereed journal articles on family life education including sexuality education and parenting education.

## Education Sec./Treas.



**Anderson, Virginia, M.Ed.** (1) Associate Professor Family Life, Department of Home Economics, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX. (2) Six years as Home Economics Teacher in High School. (3) Member of NCFR for 18 years. Participate in all national meetings: attendance, conducted a workshop, presented paper, preside at Section meetings and participate in pre- or post-conference meetings often. Past President of the Texas Council on Family Relations; Served on the NCFR Committee on Standards and Criteria for

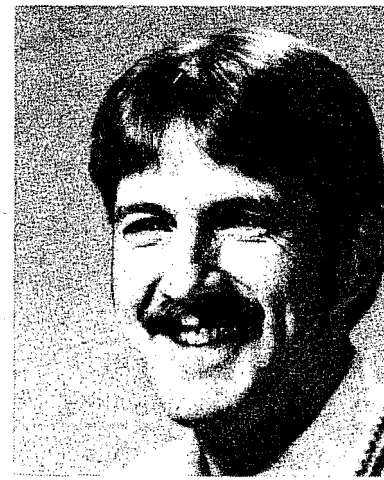
Certification of Family Life Educators, 1983-84; Chair, Nomination Committee for Education and Enrichment Section, 1984; Member, Budget Committee for Education and Enrichment Section, 1983-84; Member, Task Force on a Family Discipline. (4) Teach Family Life and Parenting classes at Lamar University. Chaired the Child Development Family Life Section of Texas Home Economics Association. Contributed to the development of format and content of the NCFR Guidelines for Family Life Education Program Over the Life Span. Chaired committee to identify minimum competencies in family life for the Home Economics Teacher funded by the Texas Education Agency, 1974-76. (5) The Use of Family History Research in Family Life Classes in **Illinois Teacher of Home Economics**, 1984; Home Economics and the Three R's in **Journal of Home Economics**, 1973; Teen Parent Council in **Texas Home Economist**.



**Biehr, Beverly Johnson, M.A., M.S.** (1) Coordinator of Family Life and Sex Education, Chicago Public Schools. (2) Teacher of Home Economics, Chicago Public Schools. (3) Member of NCFR since 1975; Member, NCFR Education and Enrichment Section since 1975; Member, Illinois Council on Family Relations since 1975; ICFR Board member, 1983-85. Workshop presentations at NCFR Annual Meetings in 1975 and 1981; at ICFR in 1982, 1984, and 1986. (4) Member, Illinois Sex Education Advisory Board of the State Board of Education: 2 terms, 1978-87. Member, Home Economics Advisory Board of Chicago Public Schools, 1979-present. Member, NTE Network, AASECT, SIECUS, Illinois Caucus on Teenage Pregnancy.

## Discipline Chair

**Day, Randal, Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor, Washington State University. (3) Member of original Steering Committee for Family Discipline Section; Nominating Committee, Research and Theory Section. (5) "The Role Image of the American Father: Examination of a Media Myth" (with W.C. Mackey) in **Journal of Comparative Family Studies** (in press); "The Impact of Divorce on Children: An Integration of Relevant Literature and Family Stress Theory" (with G.W. Peterson and G. Leigh) in **Journal of Divorce**, 1984; "Some Indicators of Fathering Behaviors in the United States: A Cross-Cultural Examination of Adult Male-Child Interaction" (with W.D. Mackey) in **Journal of Marriage and Family**, 1979; "Symbolic Interaction and the Family" (with W. Burr, G.K. Leigh and J. Constantine) in **Contemporary Theories About the Family: Vol. 11**, W.R. Burr, R.H. Hill, F.I. Nye and I. Reiss (eds.), 1979; **Helping Children Grow** (with A.H. Price and O.C. Cahoon), 1978.



**Ellis, Godfrey J., Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor, Family Relations Child Development, Oklahoma State University; Marriage and Family Therapist, United Methodist Counseling Services, Oklahoma City. (2) Assistant Professor, Family Relations and Child Development, Oklahoma State University. (3) President (and President-Elect) Oklahoma Council on Family Relations, 1984-85; Chair, Task Group #5: Needs for the Family Discipline, NCFR, 1984-85; Member, NCFR Task Force on the Development of a Family Discipline, 1983-85; Presidentially appointed member, NCFR Advisory Committee on Family Resource & Referral Center, 1982-83; Member, Reuben Hill Association, Research and Theory Division, 1980-81; Student member, NCFR Publications Committee, 1977. (4) Guest Editor for three nationally refereed journals: **Family Perspective** (Spring, 1987), **Youth Society** (September, 1983), **Journal of Family Issues** (June, 1983); Member, **Journal of Home Economics and Action Policy Committee**, American Home Economics Association, 1984-present; Preside the Board of Directors, Parents' Assistance Center, Stillwater, OK, 1984. (5) 11 books or book chapters including **Ellis and Peterson Marriage and Family**; over 35 journal articles and cellaneous publications including: **Lee & Petersen, Supervision and conformity in American Journal of Sociology**, 1984; over 35 papers presented at NCFR and other professional associations including, "A recommendation about the identity of family discipline", NCFR Annual Meeting, 1985; over 50 extension presentations to a variety of groups.

## Discipline Vice Chair



**Dosser, David A., Jr., Ph.D.** Assistant Professor, Child Development and Family Science, North Dakota State University, Fargo; Family Therapist (in training), Counseling Associates, Fargo; Project Director, Serious Juvenile Offender Rehabilitation and University of Georgia. (3) Member Reuben Hill Association, 1984-87; Presented papers at annual meetings; Co-Coordinator NCFR Filmstrip/Videotape Competition, 1985; Co-Coordinator NCFR Filmstrip/Videotape Competition; Member Family Therapy, Education, Enrichment, Research and Theory



Family Discipline Sections; Affiliated Councils: Treasurer, North Dakota Council on Family Relations, 1983-86. (4) Clinical Member, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Presented papers at annual meetings; Member, American Psychological Association, President, Red River Family Therapy Coalition (regional). (5) Book chapter, **Men in Transition: Theory and Therapy**; Publications in **Family Relations**, **Journal of Counseling Psychology**, and **Journal of Social and Personal Relationships**.



**Filsinger, Erik E., Ph.D.** (1) Associate Dean for Research, and Professor of Human Development and Family Life, University of Alabama. (2) Associate Professor of Family Studies, Arizona State University. (3) Associate Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, Responsibilities and/or papers presented at annual meetings of NCFR; Membership Committee, NCFR Religion and Family Life Section. (4) Member, American Home Economics Association. (5) Books: **Assessing Marriage** (with R. Lewis); **Marriage and Family Assessment**; Over 40 scholarly articles and book chapters; **Biosocial Perspectives on the Family** (under contract).

## Discipline Sec./Treas.



**Bollman, Stephan R., Ph.D.** (1) Director Family Center, College of Human Ecology; Professor of Family Studies, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Kansas State University. (2) Research Coordinator, Department of Human Development and Family Studies. (3) President Kansas Council on Family Relations, 1981; Board of Directors of Kansas Council, 1982-86; NCFR Osborne Award Committee, 1975-78; Chair, Development of a Family Discipline; Chair, Task Force on Internships, 1985; Associate Editor, **Family Coordinator**, 1977-81. (4) Co-Chair for Governors Conference on Education for Parenthood, 1984; Chair Family Relations and Child Development, Kansas Home Economics Association, 1979-81; Chair Research Section of Kansas Home Economics Association, 1984-86; Social Science member of CSRS Review of Ag. Research, University of Vermont and University of Nebraska; Grant Review panel for National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1980-83; Principal investigator for regional research project, Quality of Life as Influenced by Area of Residence, 1974-85;

Administrator for Ph.D. in Human Ecology, 1978-84. (5) The Family Life Educator and Culturally Different Families (with K. Carpenter) in **Family Perspective**, 1980; Issues in the Measurement of Marital Satisfaction in Survey Research (with W.R. Schumm, G. Milliken, R.H. Poresky, and A.P. Jurich) in **International Journal of Sociology of the Family**, 1983; Self-disclosure and Marital Satisfaction Revisited (with W.R. Schumm, H.L. Barnes, and M.A. Bugaighis) in **Family Relations** (in press); Adolescent Perspectives on Family Violence (with W.R. Schumm, A.P. Jurich, and M. Martin) in **Journal of Social Psychology**, 1982; "Interpersonal Relationships in Rural Families" (with W.R. Schumm) in R.T. Coward and W.M. Smith (eds.) **The Family in Rural Society**, 1981; Volunteer Services to Families (with A.P. Jurich, C. Griffin, and S. Peterson) in G. Rowe et al (eds.) **Building Family Strengths**, 1984.

**Leigh, Geoffrey K., Ph.D.** (1) Assistant Professor, Department of Home Economics, University of Iowa. (2) Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Utah. (3) Presented papers at Annual Meetings; Newsletter editor, Association for the Development of a Family Discipline; Presidential Commission on the Structure of NCFR; Site Selection Committee; Reuben Hill Research Award Committee; Student Member of Finance Committee; Conference Coordinator, Midwest Regional Meeting of NCFR. (4) Program Chair and Nominations Committee Chair, ICFR; Annual Meeting Program Chair, Society for the Scientific Study of Sex; Program Co-Chair, Midcontinent Region, Society for the Scientific Study of Sex. On Advisory Editorial Board for **Journal of Early Adolescence and Family Perspectives**. (5) Co-Editor with G.W. Peterson, **Adolescents in Families**. Author of several other empirical and theoretical publications.

## Health Chair



**Gilliss, Catherine L., D.N.Sc.** (1) Director, Family Clinical Specialty Program and Assistant Professor, Dept. of Family Health Care Nursing, U. of California, San Francisco. (2) Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. (3) 1984 - present: Vice Chair, Family and Health Section. Newsletter contributor; Program Planner for 1985 & 1986 meetings. (4) Co-convened 2 national invitational meetings for nurse researchers at the Wingspread Conference facility, Racine, WI (1984 & 1986). Participated in early planning for Family and Health Section at Springhill Invitational Conference, Fall 1983. (5) Measuring subjective stress in families: The impact of event scale, in **Networking**, 1982; The family as a unit of analysis: Strategies for the nurse researcher, in **Advanced in Nursing Science**, 5(3); Reducing family stress during and after CABG, in **Nursing Clinics of North America**, 19(1); Events leading to treatment for coronary

artery disease: Implications for nursing care (with P. Sparacino, S. Gortner, and H. Kenneth) in **Heart & Lung**, 1985; Graduate education for family primary care (with L. Shortridge and B. McLain) in M. Mezey and D. McGivern (Eds.) **Nurses, Nurse Practitioners: The Evolution of Primary Care**, 1986; The family and heart disease, in C. Gilliss, B. Highley, I. Martinson, B. Roberts (Eds.) **Family Nursing**, in press; The process of grief in the bereaved family (with S. McClovery and I. Martinson) in **Family Nursing**, in press; Alzheimer's disease and the family (with M. Muwaswes, I. Martinson, G. Doyle, C. Chesla, and J. Loizeaux) in **Family Nursing**, in press; Intervening with middle aged families recovering from cardiac surgery (with S. Rankin) in L. Wright and M. Leahey (Eds.) **Families and Chronic Illness**, in press.



**Ventura, Jacqueline N., Ph.D.** (1) Assistant Professor, Department of Family Health Care Nursing, University of California, San Francisco. (2) Nursing Coordinator, Methodist Retirement Center, Madison, WI. (3) Participated in Pre-Conference Theory and Methods Workshops, 1981-85; Member of Family and Health Section, 1985-86; Member of Nurses Special Interest Group, 1981-85. (4) Presented papers at Pre-Conference Theory and Methods Workshops, 1983-84; Moderator of symposium on Preventive Interventions of Families at Risk, 1984; Presented round table discussion on family stress theory applied to nursing education and practice (with S. Hanson), 1984; Presented round table discussion on integrating family concepts into nursing education (with S. Hanson and F. Bozett), 1985. (5) Health care considerations for a low income family (with V. Dykstal) in **American Association for Children in the Hospital**, 1976; Parent coping behaviors, parent functioning and infant temperament characteristics in childbearing families in **Nursing Research**, 1982; The family coping inventory applied to parents with new babies (with P. Boss) in **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, 1983; Relations of mothers' and fathers' reports of infant temperament psychological responses and demographic characteristics (with M.B. Stevenson) in **Merrill-Palmer Quarterly**, (in press); Stress and coping responses: Adolescents with cystic fibrosis (with A. Patton and M. Savedra) in **Children's Health Care** (in press); Parent coping behaviors, parent functioning and infant temperament characteristics: A second study in **Nursing Research** (in press).

## Health Vice Chair



**Hanson, Shirley, Ph.D.** (1) Professor, Department of Family Nursing, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland. (2) Associate Professor, ICNE, Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, Whitworth College. (3) Member: NCFR 1979-86; Family Action Section, 1979-86, Research and Theory Section, 1979-86, Family and Health Section, 1985-86, Stepparent and Remarriage Focus Group, 1983-86; Chair, Co-chair, Nursing Focus Group, Family Action Section, 1981-86; Chair, Co-chair, Single Parent Focus Group, Family Action Section, 1981-84. (4) Active in Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing honorary); American Nurses Association; Member of Groves Conference (Family honorary); Pi Lambda Theta (Education honorary); Western Interstate Council for Higher Education in Nursing; AAUP; National League for Nursing; Fellow, American Academy of Nursing; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; Reviewer, **Nursing Research & Nurturing News**. (5) The Single Parent Family (with M. Sporakowski (Eds.) in **Family Relations**, 1986; Family Nursing and Chronic Illness in L. Wright and M. Leahey (Eds.) **Families and Chronic Illness**, 1986; Dimensions of Fatherhood (with F.W. Bozett, 1985; Perspectives of Fatherhood (with F.W. Bozett) in **American Behavioral Scientist**, 1985.



**Koch-Hattem, Alberta, Ph.D.** (1) Director of Behavioral Medicine and Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. (2) Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock. (3) Member of NCFR and Family Therapy, Family and Health, and Research and Theory Sections; involved in the two-family and health pre-conference workshops (1983-84) and presented paper in Family and Health Section in 1985; attended and presented at NCFR Annual Meetings since 1982. (4) Clinical member and Approved supervisor, AAMFT; Member, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. (5) A strategy for prevention. Role flexibility and affective reaction as factors in family coping in **Family Systems Medicine**, 1985; Book review of Beyond Separation. Further studies of children in hospitals in D. Hall and M. Stacey (eds.) **Sociology and Social Research**, 1980; Book review of Having Epilepsy. The experience and control of illness in J.W. Schneider and P. Conrad **Sociology**

and Social Research, 1985; Conceptualizing family stress. A systemic revision of Hill's ABCX model in **Resources in Education**, 1983; Family adaptation to medical stressors in **Family Systems Medicine**, 1983.

## Health Sec./Treas.

Hepworth, Jeri, Ph.D.

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**McCown, Darlene E., Ph.D.** (1) Associate Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, School of Nursing, Azusa Pacific University. (2) Associate Professor, Department of Family Nursing, School of Nursing, Oregon Health Sciences University. (3) President, Oregon Council on Family Relations, 1985-86; Chair-person, Oregon Annual Conference, 1984-85; Presenter at 1985 national conference; Member, Family and Health Section. (4) Co-Investigator, Family-Child Cancer Study funded by Federal Health and Human Services. (5) Concepts of loss and grieving, Chapter XIX in C. Schuster and S. Asburn (Eds.) **Process of Human Development** (in press); Caring for the family with a dying child in J. Tackett and M. Hunsberger (Eds.) **Family Centered Care of Children and Adolescents** (in press); Pavlov's babies: Infants at risk (with B. Hyde) in **Pediatric Nursing**, 1986; Impact of sibling death on children's behaviors (with C. Pratt) in **Death Studies** 1985; Funeral attendance, cremation and young siblings in **Death Education**, 1984.

**Thomas, Robin B., Doctoral Candidate.** (1) Principal Investigator and Director, Child and Family Support Project, Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle, WA. (2) Research Associate, Graduate School of Nursing, University of Washington, Seattle. (3) Member, NCFR 1982 - present; Member, Family and Health Section. (4) Clinical work with children with chronic conditions and their families for 15 years; Consultant to health care providers for children with chronic care and their families; Research experiences: "Ventilator Dependency Consequences for Child Study", Doctoral dissertation, 1985; The Child and Family Support Project, Maternal and Child Health, Special Projects of Regional and National Significance Project, 1985; "Seattle Family Questionnaire Study" with Dr. K. Barnard, 1984. (5) Co-editor (with M. Rose) of **Nursing Care of the Family and Child Experiencing a Chronic Condition** (in press).

## Family Therapy Chair

**Baptiste, David A., Jr., Ph.D.** (1) Counseling Psychologist, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. (2) Family Therapist, Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk, MA. (3) NCFR: Board of Directors. Sections: Chair, Ethnic Minorities; Vice Chair, Family Therapy. Affiliated Councils: Nominating

Committee; Regional Representative Region VI. State: President, New Mexico Council on Family Relations. Presented and chaired papers and Round Tables at Annual Meetings. (4) AAMFT: Clinical member, Approved Supervisor, Fellow; Member, National Publications and Public Relations Committee; Chair, Minority Therapist Concerns for Marriage and Family Therapy. Groves Conference on Marriage and Family: Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Policies; Chair, Committee on Minority Recruitment and Retention; Standing Committee on Membership; Nominating Committee. New Mexico: Member, Governor's Advisory Council on the Family; Member/President, New Mexico State White House Conference on the Family. Member: American Psychological Association; American Association for Counseling and Development. (5) Author of approximately 15 journal articles, book chapters, and book reviews.



**Openshaw, D. Kim, Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor, Family and Human Development; Director, Marriage and Family Therapy, Utah State University. (2) Assistant Professor, Family and Human Development; Coordinator, Marriage and Family Therapy. (3) NCFR Family Therapy Section: Advisement Committee; NCFR Affiliated Councils: Membership Committee Chair; Board of Directors and President of the Utah Council on Family Relations. (4) Utah Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: University Liaison; Utah State Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Examination Committee. (5) Family Socialization and Adolescent Self-Esteem (with D.L. Thomas) in Leigh and Peterson (eds.) **Adolescence in a Family Context**, in press; Parental Influences on Adolescent Self-Esteem (with D.L. Thomas and B.C. Rollins) in **Journal of Early Adolescence**, 1984; Socialization and Adolescent Self-Esteem; Symbolic Interaction and Social Learning Explanations (with D.L. Thomas and B.C. Rollins) in **Adolescence**, 1984.

## Family Therapy Vice Chair



**Brock, Gregory, Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor of Family Science and Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin-Stout. (2) Assistant Professor of Family Intervention, Department of Home and Family Life, Texas Tech University. (3) NCFR and Family Therapy Section Member for many years; Con-

sistent record of presentations and papers delivered at NCFR national conferences; Associate Editor, **Family Relations**. (4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor; Member, Continuing Education Committee. Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Elected Board Member; Chair, Ethics Committee; Member, Membership Committee. U.S. Commission on Marriage and Family Therapy Education Accreditation; Site Reviewer; Award: 1983 Excellence in Post-Graduate Research: AAMFT. (5) Author of over 20 research and professional publications.



**Wampler, Karen Smith, Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor of Child and Family Development, University of Georgia. (2) Doctoral Student, Purdue University. (3) Associate Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Rueben Hill Award Committee; Family Therapy Assessment Group. (4) Treasurer, Georgia Association of Marriage and Family Therapy; Coordinator of Marriage and Family Therapy Certificate Program at UGA; AAAMFT Approved Supervisor; Editorial Board, **Journal of Psychotherapy and the Family**. (5) Problem Areas in Stepfamilies: Cohesion, Adaptability and the Stepfather-Adolescent Relationship (with J.T. Pink) in **Family Relations**, 1985; Bringing the Review of Literature into the Age of Quantification: Meta-Analysis as a Strategy for Integrating Research Findings in **Family Studies in Journal of Marriage and the Family**, 1982.

## Family Therapy Sec./Treas.



**Coufal, Jeanette, Ph.D.** (1) Associate Professor, Department of Human Development and Family, University of Wisconsin-Stout. (2) Assistant Professor, Department of Home and Family Life, Texas Tech University. (3) NCFR Personnel Committee, 1981-82; have given presentations at 7 Annual Meetings; Member of NCFR since 1967; Member of Wisconsin Council on Family Relations. (4) Clinical member of American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; have led numerous marital communication and parent education groups; Member of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse grant core group for education in the elementary schools; Finalist for Outstanding Student Award, NCFR, 1975; Received two grants to evaluate parent education approaches. (5) Co-author, "Relationship Enhancement Therapy versus a traditional approach to therapeutic/preventive/enrichment par-

ent-adolescent programs" (w. Guernsey and E. Vogelsson) in **Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology**, 1981; co-author of "Education as skills training" in L. and Milan's **Handbook of Skills Training and Research**, 1985 (with G. Brock); co-author of **Relationship Enhancement: The A Therapeutic-Educational approach for Marital Groups**. **Therapist's Guide** (with G. Brock), 1986; other empirical and professional ar



**Linn, Janice, M.A.** (1) Private Practice, Coudersport, PA; Consulting Guidance Center, Bradford, PA; Private Practice, Bradford Psychiatric Services, Bradford, PA. (2) Marriage and Family Therapist, Department of Community Mental Health, Coudersport, PA. Assisted with the Working Conference on Assessment of Family Therapy 1983, 1984, 1985. (4) Extern, 1981; Family Therapy Training Program, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY; Associate Member, AAMFT.

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Jurich, Anthony P., Ph.D.

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## Religion Section Chair



**Flowers, Ronald M., B.D.** (1) Associate Director for Family Ministries, Department of Church Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Washington, D.C. (2) Senior Pastor, Capital Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, Washington, D.C. (3) NCFR member 1980 - present; Family Action, Education and Enrichment Sections member; Charter member Religion and Family Life Section. (4) Member ACME -- Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment and a trained facilitator of ACME couple events (with wife), 1979 - present; Member of CAMEO -- Council of Affiliated Marriage Enrichment Organizations, 1980 - present. (5) Co-author, **Celebrating Temperaments**, 1985; **You Are Not Alone**, 1983; **Parent and Child Enrichment**, 1981; also author of about 12 professional articles.

**Norrell, J. Elizabeth, Ph.D.** (1) Assistant Professor of Psychology and Sociology, Erskine College and Adjunct Professor, Erskine Seminary. (3) Secretary-Treasurer, Religion and Family Life Section; Editor, Religion and Family Life Section Newsletter; Member, Research and Theory Section. Presentations: Intervention vs. Enculturation: A Model for Family Life Education Programs in the Church, with Thomas H. Norrell, 1984; Factors Influencing Parent-Adolescent Interaction, with Lynda H. Walters, 1983. (4) Chair, Mary McDill Family Life Institute, Erskine College; Board of Directors, Abbeville County Mental Health Board; Presentations and workshops for South Carolina Home Economics Association, South Carolina United Methodist Conference, and various child development associations. (5) Self-disclosure: Implications for the study of parent-adolescent interaction in **Journal of Youth and Adolescence**, 1984; Development of a quantitative measure of a family from self-reports of family members (with L.H. Walters and J.F. Pittman) in **Journal of Family Issues**, 1984; book review, in press, **Family Relations**.

## Religion Vice Chair



**Conroy, Donald B., Ph.D.** (1) Director, National Institute for the Family. (2) Director, U.S. Catholic Conference's Commission on Family Life. (3) Co-organized the Religion and Family Life

Section of NCFR; presenters and participant in annual conferences 1980-1985. (4) Organized U.S. Catholic Conference's Commission on Family Life; worked with the Forum on White House Conference on Families (1979-80); member, National Assn. of Catholic Diocesan Family Life Ministers; addressed Commission on Marriage Counseling of the International Union of Family Organizations; speaker and delegate, International Congress on the Family (1982); expert advisor to U.S. Delegation to the World Synod on the Family (1980); member, National Council of Churches' Commission on Family Ministries and Human Sexuality (1983-); cooperator with National Jewish Family Center on the Intergenerational Conference in Racine, WI (1983). (5) Author of articles on Family and Family Education in **New Catholic Encyclopedia** (1977); editor-in-chief of **Families in the 80's** publication on the Family Decade; author of various articles on theological, educational and pastoral topics since 1972 through present in U.S. and foreign publications; chief writer of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' document **A Vision and Strategy**.

**Steele, Connie, Ed.D.** (1) Chairperson and Associate Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Home Economics, Texas Tech University. (2) Director of Child Development Research Center. (3) NCFR: Member and co-authored paper "Comparisons of Family Environments of Adolescents in Clergy and Non-clergy Families" at 1985 NCFR conference. Affiliated Council: President-Elect, Vice-President of Program, Annual Conference Program Chair, Texas Council. (4) Board member, Texas Association of Gifted and Talented; Research Committee, Association for Childhood Education International; gave testimony regarding the "gifted" for the National Commission on Excellence in Education for **A Nation at Risk**. Member, Society for Research in Child Development, American Home Economics Association. (5) Author of publications in **Physical Therapy**, **Journal of Research and Development in Education**, **Perceptual and Motor Skills**, **A Parent's Guide to the Education When Children Play**, **Texas Home Economist**.

## Religion Sec./Treas.



**Evans, Louise Bates, Ed.D.** (1) Director of Family and Children's Ministries, Division of Homeland Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). (2) Assistant Professor, Family and Child Services, School of Home Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. (3) Member of NCFR since 1970; Education and Enrichment, Ethnic Minorities and Religion and Family Life Sections; Board Member and Vice President of Indiana Council on Family Relations; Member of Virginia Council and Southeast Council. (4) Member, NCCC Commission on Family Ministries and Human Sexuality; Association of Black Psychologists; American Home Economics Association; Association of Christian Church

Educators. (5) Author of professional articles and workshops leader on family resources, parenting, children and worship, leadership development and stages of adult life.



**Ingoldsby, Bron B., Ph.D.** (1) Professor of Family Development, Ricks College. (2) Assistant Professor of Individual and Family Studies, Kent State University. (3) Student Representative to the Annual Meeting Committee 1977-79; Co-chair of the 1979 Filmstrip Competition; President of the Idaho CFR 1985-86. (4) Member, AAMFT Committee on Student/Associate Involvement 1979-81; Associate editor of **Journal of Comparative Family Studies**, 1985 - present. (5) Publications in **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, **Family Relations**, **Journal of Comparative Family Studies**, and others.

## New family theory projects need ideas, participants

One of the sessions in the 1985 NCFR Theory and Methods Workshop concerned developing new projects in family theory. Projects discussed would be fairly large-scale programs, involving a number of different scholars in different universities, and would take several years to complete.

Persons wishing to be involved in the groups(s) that will design and carry out these projects should send their name, address, telephone number and suggestions to: Wesley R. Burr, Dept. of Family Science, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

Three ideas have emerged so far. One is to start a monograph series on family theory. Another is to prepare one large publication that would summarize where the field is in the late 1980s regarding theories about the family. A third idea is to prepare a publication that would focus on metatheoretical and methodological issues in theorizing about the family.

All three ideas have advantages, and currently all three are being examined to determine their desirability, feasibility, publishability, and who wants to be involved with them.

All three ideas would move the field forward because they would stimulate theory development and provide a means for publishing the developments.

Each has unique advantages. For example, having a monograph series would allow more depth in treating individual topics, issues, and theoretical questions. It also would accommodate the periodicity in the way theory is developed.

Creating a summarizing publication would have an important role in training graduate students for theorizing and intervention roles. It also would be a benchmark in the field, summarize theories, and be a useful reference volume.

A publication on metatheory and methodology would be useful because

## Groves meeting set for July in London

The Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family will meet July 16-20 London, England. The conference will be an international meeting of scholars concerned about victimization, both at micro level (within the family) and at macro level (between the family and the outside world).

Focus will be not only on what victimizes at the micro and macro levels, but on what helps victims recover from the extreme form of stress.

Victimization is defined not only as loss of something, but in addition to a object lost, as a loss of self-esteem. There is a feeling of being overwhelmed, and the loss is not dealt with in the usual sense. This feeling of helplessness is the critical indicator of victimization both within the family and between the family and the outside world.

For more information contact Mar Hicks, program chair, at 3014 Banks Rd Tallahassee, FL 32308. Sally Hansen is site chair.

numerous issues and questions have been raised about these issues in the last decade.

The next step in deciding what to do is to identify who wants to be involved and what they want to do.

This information will lead to a period of dialogue between these individuals on the formation and evaluation of proposals. Burr has agreed to assemble a list of individuals who want to be involved in this dialogue, and to collect the suggestions from these individuals about such things as what they want to do, what ought to be done and not done, how the projects should be organized and what procedures should be used. He will then distribute these suggestions to interested individuals.

## Papers needed for new book

Papers are now being solicited for a volume to be edited by Barbara Risman and Pepper Schwartz entitled **Gender in a Social Context: A Sociological View on Intimate Relationships**. The volume will focus on how social structural forces, on-going interaction, expectations of others, and role demands create gender-type behavior in personal and family relationship. Qualitative analyses and theoretical articles are particularly desired.

Submissions may have been previously published.

Send papers to Barbara Risman, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Box 8107, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-8107.



The Detroit skyline welcomes visitors and attendees at the 1986 NCFR annual conference. The convention site, Dearborn, is 20 minutes from downtown Detroit.

## NCFR meets in Michigan

Can you answer these trivia questions? Where did the ice cream soda originate? What city hosted the first state fair in the USA? What city sits on top of the largest salt mine which produces 20 percent of the nation's salt? Which city hosts the largest ethnic festival in the country? Which city installed the first traffic light, first mile of paved road and the first urban freeway in the country? If you've answered Detroit, MI, you've won!

Last year when Cindy Winter and Mary Jo Czaplowski flew to Detroit to make final 1986 convention plans, they were pleasantly surprised at the amount of refurbishing which had been done in the city. The drive to the Hyatt Regency was also pleasant, and the guide noted some amazing things about the area which makes it one of the most popular convention spots in the country.

As a hub city for major airlines, it is easy to access and is a reasonable driving distance from Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Milwaukee. It spans the century in many ways. For instance, you can catch an antique trolley car downtown. By fall, 1986, the new "people mover" will take you to Cobo Hall, Joe Louis Arena, Ford Auditorium or Hart Plaza.

If you are culturally inclined, the Cultural Center houses over 100 galleries of fine art. In addition, the Detroit Science Center, Space Theatre, Cranbrook Gardens and Christ Church are close by. Theatre and Broadway's best can be found at the Fisher, Birmingham and Masonic or, for off-Broadway, in the world-famous "Greek town" area. Music ranges from the world-class Detroit Symphony at Ford Auditorium to pop music at Orchestra Hall and jazz, blues and hoedown music.

Detroit is called "Festival City U.S.A." not only because of its numerous weekend ethnic festivals, but also because of the many fine ethnic restaurants -- Greek, Italian, Polish, German, Mexican, Japanese and many others.

Dearborn, a 10-minute ride from the airport, 20 minutes from downtown Detroit, is the place to **come forth and look back** -- come forth for NCFR's 46th Annual Conference and to look back at the past in places where two men named Ford changed the course of world history: Henry the car maker and Gerald the lawmaker.

Minutes from the elegant Hyatt Regency Hotel you can go to 19th century America at Greenfield Village -- step into Thomas Edison's laboratory, the home of Noah Webster, the first Ford factory. The Henry Ford Museum

spans 12 acres and three centuries of transportation technology.

Shoppers will want to take advantage of the famous Fairlane Shopping Center -- three minutes by monorail from the hotel. There is Lord & Taylor, Saks 5th Avenue, many boutiques, restaurants and theatres. You can do mini-shopping tours between sessions since the monorail is always on time and you need not wear a coat! Of course, if you desire **international shopping opportunities**, you can drive a short 20 minutes through the Windsor tunnel and treat yourselves to a spree in Canada. The strength of the American dollar there will bring you some good bargains.

A word about the hotel! It is a fun, elegant place for a reasonable price. Bring your swimsuits! There is a pool! Six lovely restaurants and lounges, including "Giulios" with its marvelous salad and dessert bars will provide dining for convention goers. Meeting rooms are ample and in close proximity to the exhibit area. Sleeping rooms are spacious and comfortable.

So mark your calendars now for November 3-7 and wing your way or drive to Dearborn for NCFR's Annual Conference -- **Family Politics** -- and enjoy the things Detroit and Dearborn have to offer!

## Hours extended for meeting exhibits

### Plan now to visit the Exhibits

The 1985 Exhibits had a new look, and under the continuing management of Karbon, Inc., a larger show is anticipated for 1986. The Program committee realizes that visiting Exhibits is an important opportunity for attendees to view new resources, and this year's conference schedule has been loosened to allow **five** non-conflicting periods for Exhibit browsing. Plan to meet your friends and colleagues at the Exhibits!

### Promote your books

Professionals in the family field seek self-improvement through discovering the latest educational materials. These professionals also **share their knowledge** through writing. Publishers note they are eager to have authors tell them about good places to market materials, and the NCFR Annual Conference Exhibit is one such spot.

It can be one of the best places to exhibit family topic books because family field professionals will attend the conference. The Conference printed program is another targeted market. This year the program will be mailed in advance to

## Meet the authors expanded

The 1985 NCFR annual conference featured a new session -- Meet the Authors. The feedback was very positive, and this year the program will be expanded.

The session offers authors of new books **dealing with the conference theme**, opportunities to discuss their books and autograph copies that are sold. The session is held in the Exhibits area.

NCFR authors are invited to participate. To have a book featured, the following criteria must be met:

1. Author must be a member of NCFR.
2. The book must relate to the conference theme, "Family Politics".
3. The book must have been published in 1985 or 1986.
4. The publisher of the book must

exhibit at the Conference in some capacity.

If the criteria can be met, and a member wishes to participate in Meet the Authors, contact Cindy Winter, conference coordinator, at national headquarters by July 1.

Include the following information in your letter:

1. Title of the book.
2. Names of any co-authors.
3. Name, address, and telephone number of the publisher and a contact person.
4. Date of publication of the book.

Meet the Authors is a good way for **NCFR members** to receive exposure for their newest publications and a way for conference attendees to visit with the authors.

## Don't miss U.S. elections vote by absentee ballot

### National Elections and NCFR Conference

The opening day of the NCFR Conference is scheduled on a national Election Day. The NCFR urges everyone to vote by absentee ballot. The National Election Board notes the process is easy, but needs to be done at least **six weeks** in advance, and each state has different laws. Call your local election board to get the procedures for your locality. Do this early and take advantage of your right to vote. Then join your colleagues at the NCFR annual conference.

### University Open Houses

The NCFR conference is similar to a "reunion" of colleagues in the family field. Many colleges, universities, and state affiliated councils like to use this time to sponsor **open houses** for students, alumni, and friends to renew acquaintances and meet new friends. If your university, college, or state affiliated

council would like to schedule a gathering during the conference, contact conference coordinator, **Cindy Winter** at NCFR Headquarters for details. If your written request is received by **July**, your Open House will be listed in the Conference Printed Program.

### New Program Committee Appointments

**Alexis Walker**, University of Oklahoma, is the new chair of the Special Papers Sessions: Posters. **Debra Pearce M. Call**, University of MN, is the student representative to the program committee.

### Promote the NCFR Conference

The 1986 conference promises to be exciting and challenging. Plan now to be in Dearborn for the entire week, to promote attendance among your colleagues. For further conference information contact the conference coordinator, Cindy Winter.

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## Skills Exchange set for 1986

The theme for the 1986 Skills Exchange at the annual conference, "Family, School, Career: In Balance or in Competition?"

The proposals for the Skills Exchange this year reflect the tension that students and young professionals experience in trying to balance their multiple responsibilities at home, at school, and at work. They also reveal the choices people make in dealing with competing demands.

The Skills Exchange features an informal panel discussion and a forum for sharing pitfalls, success stories, and strategies for cooperation in the competitive arena of academic preparation.

Final plans for the Skills Exchange are now being made. For further information, contact Katherine Allen, Family and Consumer Studies, TX Woman's University, PO Box 23975, Denton, TX 76204. (817) 387-2921.

## Research pre-conference planned

The 16th annual pre-conference workshop on theory construction and research methodology will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, MI on November 3-4, 1986, just prior to the NCFR annual conference.

The deadline for abstracts was March 1. However, you still have until April 15 to register for the workshop and request to be a presider or discussant. Simply send a \$20 check (U.S. current only) payable to Patricia Voydanoff at the following address: Center for the Study of Family Development, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469.

Include your own address and telephone number as well as a list of topics about which you have a special interest or expertise.

## May named Older Americans Month

May has been declared Older Americans Month according to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services-Commission on Aging.

Theme of the 1986 event is "Plan on Living the Rest of Your Life". Under a slogan of "Have Your Health and Have Everything", the commission will focus public attention on the importance of planning early for later years by adopting a healthy lifestyle. More Americans then can remain active contributing members of their families, communities, and the nation.

For more information contact Carol Fraser Fisk, Acting Commissioner of Aging, Office of Human Development Services, Dept. of Health and Human Services.

## Family Discipline section open

The impact of the new Family Discipline Section is being felt in a variety of ways. The dialogue over the role of the new section continues, and is mostly positive.

The section's mission and function have been refined since the November meeting in Dallas, and this refinement will continue.

Program content and form suggestions for the 1986 annual conference are welcomed.

Major issues and questions which the new section continues to address include: (1) What is and should be the role/mission of Family Science? (2) Should Family Science programs be social skills, content, or some other form oriented? Why? At what level? (3) Reviewing the types of internships that are needed for students who major in Family Science. (4) Certification, assessment, accreditation, and ethical guides. (5) What are the best ways for the Family Discipline Section to be of service and to interface with other sections in NCFR? (6) How to best work with young professional students in NCFR as well as students in related fields?

The section seeks members with interests or concerns with these or other

related issues. Plans are being made to coordinate publication of a monograph, special issues of journals, and related manuscripts that are central to Family Science and disciplinary issues for this field. Comments, suggestions and participation are invited. Contact Jay D. Schvaneveldt at Family and Human Dev. Dept., UT State University, Logan, UT 84322.

## Constitutional Amendments passed

A total of 448 persons voted on four recent NCFR constitutional amendments. Each amendment was passed.

The new articles are Article XVII--Tax Exempt Status; Article XVIII--Defense and Indemnification; Article XIX--Dissolution; Article XX--Rules of Order; and Article XXI--Affirmative Action Policy.

Because of the late mailing of the ballots, the return deadline was extended to February 15.

## Family Health names student representatives

Family and Health section members were pleased with the quality of presentations and discussions at the 1985 annual conference. The 1986 theme, "Family and Politics", will fit the interests of the section members.

The section now has two student representatives: Marilyn McCubbin, Madison, WI, and Kit Chesla, San Francisco, CA. They will serve one-year terms through the annual conference in Dearborn in November.

One of the benefits of membership in the Family and Health section is the newsletter distributed in the spring and fall. It contains news, reviews and editorials -- and even an occasional witty cartoon by co-editor Sandra Burge. Join the Family and Health section and enjoy **Family Health News**.

Persons interested in joining the section should send \$3.00 to NCFR headquarters.

## Say Yes ☒ To NCFR In Dearborn, Michigan



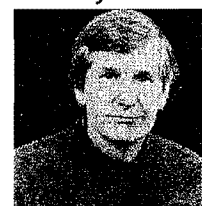
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Author of best seller, *The Family Crucible*  
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**Lorraine Klerman**, Professor, Yale University School of Medicine  
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For further information contact:

**Conference Coordinator**  
**National Council on Family Relations**  
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Phone: 612-633-6933

## Membership: A personal investment



Mary Jo Czaplewski  
Executive Director

Last year, through REPORT, an effort was made to keep all members informed about those factors leading to a dues increase. Recent inquiries about "why the increase" prompt the following comments. Briefly stated, the membership

of NCFR has fallen behind in carrying its share of the cost of providing membership benefits. A detailed analysis of NCFR's entire operating budget showed that it cost NCFR \$43.18 to service each member in 1984-85 with two journals, a newsletter, discounted Annual meeting registration fees, employment service and other benefits.

Each member invested \$50.00 in membership. Of this sum, \$5.00 was rebated to the State Affiliated Council of each member, leaving NCFR with \$1.82 to pay the bills, namely, administration costs and other programs such as the Family Resources Database, Certification, Film Awards, committee functions, Sections. It is true that other sources of revenue such as individual agency subscriptions, the Annual Meeting, and sale of reprints and other materials provide non-dues income, but not enough to keep NCFR from falling into a deficit spending pattern in both 1984 and 1985 despite severe cuts in opera-

tions.

Another prominent factor is that of student memberships. NCFR has subsidized every student membership by \$20.18 for the exact same services provided to all members. Students comprise 28 percent of NCFR's total members. This large percentage of student subsidy explains why total membership support of NCFR declined to 8.3 percent which is 33.1 percent below the national average for membership income to the organization.

The Finance Committee and the Executive Board worked very hard to set the new membership rates and structure as fairly as possible. A June survey of one fourth of the total NCFR members indicated that a) NCFR member services, especially the journals, were highly valued; b) that 51.6 percent of the respondents had household incomes between \$40,000 and \$60,000 or above; and c) that NCFR was a primary organization for

44 percent of the respondents. In addition, many fee formulas were simulated before the current structure and rates were chosen. Advice was sought from all types of members, including students, emeritus and family members.

When you join a professional organization, you are making an investment in your own personal and professional growth. When you make an investment, whether in stocks, bonds or material, the return on that investment is related both to a risk factor as well as to the amount of your original investment. As an NCFR member, you must help support the organization in order to realize the best return on your investment. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," Winston Churchill.

Mary Jo Czaplewski  
Executive Director

## Classified Ads. . . .

### THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA School of Home Economics Department of Human Development and Family Life

Two positions beginning August 16, 1986: (1) Assistant/Associate Professor to teach, conduct research, publish in an area of human development or family relationships. PhD, teaching experience, established record of research and publications required. Experience and/or interest in infant or adolescent development preferred. One degree in Home Economics with major in Child Development at doctoral level preferred. Interest in psycho-physiological research preferred. For Associate Professor rank -- 5 years teaching experience as Assistant Professor and substantial record of research, publications required. (2) Visiting Lectureship for academic year 1986-87 to teach undergraduate or graduate courses. Teaching experience required. PhD with major in Child Development, record of research, publications in one or more specialized areas of human development or family studies preferred. Send applications by April 1, 1986 to: Dr. Tommie Hamner, Department Human Development and Family Life, PO Box 1488, University, AL 35486. The University of Alabama is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Financial stress is a major cause of family dissolution. "Get Out And Stay Out Of Debt" effectively deals with "Debtaholism" that condition where one (family) falls deeper and deeper into debt primarily thru credit card abuse. Provides guidelines to eliminate family indebtedness. 1985 / 177 pages / \$12.95 (p) In California add 6% sales tax. De Guide Publishing, PO Box 0185, San Diego, CA 92115.

APRIL 10-11, 1986 Dr. Luciano L'Abate will be the keynote speaker for a 2-day conference entitled Connections: Issues of Prevention. The conference will be held in Salina, Kansas. Contact Shirley Dwyer, Oasis 1, 225 S. Santa Fe, Salina, Kansas 67401; (913) 823-5529. The conference is funded by DHHS/OHDS/ACYF Children's Bureau.

### FAMILY SCIENCE LECTURER

**POSITION:** Located in the Department of Human Development, Family Living and Community Educational Services in the School of Home Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Position available fall semester, 1986. Responsibilities include teaching family science courses and the promotion of the department through professional and public service. Qualifications: M.S. required, Ph.D. preferred, expertise in family science, teaching experience at college level preferred, demonstrated ability to provide quality instruction, ability to promote the department through public service, effective public relations skills, and interest and ability to recruit students. Salary is dependent upon qualifications. Send application, vita, transcripts and three references by April 7 to: Dr. Judy Jax, Administrative Associate, Department of Human Development, Family Living and Community Educational Services, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI 54751, phone 715-232-1463. University of Wisconsin-Stout is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action University.

### DIRECTOR, CHILD DEVELOPMENT LABORATORIES:

Oklahoma State University is seeking a full time permanent Director to provide dynamic leadership of an established early childhood program. Prefer Associate Professor level; half time administration, quarter time instruction and quarter time research. Candidates should have Ph.D., preferably in child development or early childhood education; administrative experience with young children; and evidence of excellence in teaching and research. Application deadline: MARCH 1, 1986. Send letter, current vita, and three references (with telephone numbers) to: Chair, Director CDL Search Committee, Department of Family Relations and Child Development, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES,

University of Wisconsin--Madison. Tenure-track, 9-month appointment, available August, 1986. Application deadline: April 15, 1986, or until filled. We are looking for someone with strong evidence of potential for scholarship at the forefront of research in the area of family studies, and, in particular, for an individual interested in family interactions and in the family's transactions with the broader social environment. Illustrative research interests include, but are not limited to, marital or parent-child interaction, family violence, transition to parenthood, intergenerational relations, family crises, and the impact of technology on the family. Responsibilities include teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in family studies and supervising M.S. and Ph.D. research. Ph.D. in family studies, family sociology, social psychology, or related field required. Please note: the Child and Family Studies Program does not provide training for individuals pursuing clinical or counseling careers. Applicants should forward a vitae and have three letters of reference sent to: W. Patrick Dickson, Chair, Family Studies Search Committee, Child and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin--Madison, 1430 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706. UW--Madison is an EEO/AA employer.

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**PROFESSOR.** Nine month position open. Qualifications: Ph.D. preferred. Beginning scholar with strong research potential to enhance grantsmanship and teach courses in family relations and minority families. The Human Development and Family Studies area includes four undergraduate programs and a Master's program. Application deadline: March 1 or until position is filled. Send resume, transcripts, and three current letters of recommendation to Dr. Deanna J. Radloff, Chair, Department of Home Economics, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403-0254. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Telephone: Area code 419/372-7823.

### DEAN, COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS -

Twelve month position available July 1, 1986, or no later than January 1, 1987. An earned doctorate from an accredited institution at least one advanced degree from a home economics discipline, and university administrative experience are required. Achievement in research, successful teaching, successful and innovative administration, an awareness of current issues in home economics, and a knowledge of the interdisciplinary nature of home economics and of a land grant institution are desired. Applications to be submitted by April 1, 1986. The search will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Send a letter of application, a vita addressing the above qualifications and five letters of reference to Dr. Darrell Jensen, Chair of Search Committee, South Dakota State University, Box 2220, Brookings, SD 57007-0095. AA,EOE.

### FAMILY STUDIES. The Department of Family and Child Development

invites applicants for a 9-month tenure track position in Family Studies beginning Fall 1986. Rank is open and a Ph.D. in Family Studies or closely related field is required with demonstrated excellence in teaching and research productivity. Undergraduate and graduate level teaching, scholarship, and service are expected. Application deadline is March 15, 1986 or until the position is filled. Send complete academic and employment resume, recent publications, and 3 letters of recommendations to: Dr. Leanne K. Lamke, Chairperson, Search and Screen Committee, Department of Family and Child Development, School of Home Economics, Auburn University, AL 36849. Auburn University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.



# Affiliated Council Activities

## FAMILY LIFE COUNCIL OF GREATER GREENSBORO, INC.

This year's annual meeting followed the theme of abuse prevention. Approximately 50 people attended.

The Family Life Council parenting workshops began in October. The first two workshop sessions were on Discipline and Parent Burn-out. Dr. Ramona Clark delivered the keynote address.

Karen Clark, of the Developmental Evaluation Center, conducted a two-hour session entitled, "Is My Preschooler Normal?", as the first presentation of the morning parenting sessions.

## INDIANA

The ICFR has been researching its annual meeting history. Among the items uncovered:

--For many years the registration fee for the meeting was \$1 for all sessions and 50 cents for a single session. In some years, dues-paying members were admitted free.

--In 1950, people could stay at Ball State University in a room with a bath for between \$3 and \$7.50. The 1953 banquet cost \$2. In 1972, the banquet cost \$3. By 1977, registration was \$7.50 and the luncheon \$5.50. Costs for the 1985 meeting were \$30 for members (including lunch), plus \$15 for the evening banquet.

--In 1968, the total budget was \$406.64; it was \$653.50 in 1973; and in 1980, \$2,215.53.

## KANSAS

Over 200 people attended the fifth annual "Working With Families" family life education seminar and the Ruth Hoeftin Forum on Family Issues held November 9 in conjunction with the KCFR annual meeting and election of officers.

Fourteen workshops and seminars focused on helping families cope with stress. Keynote speaker was Dr. Hamilton McCubbin, president-elect of NCFR and dean, School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences, University of WI-Madison.

McCubbin addressed the issue of family stress and health promotion in the 1980s as a part of the Ruth Hoeftin Forum on Family Issues, a series which recognizes the outstanding contributions of Ruth Hoeftin, former dean of the College of Human Ecology at KS State University. Each year current issues related to families and family development that have interdisciplinary implications are explored.

Dr. Bruce Woods, president of the KCFR and assistant clinical professor, University of KS School of Medicine, Wichita, and Dr. Anthony P. Jurich, professor of family studies and clinical director of marriage and family therapy, KS State University, were also featured speakers.

The "Working With Families" conference was co-sponsored by the KS State University Family Center, KS Rural Wellness Center/Community Hospital of Onaga, KCFR, and KS Extension Home Economics.

Seminar co-directors were Dr. Stephen R. Bollman, professor of family studies and director of the KS State University Family Center, and Charles L. Griffin, marriage and family therapist and coordinator of the KS Rural Wellness Center, Onaga.

The KCFR also co-sponsored a workshop, "Coping with Change in the Country", as a pre-seminar event prior to the "Working with Families" conference.

The workshop focused on the impact of the agricultural crisis on health and well-being in rural communities. Dr.

Cornelia Flora, Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work at KS State University, addressed the impact of the rural crisis in communities. Dr. William Heffernan and Judith Heffernan, University of MO, Dept. of Rural Sociology, examined the effects of farm loss on families.

Panel discussions throughout the day focused on the Farmer's Assistance Counseling and Training Services (a state farm crisis hotline), church and ministerial support services, services for the rural disabled, community mental health center rural services, grassroots support networks, hospital-based wellness services and job re-training programs. Discussion centered on sharing of experience and program models as well as an exploration of existing service gaps.

The workshop was co-sponsored by the KS Rural Wellness Center, KS State University Family Center and KCFR. KCFR president-elect Charles Griffin, M.S., is coordinator of the KS Rural Wellness Center, a wellness Education and Outreach Program exploring the uniquely rural needs of individuals, families and communities in agricultural areas.

Another KCFR member is conducting a seminar in numerous locations around Kansas entitled, "Friends Indeed". It is a personal study program which helps individuals or groups develop informal skills and application in the development of social support networks in communities. Smith is an associate professor in the Dept. of Human Development and Families Studies at KS State University.

President of the KCFR is Kenneth W. Eggeman, Ph.D., Director of Family Center for Wellness, Emporia State University, 1200 Commercial, Emporia, KS 66801.

Other officers are Charles L. Griffin, Manhattan, president-elect; Wayne Howdeshell, Wichita, secretary; Randy Christian, Salina, treasurer; Dr. Howard Barnes, Manhattan, board member-at-large; and Dr. Bruce Woods, Wichita, Dr. Chuck Smith, Manhattan, and Dr. Betsy Bergen, Manhattan, nominating committee.

## MICHIGAN

The MCFR is planning its annual conference for May 15. The group is cooperating with the Extension Family Life program and the MI Home Economics Association for a week-long conference.

The general theme is "Michigan Families--Michigan's Future--Yes in 1986". The MCFR theme is "Building Family Alliances". A main speaker is planned for the morning of the day-long MCFR conference, with the afternoon program devoted to workshops with presenter-leaders in four different subtopics:

1. Building alliances for families in community settings.
2. Building alliances for families in work settings.
3. Building alliances for families with extended family members.
4. Building alliances for families through public policies.

## MINNESOTA

The MCFR sponsored the conference, "Family Violence: Opening Closed Doors", in cooperation with Continuing Education in Social Work and Continuing Education and Extension University of MN, November 21 and 22.

The conference examined the treatment of family violence in a cooperative presentation by the MCFR, the Upper Midwest Association of Marital and Family Therapists, and the MN Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and

Therapists. Continuing Education in Social Work provided financial support from the Program Innovation Fund to underwrite part of the conference costs.

The second day of the conference, sponsored by MCFR, addressed

specific strategies of understanding and treating family violence. In addition to two plenary sessions, the conference offered five tracks of workshops, each in

**See Councils on page 17**

## 1986 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

### BURGESS AWARD

is presented every two years in recognition of continuous and meritorious research contributions to the family field. It is a **career award** and not an award for a single meritorious contribution. Please attach a statement to indicate the specific basis for your nomination(s) to the nomination form listed below, listing three people who can further specify the nominee's qualification. Mail before **April 15, 1986** to: Ira L. Reiss, 5932 Medicine Lake Road, Minneapolis, MN 55422.

### OSBORNE TEACHING AWARD

is presented in memory of **Ernest G. Osborne**, an outstanding family life educator, who served three terms as president of NCFR. This award is given to a NCFR member in recognition of excellence in the teaching of family relations. **Criteria for Selection:** (1) Demonstrated excellence in the teaching of family relationships; (2) Membership in NCFR; (3) Current and probable future engagement in the teaching of family relationships; (4) Willingness to promote dissemination of knowledge through participation in professional meetings and/or to seek publication in the NCFR journals. The award is presented to one individual, but nominations are encouraged for teachers at **any level of education**. Send nomination form and attach statement to indicate basis of nomination, listing names and addresses of 3 additional people to document nominee's qualifications. Mail before **May 1, 1986** to **Marilyn Flick**, 4420 Hilyard, Eugene, OR 97405.

### STUDENT AWARD

is given to a student NCFR member who has demonstrated excellence as a student with high potential for contribution to the field of family studies. **Criteria for Selection:** (1) A student currently enrolled in a **Graduate Program** whose work shows promise of a significant contribution to family studies. It is **not** assumed that research projects or other work be completed at the time of nomination. (2) Membership in NCFR for at least 2 years. Qualified students who are nominated will receive instructions for supplying other supporting credentials including: (a) 3 additional letters of recommendation; (b) brief (1-3 page) statement defining an important problem they see in the field of family studies and outlining possible steps toward its solution; (c) a brief (1-3 page) description or summary of a personal program, research project, publication which they have done that is representative of the quality of their work and area of interest. Nominations should be sent to: **Kathryn Allen**, Child Development and Family Living, Texas Woman's University, PO Box 23975, Denton, TX 76201. Mail before **May 1, 1986**.

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO FAMILIES AWARD

recognizes exceptional volunteer and professional efforts and outstanding leadership in the cause of better family living. Mail nomination form and supporting documents to: **J. Howard Kauffman**, Goshen College, Goshen, IN 46526, by **May 1, 1986**. The nominator must describe in 500 words or less the achievements of the nominee as one who has and is giving outstanding service to the betterment of family living (resume or biographical sketch accepted in support).

### CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

is awarded at any time of the year and represents NCFR recognition of successful local and regional efforts to better family life by individuals or businesses, industries, media or other agencies. Nominations should be sent by **May 1, 1986** to: **J. Howard Kauffman**, Goshen College, Goshen, IN 46526. Nominator should describe in 500 words or less the achievements of the nominee. (Resume, biographical sketch, news clippings can support nominations).

## AWARDS

### NOMINATION FORM:

Use 1 form for each person/organization you nominate and attach form to your documentation. Send to person designated in each above.

Name of Award for which you are nominating \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ (if student, indicate program and institution)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Names of 3 additional persons to document nominee's qualifications:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person nominating \_\_\_\_\_

Title and address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

# Point/Counterpoint. . .New Approach

(Editor's note: The following article by Gregory W. Brock was submitted to REPORT for publication. Dr. Brock also contacted colleagues for responses to his paper. Jay D. Schanefeldt and Wesley Burr responded, and their articles follow Brock's. Similar articles on appropriate topics are welcomed.)

## Family Science Undergraduate Programs:

### It's Time for a New Approach

Gregory W. Brock, Ph.D.  
University of WI-Stout

Throughout higher education, faculty, department chairs and deans are concerned with the viability of undergraduate family science programs. Casual observation would indicate that the number of majors in many programs is decreasing, and as a result, student credit hour production is falling. With these losses, faculty allocations to family science programs are being withdrawn along with other resources. At some universities, family science programs have been eliminated with faculties scattered to other departments. Where the program has not been eliminated, other disciplines in the social sciences, also with severe student credit hour problems, are stepping up turf-raiding efforts. All the social sciences are under stress; times are hard!

Over the past 15 years I have been an undergraduate student, then graduate student, and finally a faculty member of the family science programs offered by four universities, and it appears that our curricula have not evolved significantly from those designed in the 1950s and 60s. Below is an attempt to organize my own thinking about the family science curriculum and its future. My purpose in sharing this thinking is to stimulate discussion, and to introduce an idea that may help stem the tide of undergraduate students who are finding family science less attractive than business and other majors.

### What is the Problem?

One source of the problem certainly lies with the lack of a clear-cut occupational identity for persons who are interested in child development and family science. This issue has been well documented by the Task Force for the Development of a Family Discipline (Burr, 1984; Davis, 1985). Recently, the NCFR membership has taken a stand on using the label of family science for our discipline. Even with this change, however, it will be some time before the lay public will get the message about what we know, and how we can be of help to them.

Family science majors likewise suffer from the lack of an occupational identity. Psychology students can say to Mom or Dad, "I'm studying to a psychologist." The same can be said for sociology (sociologist), nutrition (nutritionist), etc. Even for majors such as hotel and restaurant management and fashion merchandising, there is an occupational label (chef or buyer) that is easily attached to the major and that has real meaning to most people. Not so with family science. Our students tend to use the occupational title of counselor or youth worker in speaking about their goals for an entry level position, but these job titles are not identified with family science. They are typically identified with social work and psychology. In the minds of most lay persons as well as those in the academic community, family science programs do not train majors in anything but family science, whatever that is. Hopefully, as department and program names are changed, our aca-

demical identity will become clearer, but that change will not easily translate into occupational labels for the undergraduates planning on careers outside of academia.

A second source of our problem, I believe is that the major in family science does not have a skills focus. Historically, the undergraduate degree was designed to prepare students for marriage, an entry level mental health related occupation, or graduate work in family science. The curriculum design goals, in which the emphasis was on theory learning and on acquaintance with the problems faced by families, worked well until the 1980s. Today, students can major in business or some other industrially related curriculum and emerge as undergraduates who can take a skill based position that pays well. The old formula, consisting of an undergraduate degree in family (studies), followed by a graduate degree in the skills of counseling or social work and then a professional position in mental health or university teaching is not economically competitive with the incentives provided by other sectors of our economy. As a result, students who were once attracted to family science are taking their credit hours elsewhere. Students are going to other majors not just because of the possibility of a higher paying job, but because we are not training them to provide any specific service except university teaching. We have not adopted the idea that family science at the undergraduate level can focus on changing or intervening in family life.

### The Different Idea

Over the past 15 years a new brand of mental health service has developed. Several labels have been supplied to describe it (prevention services, educational model intervention) (e.g. Guerney, 1982), but more recently the area was designated social skills training (probably not a good label). Social skills training is defined as a form of psychological intervention based on prearranged educational experiences or sequences of educational experiences designed to improve the interpersonal functioning of a target population (L'Abate and Milan, 1985). More specifically, the focus of social skills training is on instruction of individuals, couples, families and groups in new intrapersonal and interpersonal skills in an effort to prevent and remediate problems in living that are typically termed neurosis, existential crises, delinquency, psychosis, developmental delay, etc. Social skills training involves a systematic approach to the delivery of mental health services in which the intervention strategy is clear, unambiguous and teachable to undergraduates who are in the late adolescent, early adulthood phases of individual development. Social skills training is a viable, empirically tested, and possible superior alternative to traditional mental health services. The training is different from that provided to psychologists, social workers, family therapists, and other mental health service providers; professionals whom we believed were the proper family change agents. Is social skills training so revolutionary that existing faculty cannot supply the courses needed to train undergraduates?

For some time now, many family science programs have offered social skills training courses. One example of such a course might be marital enrichment. Unfortunately, these courses tend to be a survey of the different models of enrichment rather than a

training course in which students are taught to conduct one or several brands of marital communication training. Another is parent education in which the various parent education programs are examined. Here again, students are not typically taught to conduct a parent education program. As I see it, if we are to regain vitality in our undergraduate curriculum, we must shift from content and nothing else, to content and skills that can be sold, bought and used to change family life.

A comprehensive curriculum in social skills training might consist of the following:

- A. Content courses in
  1. Child development
  2. Courtship
  3. Marriage
  4. Family development
  5. Adult development
- B. Generic courses in social skills training
  1. Program Design (skills training methodology and curriculum development)
  2. Program Implementation (leadership and group management)
  3. Program Evaluation (basic evaluation research methods)
  4. Basic helping/counseling skills
- C. Training in specific, well tested, and effective social skills programs
  1. Parent Education (STE, STEP, PET or PCRE)
  2. Marital Communication (RE, CC or TIME)
  3. Interpersonal Skills
    - a. children
    - b. adults
    - c. elderly
  4. Assertiveness
  5. Family violence
  6. Drug and substance abuse
  7. Family finance
  8. Heterosocial skills in the workplace
  9. Sexual competence skills
  10. Child birth preparation
  11. Family enrichment
  12. Infant stimulation
  13. Child guidance
  14. Creative activities for young children
  15. Child abuse
  16. Stress and coping
  17. Interpersonal problem solving and decision making
  18. Behavior change and habit management
  19. Stepparenting
  20. Coping with death and grave illness
- D. Internship in Family Intervention
  1. In-program practicum
  2. End-of-program internship

The above curriculum could replace or augment existing family science programs. Students would become proficient as skills trainers whether they wanted to specialize in preschool, business or public practice expressions of their expertise. Existing content courses in human development and family science would provide the content base, and students would take the training courses most appropriate to their interests. Courses now taught on special topics such as the Step Parent Family and Death and Dying would be changed from content only courses to content-intervention courses where students learned social skills training programs for those populations. Lastly, actual experience conducting skills training interventions during and at the end of the program would provide the real world exposure needed to document students' ability to perform as competent

skills trainers.

### Available Resources

What faculty resources are available to implement such a curriculum? Among others, we have strength in the areas of curriculum development, and social skills training program design, delivery, and evaluation. As a result of a drop in the number of Home Economics Education majors, the curriculum development expertise in many departments has not been in as great a demand as in the past. A social skills training focus would rely heavily on the curriculum development skills of faculty to create new training programs and to teach curriculum development in the generic courses listed above.

The intervention faculty in most departments possess well developed skills in training students in social skills programs. Where such expertise is not present, consultants can be paid to teach existing faculty to lead these programs in a very short period of time. Once a faculty member becomes proficient in one program, the same basic skills can be used for other programs. There is no reason to assume that the expertise needed to train students either does not exist or cannot be easily purchased.

To become proficient as skills trainers, students must practice what they learn in class. Implied in such a curriculum are facilities where skills training groups can be conducted. Empty classrooms on weekends and weekday evenings can be used for training groups. In addition, the group participants can take "courses" for which they earn college credit. Adopting a family intervention thrust to the undergraduate curriculum can open the door to many interesting options including the opportunity to conduct research and seek demonstration grant funding.

### Anticipated Outcome

Hopefully, as a result of adding a skills training component to the family science major, male and female students would find the major more attractive. Several forces may account for this change. First, students and faculty would no longer be confused about the goals and intent of the major. Currently, our students do not have a clear grasp on what they know or what they can do with it. The same is true of many faculty. As a result of greater specificity of program goals, we as faculty could do a better job of directing ourselves toward specific department goals. Department profiling might be easier and course development and revision would take on a renewed sense of importance.

Second, as a result of shifting the emphasis in the major to skills training, students could earn certification as Family Life Educators (FLE). While this certification is not widely recognized, it would provide a goal for students to adopt beyond merely completing coursework. Recently, the Minnesota Legislature has passed a bill allocating funds for parents of preschool children to attend parent education training. With FLE certification, our students could be in the running for the positions created by such legislation which I believe is just beginning to have an impact on education and the field of mental health.

Third, a social skills training based curriculum would enable students to access a soon-to-expand market of jobs. One example of such expansion is with health maintenance organizations (HMO). The HMOs are learning that by

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# Coming events

## CALIFORNIA

"Family Life Education for Peace" conference, April 4-5, Aztec Center, San Diego State University, San Diego. Featured speakers: Virginia Satir, Carl Rogers, and Rodrigo Carazo. Contact: Dr. Margaret Armstrong or Dr. Nona Cannon, 619-223-3721.

## ENGLAND

"The Anglo-American Family from the Pre-Industrial Past to the Post Industrial Future", is the seminar hosted by the University of OK College of Liberal Studies in conjunction with Oxford University in England, May 25-June 13. Open to adults and current college students interested in studying the history and sociology of the family within the last two decades. Undergraduate or graduate credit available. Contact: Ms. Barbara Wilson, College of Liberal Studies-Family, 1700 Asp, Norman, OK 73037; 405-325-1061.

## FLORIDA

World Congress of Victimology will meet at the Hilton Hotel, Walt Disney World Village, Lake Buena Vista, July 9-13. Theme: "Victims and the Professions: New Directions and Services". Contact: World Congress, 2333 N Vernon St., Arlington, VA 22207.

## ILLINOIS

"Mental Health Research: Significance for Clinical Practice and Social Policy",

63rd annual meeting, American Orthopsychiatric Association, April 7-11, Hyatt Regency, Chicago. Contact: American Orthopsychiatric Association, 19 W 44th St., Suite 1616, New York, NY 10036; 212-354-5770.

## ISRAEL

Fifth International Congress of Family Therapy, June 22-25, Jerusalem, Israel. Theme: "Family Therapy: The Fourth Decade". Contact: The Secretariat, PO Box 3378, Tel Aviv 61033 Israel.

## MINNESOTA

"Pastoral Ministry to the Chemically Dependent and Their Families", April 28-30, and "4th and 5th Step Ministry", May 1-2, at Hazelden Foundation, Center City, MN. CEUs available. Contact: Hazelden, 1-800-822-0080 (in MN, 612-257-4010, ext. 417).

## NEW YORK

A three-credit hour course jointly sponsored by the College for Human Development and the School of Social Work of Syracuse University will meet at Syracuse University, May 11-15. Approved as a Basic Training Program by the Academy of Family Mediators and provides the 40 hours of instruction required for Associate Membership in the Academy. Contact: Syracuse University Office of Summer Sessions, Syracuse, NY 13244; 315-432-3163/423-3023.

## Rural families featured in Family Relations issue

A 1987 special issue of **Family Relations**, "Rural Families: Stability and Change", is planned.

Economic conditions, mechanization and weather have influenced the out migration of farm families throughout this century. As the number of farmers dwindled and exurbans seeking an unpolluted, less populated, more nature-oriented environment moved in, the composition of rural communities changed. Rural communities are often characterized by stability and traditional values; however, the migration in and out, influences of mass media, and closer links with urban communities has allowed the infusion of new values and lifestyles. As a result rural family life has often changed even though many sub-cultural and regional differences persist.

The purpose of this special issue of **Family Relations** is to bring together articles that address clinical observations, educational practices and programs, current research, and theoretical understandings concerning rural families. Particular attention can be directed toward farm families. Therapists, educators, service providers, theorists and researchers are invited to submit manuscripts on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to: stress, kinship interaction, support systems, migration, parenting, policy issues and implications, time use, quality of life, decision making, aging, family interaction, family therapy, and ethnic or subcultural variation. Articles that are comparative (urban, historical, subcultural, cultural) are encouraged as are articles that review family life extension programs or family life education materials.

Authors are reminded that articles need to explicitly indicate how the information can be used by family life educators, therapists/counselors, policy specialists or evaluation researchers. Articles should present the necessary information so that someone other than the writer can implement the program or replicate the evaluation study. Therefore clear educational objectives, techniques and evaluations need to appear in education-oriented articles. Articles reporting the evaluation of a program need to clearly state the way in which the program was evaluated so that it can be replicated.

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## TEXAS

Plans are being finalized for the 198 annual conference of the TCFR scheduled for April in Arlington. The meeting theme is "The Next 150 Years: Texas Families, Changing, and Changeless". Included as speakers will be Dr. David Olson, University of MN; Dr. Charles Willie, Harvard University; and Dr. Paula Wall, WFAA-TV, Dallas.

President of the TCFR is Dr. John Toulaitos, Dept. of Family Studies and Home Economics, TX Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX 76129; 817-921-7494.

Other officers are: Dr. Connie Steele, president-elect; Bruce Byers, past president; Michael Burnidge, membership vice president; Dr. Paul Glasser, program vice president; Dr. Marianna Rasco, secretary; and Dr. Priscilla McCarty, treasurer.

Newsletter co-editors are Dr. Merry and Tom Evenson, and Dr. Ron Fannin is the annual conference program chair.

## WISCONSIN

"Alcoholism, Sexuality and Family Treatment", was the theme of the March 14 and 15 conference co-sponsored by the WCFR, WI Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists--WIS Section.

Keynote speakers are Avinoam B Chernick and Beryl A. Chernick. The practice in London, Ont., Canada, where Noam is an obstetrician-gynecologist specializing in sex-related programs. Since 1979 he has been the consultant to the Sexual Assault Examination Centre at St. Joseph's Hospital in London. Together with Beryl, they form a cotherapy team for people with marital and sexual dysfunction. They are Fellows of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and certified therapists of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists.

The second day of the conference featured workshops on alcoholism, sexual abuse, addiction, counseling, curriculum development, comparing work systems and family systems, and other related topics.

The conference was designed to bring together therapists, educators, and researchers from the fields of marriage and family therapy, family life education, and human sexuality to share their current work and exchange ideas in two of the most salient foci of family work today: alcoholism and sexuality.

## Free Registration! Student Volunteers Needed for NCFR Annual Meeting

NCFR's 1986 annual meeting will be held on November 3-7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan (a suburb of Detroit). Student volunteers will be needed to help with registration, local information, press room, employment service, audio-visual and hosting/hostessing.

\*Note: Students receive free registration to the conference for working eight hours. NCFR student members will be given first chances on these openings. Students who are not NCFR members will be given any remaining volunteer positions.

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spending a little money on preventive education for their clients they can save a lot of money in treatment costs. As a result, they have instituted childbirth preparation classes, smoking cessation programs, high blood pressure management classes, and the list goes on and on. With expertise in skills training, HMOs will want to hire our students because they will be lower cost, highly competent personnel who can design, conduct and evaluate prevention programming. Business and industry employers through the Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) are also realizing the need for educative, prevention and remedial programming, and they will also be a source of jobs for our students. Beyond the HMO and EAP potential employers, the business management training field is well developed and our students would possess the right skills to work as Human Development Trainers. There are many, many opportunities both currently and potentially available to those with expertise in family science content and social skills training ability.

Lastly, we might come to realize that our undergraduates possess expertise and knowledge that really does serve as a prerequisite to graduate work in the family field. I have noticed that we (graduate program admissions committees) admit students from virtually any undergraduate major. Clearly, if undergraduate education in family science was important to graduate study, we would have a strong preference for such prior training, but evidently that is not the case. One consequence of admitting non-family science students to our graduate programs is that instruction at the graduate level must include undergraduate level material and the caliber of our graduate training is diminished. A second consequence is that the family field does not advance more quickly because graduate students are not highly trained enough to challenge faculty. Lack of strength in our undergraduate programs undermines the entire field.

### Conclusion

Family science undergraduate programs have not kept pace with the education needed by today's students. We must come to terms with the pseudo-skills training orientation of our existing curricula. As is stated above, family (studies) programs have offered skills training in courses for years. Unfortunately, that skills training has primarily consisted of training in basic listening skills and the same training has crept into nearly every course. As a result, students complain about course redundancy, and faculty reject adding skills components to courses because they believe the curriculum is already overburdened with skills to the neglect of theory.

In my opinion, if we are to increase the attractiveness and vitality of the family science major, we must add a component to the undergraduate curriculum, and that component needs to be training in real skills that will allow students to sell their knowledge. We can no longer depend on the largess of other majors to generate the bulk of our student credit hours through a basic courtship and marriage course. We must redevelop a thrust of our own, and I believe social skills training is one of the best and most easily implemented that is currently available.

More information about social skills training can be obtained from the Interpersonal Skills Training and Research Association - Luciano L'Abate, Ph.D., University Plaza, GA State University,

Atlanta, GA 30303. Also, if you are interested in more detailed curriculum materials for a social skills training focused family science program write to: Gregory W. Brock, Ph.D., 128 H.E., University of WI-Stout, Menomonie, WI 54751.

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### Skills Focus in Family Science: The Good Gift or the Road to Destruction?

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It is not often that one reads a provocative and insightful statement about family life education, but the Brock article, "Family Science Undergraduate Programs: It's Time for a New Approach", is such a paper. The Brock thesis is that family science programs are often jaded, wed to content, and that neither faculty nor students have a clear identity as to what they are about. This mixture of confusion created frustration for faculty, students, and perpetuation of this malady is manifest in our graduate students since "graduate admissions committees admit students from virtually any undergraduate major."

We can correct this state of affairs by refocusing, by making our programs **social skills oriented** and capitalizing on a **job market** that begs for us, but we are not responsive to the invitation. This is the Brock thesis. Is it the elusive road to Mecca that will bring salvation to family science programs?

The thesis is so inviting as to be programmatically intoxicating, but is it so implausible that the risks are astronomical? Some of the major risks include:

- A. Can a research and theory oriented faculty do this type of training? Brock asserts that they can or that programs can quickly obtain such training from consultants. However, graduate faculty are rewarded for doing rather different activities than engage in social skills training. Faculty may agree with the Brock thesis, but have little or no incentive to change since they do not perceive rewards for a new focus.
- B. A second serious question that needs additional attention is that of job market. We may be able to switch to social skills training, but will that attract the new troops of students? Can students be lured from business, engineering and computer science?
- C. A third and related problem goes beyond that of student recruitment, it has to do with salary and retention in the family science discipline. The crisis in present public education is a good example of the problem. The exit of teachers from the profession is very high and a national shortage of teachers is now predicted because the new recruits are no longer marching to colleges of education. They are entering

attractive slots in business, computer science and production at salaries typical of 20-year veterans in public education.

### A Time for New Vision

But I may be caught up in the problem that Brock calls a faculty orientation that prefers content. An orientation to research, theory, and dedication to professional activities go way beyond the borders of the campus. Is it time to focus on undergraduate programs? Is the program demise, student attrition, and confusion sufficient to dictate a new paradigm? Is it time to change a family life education focus that was started 40-50 years ago by Groves, Burgess, Landis, Osborne and Hill?

Schvaneveldt (1971) argued that the role of the family life educator is filled with ambiguity, further that "professionalism is a dilemma because people within a role want a public and professional image that is sometimes unrealistic, sometimes unobtainable, and sometimes unjustifiable" (p. 9). I asserted that the profession is partially stymied because we do not have a restricted knowledge and we do not relieve pain or fear. I also noted that when we are able as a profession to cure ills, comfort people, and have a more restricted knowledge, then we will have arrived as a profession. It just may be that papers of the Brock vintage are professional alarm clocks waking us from the habits of day-to-day labor in a work setting that fails to see a new tomorrow. After all, we have a new name of family science -- should we now adopt some new behaviors?

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### More On Undergraduate Programs

By Wesley R. Burr

The publication of Brock's thought-provoking article in NCFR REPORT is heartening because it shows that this newsletter can be a forum where we can deal with issues and challenges in the field. Hopefully, articles such as this will continue to appear.

Much needs to be said about the issue Brock deals with. One additional idea is that we need to identify what it is that family scientists are (or should be) uniquely prepared to do. Family therapy, enrichment, and extension are examples of professional avenues where family scientists offer unique services, but we have not clarified, yet, what it is that is unique in other professional and avocational avenues. Brock suggests that social skills training may be another area, and it sounds promising. Next, though, the hard question. What would family scientists do in social skills training that would be unique from what a psychologist or social workers (who is not also a family scientist) would do?

A thought that may help answer this question is that much of the knowledge that has been acquired in the older disciplines is knowledge about the public spheres of life; and it is not directly applicable to the private, personal, family sphere. Some communication skills, for example, are helpful in the "public" realm of our lives, and family scientists have little that is unique to contribute about these skills. There are, however, other communication skills that are helpful in communicating in long-term, intimate, personal, deeply affect-

tive, and kinship-bound relationship. Family science has important "unique" information about these skills, and we should be able to offer knowledge and training about these skills that can help people. As we try to identify new professional and avocational avenues for family scientists, we need to focus our attention first on these unique aspects of family science. We can then combine these unique aspects with useful knowledge in the other disciplines, adjust our curricula to capitalize on these bodies of knowledge, and enhance the relevant career opportunities.

There is a great deal that needs to be done along these lines. Hopefully, the continuing dialogue in REPORT and the activities in the new Family Discipline section in NCFR will help us deal with these challenges.

## Family Perspective plans issue on culture

The journal, *Family Perspective* is pleased to announce plans to publish a special theme issue on the topic "Cultural and Ethnic Perspectives on the Family". The emphasis of the issue will be on a broad coverage of ethnic and cultural groups rather than any particular substantive area of family dynamics (such as mate selection, violence, etc.). Interested social scientists are invited to submit family-oriented papers dealing with any of the following groups:

- ethnic, regional, or religious group within the United States (Black families, Mexican American, Native American families, the Mormon family, Amish families, etc.)
- cultural/family diversity around the world (family in history, families in other societies (French-Canada, modern China, etc.))
- cross-cultural comparisons (using ethnographic samples of world societies) to analyze broad patterns of family dynamics.
- cross-national comparisons of selected aspects of family life in the United States compared with one or two other societies.
- methodological or theoretical "meta-comparative" papers dealing with the importance of extending beyond the traditional white U.S. sample or the search for "universal" aspects of families.

Additional weight will be given to papers that combine a succinct but complete review of family-life within an ethnic or cultural grouping with some kind of empirical contribution. Approximately seven or eight papers (of 15 to 25 double-spaced pages in length) will be accepted.

Interested authors may submit manuscripts between November 1, 1985 and June 30, 1986. Since only one article per cultural or ethnic group can be accepted, early submission is recommended. Submit complete manuscripts to either guest-editor:

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# Price reviewed NCFR beginnings

(Editor's note: A number of requests were made for copies of Sharon Price's (NCFR 1985 president) presidential address at the 1985 annual conference in Dallas. Here is the text of her speech.)

Greetings to everyone here. I am pleased to see a lot of old and new friends at this session and I hope there are people here who will be future friends.

Being President of the National Council on Family Relations has been a phenomenal learning experience. One of the first things I discovered was that the view of our organization from this position is different - sometimes radically different - from other positions I held as a member, as a participant on several organizational committees, as a section chair, or as VP of the Annual Program. I discovered it necessitated an adjustment in my perspective as the entire organization was my territory. The president has a definite advantage (or some past presidents might say it's a disadvantage) of being familiar with all facets, activities, and goals of the organization. And that experience is what I am basing my comments on - my **Alpha and Omega** -- my first and last chance to talk to you as president of NCFR.

As I entered this position (which was like baptism by fire) I became aware of some of the challenges and opportunities confronting NCFR. Consequently, I decided to speak to you about NCFR: (1) why it was established, (2) the forces that are acting on our organization, and (3) what NCFR is doing and can do in order to meet these challenges.

Nineteen thirty eight was truly an

historical year: Hitler invaded Austria, Franco began his offensive into Catalonia, Japan invaded Canton, minimum wage standards were set in the U.S., the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the University of MO had to admit blacks to the law school, NCFR was organized, and I was born. A small group of professionals, including Rabbi Sidney Goldstein, Ernest Burgess, and Paul Sayre, in an effort "to bring together men and women in different fields of family living as a permanent association for the consideration of family relations" organized NCFR. However, it was not until 1945, or 40 years ago, that NCFR's charter was filed. On that original charter the purposes of NCFR are listed as being:

(1) To bring together persons from various disciplines interested in marriage and families for conferences, and consideration of activities directed toward strengthening families;

(2) To stimulate and conduct research in the field of marriage and the family and to disseminate the findings of research through publications and educational programs;

(3) To encourage sound programs of education for marriage and family life in schools, colleges, churches, community centers, and other organizations; and

(4) To work with the affiliated regional and state organizations.

In my opinion, NCFR has not lost sight of these original purposes. Rather, it has and is fulfilling these purposes through the publications of our journals, endorsement of other journals, our Annual Meeting, the Research and Theory workshop, the program to certify Family Life Educators, the establishment

of the Family Resources Database, the establishment of various task forces, an increasing number of sections dealing with areas of interest to our members, and functions of the Congress of Affiliated Councils -- in addition to numerous other day-to-day contacts and activities.

However, we must look at the future. NCFR, the same as other volunteer organizations, will be affected by societal changes over which we have no control and we must consider these forces in our planning processes.

Today I want to talk about two of these forces: **DEMOGRAPHICS** and the **INFORMATION SOCIETY**.

August Comte asserted "demography is destiny" and for NCFR he may have been correct. The reality is that any potential NCFR member for the next 2-3 decades has already been born. On the other hand, and based on actuarial tables we also know how many people in each age group can be expected to die from natural causes. Consequently, barring a national catastrophe, our potential membership pool is set.

There are three groups moving through our demographic profile which, combined with other changes will have an influence on us: the Baby Boomers, the Baby Bust, and the Echo of the Baby Boomers.

During the 1960s, the Baby Boomers began to pour into the adult population pool, and by 1970 they had become the dominant age group in our society. The Baby Boomers - now often referred to as Yuppies - created and sustained the civil rights movement, the environmental protection movement, and the anti-war movement. Today their values, their

economic ideals, and their behavior have altered both U.S. culture and politics. They have even set new market tastes in food, clothing, popular music.

Now this has meaning to NCFR! NCFR is a baby boom organization. Approximately 65 percent of our membership between 25-44 years old and 15 percent of our membership has household incomes of above \$50,000. This means we have a relatively young and hopefully energetic - organization that we will have a sufficient pool of leaders during the next few decades and our membership can no longer be described as "poverty stricken".

However, as Baby Boomers move through career sequences, we can expect "mid-career compaction". Career progress of individuals will be blocked but simply because there will be no room for them to move up. As a result, NCFR as other organizations whose members are involved in salaried employment, will likely find new demands on it. We will see demands for job locator systems, demands for information about training opportunities offered by self-employment; as well as demands for educational programs and support systems to aid our members in making career transitions. We can also expect some people simply to change careers altogether, therefore dropping the membership in NCFR.

The second group is the Baby Bust. This describes the low birth rate from 1965-1980. As a result of this decrease the young adult portion of the U.S.

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population began to decline in 1977 - and will continue to decline until 1995. This means the potential new workers entering the labor force in the U.S. over the next 10 years will decline by approximately 25 percent. Consequently, new recruits for U.S. employers will increasingly be women and minorities. During the 1970s an average of 55 out of every 100 new hires in the U.S. were women. This is expected to increase to 65 out of 100 by the mid-1990s. In the 70s, minorities made up 11-12 percent of all new hires and this is expected to increase to 17-18 percent by the mid-1990s. In spite of these increases in the employment rate of women and minorities, it is projected the U.S. will have to import from 20-30,000,000 workers during the next 15 years. And those imported workers are not potential members for NCFR.

Because most of our members do not join NCFR until graduate school or post-education, we have not really witnessed the impact of this reduction in the workforce. However, it seems safe to assume there will be fewer potential members, and we can anticipate having to pay higher costs for the persons who work for our organization. The problems of wage inflation and shortages of potential members will be amplified.

In 1982, the U.S. Census Bureau announced a new Baby Boom was under way. It is projected to peak in 1988-1989, with the birth of approximately 40 million babies over the last ten years, or a little less than the post-war baby boom. Assuming this Echo of the Baby Boom comes about, and if numbers alone mean anything, the potential member pool will increase in about 25 to 30 years. However, we must address this issue before the 2015

These demographic changes will be accompanied by vast changes in the labor force created by our information society. Alvin Toffler, in his book, *The Third World*, wrote:

*"A new civilization is emerging in our lives and blind men everywhere are trying to suppress it. This civilization brings with it new family styles; changed ways of working, loving and living; a new economy; new political conflicts; and beyond all this, an altered consciousness."*

We are into a new age - call it what you will -- the Electronic Age, the Information Age, the Post Industrial Age. Regardless of its name, within 10 years it will totally immerse us.

The impact of this new age is already evident in the overwhelming predominance of information related workers in our society, i.e., over 50 percent of the workers in the U.S. are white collar or information workers, including executives, managers, analysts, programmers, teachers, professors, designers, illustrators, sales representatives, copy writers, statistical clerks and secretaries, etc.

Between now and 1995, the single most important reality regarding the labor force will be in the continued dominance of information related work. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that more new positions for secretaries will be created during the 80s and 90s than for any other job -- a total of 1.5 million. Further, other fast growing occupations include paralegal personnel which is supposed to increase 109 percent, computer operators (72 percent), computer system analysts (68 percent) travel and accommodations arrangers (43 percent). While NCFR and its members are definitely in the business of producing and consuming information, these high

growth professions are not where NCFR gets its membership.

Let's trace the growth of this information society in relation to our organization. Until 1844 the movement of information meant moving either people or things (i.e. either meetings or the mail). Then came the telegraph and then the telephone, followed by radio and television -- the latter of which permitted the movement of information without moving people or things.

Since the time NCFR was organized, however, there has been a steady growth in the total sales of traditional information products, including books, magazines, and newspapers and in the flow of information via radio and television. In the late 1950s more specialized information products began to appear in growing numbers, including newsletters, survey data, and mailing lists. During the same period, there was a steady increase in information media as well -- beginning with films and records in the 1950s, and adding audio and video tapes in the 1960s. During the 1970s important new information products entered the market -- such as software and databases and new delivery media -- including videodisks and both hard and floppy data disks.

During this same period, the rising power and diminishing costs of computers have steadily reduced the expense of producing information. This has led to an even more explosive growth in the variety of information that is available in the marketplace.

The growing demand for this information is manifest. The steady growth of education -- especially adult education -- reflects this demand, and has made human resources development America's second largest industry -- soon to become our largest industry. We are all aware of the increase in the numbers of conferences, exhibitions, and training seminars over the past decade. This growth has been attributed to the **NEED FOR EITHER DISSEMINATING OR ACQUIRING NEW INFORMATION**. But, while the demand for -- and supply of -- information has grown exponentially over the last 25 years, the principal means of information exchange has remained locked in the 19th century. This is about to change.

During the next ten years, while we don't expect to see a "paperless society" we can expect to see the installation of an extensive new electronic "info-structure". This development will be so powerful and so pervasive a force for change in every aspect of NCFR's operations that we must consider its implications whenever we think about the future. Within ten years, both technology forecasts and market surveys indicate that 60-75 percent of all businesses and households will own computers. Every one of these computers represents potential information consumers, information producers and information users.

Consumers, including our members, will routinely access databases producing information on products and services. On the other hand, organizations such as ours will be able to quickly survey members on everything from changes in policy to information about members and publications. We must accept the fact that the electronic info-structure will be an increasingly significant factor in the dynamics arising from every other major change or innovation that occurs in our organization from now on.

Today's question is: **How can NCFR meet these challenges presented to us by demographics and**

**the information society?** I will address only three of these.

1. The first and most important one is **NCFR must establish those sources of income, accompanied by other financially related decisions, which will protect us from constant economic crisis.** While NCFR is solvent (barely) we have always operated on less than the proverbial shoe string. We were organized in 1938, but our first deficit was not reported until 1940. If we had not had the highest quality and committed headquarters staff, officers, and boards, the organization would never have survived.

This last year we have spent considerable time and energy in dealing with finances. In so far as possible, we conducted a realistic evaluation of NCFR's financial situation. This examination led to the conclusion that over the past few years our national headquarters, while attempting to continue quality services to members and fulfill the organization's basic purposes, had cut back on expenses as much as possible. Therefore, our sources of revenue needed to be completely overhauled. This analysis led to several decisions, including the purchase of office equipment instead of year to year rental, a dues increase, increased charges for all services performed by our organization, including annual meetings, subscriptions, etc. **The bottom line is:** NCFR, the same as the rest of us, cannot continue to provide services which result in continuous deficient spending.

I also appointed an outstanding committee, chaired by Graham Spanier, to develop a comprehensive multi-faceted, multi-year plan for fund raising for this organization. We are one of the few organizations that has no endowment to fall back on. This plan was approved by the Board just this week.

I want to emphasize that while our Executive Officer will bear much of the responsibility for identifying prospective funding sources and supervising the technical aspects of this fundraising drive, it is **the Board and members of NCFR who must be committed to such a project: We cannot expect "outsiders" to contribute to the support of our organization unless we initiate such a move.**

We also need to be more careful in our planning and implementation of new programs and projects. Too often, the various Boards of NCFR have been gullible (me as much as anyone else) of voting to implement new projects or programs without considering the long term economic impact of these decisions, and then expecting our National headquarters to absorb the shortage of funds. I am pleased the Board has approved a policy that requires all proposals of new programs or projects to be accompanied with a detailed economic impact statement.

2. Closely related to finances (we actually get less than half of our revenue from our members) we need to **develop recruitment and retention programs for members.** During the last few years our organization has simply not had the resources to do this. The consequence is evident. Our membership has declined from a high of 5200 in 1979 to approximately 4465 today. (The good news is, that is up from last year.) This is particularly relevant as it means our membership has declined at the same time the workforce has expanded with the onslaught of the Baby Boom. If this continues, we can

expect even greater decreases during the Baby Bust.

Our organization needs to constantly recruit new members in order to replace members lost by natural attrition, for economic reasons, in order to add new blood hopefully accompanied by new ideas and energy, and in order to fulfill our original purpose of diversity membership.

We have evolved into primarily an academic affiliated organization. I certainly would not criticize this, but I do believe we could increase the richness of our projects, our publications, and programs by adding persons from other fields. Through new efforts by our **sections and focus groups**, as well as continued efforts by the **Affiliated Councils**, we need to reach out to among others, the health field (which is at last recognizing that patients may have families), the corporate world (which is increasingly dealing with the fact that the demands of work roles and family roles do not always coincide), the religious world (which focuses on family issues from cradle to grave), and the legal field (which plays major roles, not only in the implementation and interpretation of laws but, in the making of the laws which affect families). My point is **we have not tapped these outside fields and the pool of potential members is there.**

We need to work harder on retaining our members. The average life of a member of NCFR is a little over eight years (only 10 percent of our members have been members for 10 years or longer). Students may not be the answer to this problem. An analysis of our membership for ten years reveals that only 7 percent of the student members continue membership when they are no longer in that status.

We need to implement very selective direct mail campaigns, telemarketing campaigns, exit interviews for former members, and follow-up programs for new members. However, the most effective way to recruit members to a volunteer organization is for present members to nominate prospective members. The primary reasons people do not join volunteer organizations is that they don't know about them and no one asked. This is very relevant to our organization. The Orthner commission found that while people knew our journals, they do not know about the organization. In this age of increasing high technology it will be the personal touch that makes the difference.

Therefore, as members we need to be more active and responsible in recruiting new members. This is in opposition to our recent pattern where we have allowed other organizations to nibble away at our membership. We can no longer be passive.

3. **NCFR needs to become more entrepreneurial.** This is the decade of the entrepreneur -- NCFR needs to join the movement. Not-for-profit does not mean non-profit. NCFR needs to develop new projects within the boundaries of our original purposes. The information society has created new markets and new opportunities. We need, through our sections and/or our affiliated councils, to **develop needed topical seminars and workshops on a state and regional basis.** At present, 45 percent of our membership are asking for such programs. All professionals who work with, conduct research about, or teach

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about families within a given geographic area, need to be invited to these programs.

Our members, as well as other family-related professionals, will increasingly demand continuing education programs in order to cope with the onslaught of information about families. It is our decision what role we will play in response to these needs.

NCFR needs to support and develop our program in Certification of Family Life Educators. This program can identify qualified practitioners and recognize their expertise. In addition, we can assist in determining practitioners' development and self-improvement by identifying a needed body of knowledge and establishing professional standards.

Such a program can result in improved academic programs, enhance the prestige of our profession, and increase the influence of our association. And a very important point is -- IF WE DON'T DO IT SOMEBODY ELSE WILL.

Through the info-structure and our Family Resources Database, this organization has the potential of providing numerous services to our members including job locator services, book reviews, curriculum guides, legislative information, etc. There is almost no limit to its potential. In fact, through the information technology we could offer a wide variety of relevant programs via teleconferencing. In addition, we as members can network, thereby increasing our capabilities to communicate with each other.

NCFR could establish a service for "speakers" and consultants for the purpose of referring our members for participation in mass media and as speakers at relevant meetings as well as consultants to those businesses, agencies, etc., which are dealing with

family issues. Of course, honorariums earned in this manner would be shared with the national organization. At present, it would help if our members would identify themselves as members of NCFR when on TV, radio, speakers, etc.

Our organization does an excellent job in publishing our professional journals. However, as an entrepreneur we need to expand this capability. In the future our organization needs to investigate the feasibility of publishing in the more applied or even popular areas. The members of this organization hold more knowledge about families than probably any other organization in North America. We may be the only organization dealing with families that really bring together theory, research, and application. We need to expand our resources to include publications which we would find on the desks of primary and secondary school teachers, in family homes, and perhaps even the grocery stores.

These entrepreneurial activities will result in increased revenues for the organization, thereby allowing for increased services to members. In addition, it would result in increased publicity for NCFR, which should result in increased and sustained membership.

To summarize, the next few decades will be a very exciting, but challenging, time for NCFR. We must continue to emphasize good management and good government in our organization. We will have to tighten up and get more efficient if we are to survive in an increasingly competitive volunteer organizational world. But tightening up does not mean reverting to old style principles. Rather, it means loosening up and reaching out. The great imperative will be to change -- to adapt and to innovate -- the great opportunity will be to do so effectively.

## California adopts act

California has adopted the Uniform Premarital Agreement Act, (UPAA) joining North Dakota and Virginia as the third state to enact this legislation. The UPAA was originally promulgated by the Uniform Law Commissioners in 1983 and received the American Bar Association's endorsement in 1983 at its Annual Convention in Las Vegas, NV.

Most states have little or no legislation governing premarital agreements, making their scope and enforceability unclear. Under the UPAA, people executing agreements in contemplation of marriage can be assured their agreements will be legally binding as long as the agreements are entered with adequate disclosure of such matters as individual financial condition.

For premarital agreements to be enforceable, they must be in writing and signed by both parties. Premarital agreements are only effective upon marriage. These agreements may not be enforced if a spouse can prove that proper disclosure did not take place or that an agreement was unconscionable when entered. And premarital agreements will not be enforced against children's interests that will be adversely affected.

Premarital agreements are frequently sought by couples to protect their interests in the event of divorce or death. But they can be used as well to organize the obligations of husband and wife during marriage, thereby eliminating the potential for marital conflict.

According to the California Uniform Law Commission, "the purpose of this bill is to provide for certainty and a certain amount of flexibility in the execution of premarital agreements."

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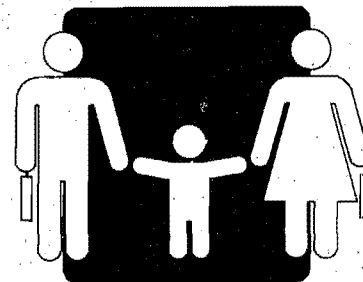
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The conference, "Work and Family: Seeking A New Balance", is co-spon-



sored by The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (BNA) and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in cooperation with the National Association of Manufacturers and the AFL-CIO. BNA is a leading publisher of information services on employee relations, business and economics, law, taxation, environmental protection, and other public policy issues.

Many organizations interested in family and work issues are contributing their support to this conference, including

the American Association of University Women; American Society for Personnel Administration; Catalyst; Coalition of Labor Union Women; Family Service America; National Alliance of Business; National Association of Social Workers; National Council on Family Relations; New York State School of Industrial Labor Relations, Cornell University; U.S. Small Business Administration; U.S. Conference of Mayors; and Work in America Institute.

Topics to be discussed at the conference include child care; alternative work patterns; maternity and paternity leave policies; impact of demographic changes in the workplace; and non-traditional approaches to employee benefits.

Registration for the two-day conference is \$100. For further information, contact Nancy Sainburg, 202-728-3371.

## Dropouts studied in report

Teachers College Board, in its Spring, 1986 (February) issue, published a set of articles treating recent research and policy trends regarding "School Dropouts: Patterns and Policies".

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## WORKING WIVES, WORKING HUSBANDS

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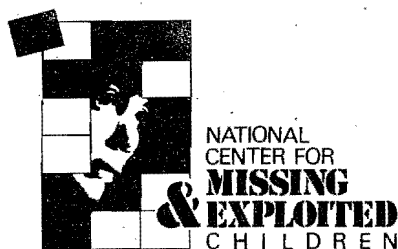
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## Chapters welcome for new book

Individuals interested in professional issues in the new family science discipline are invited to submit outlines of a possible chapter in an edited book/manual tentatively titled **Professional Issues in Family Science**. The final product is to be a practical manual to help students, both undergraduates and graduates in family science, plan for their future careers.

Emphasis will be on helping students prepare for non-academic careers, although there will be helps for students looking at an academic career.

We are looking for chapters dealing with the following: history of the development of the family science discipline; traditional and non-traditional career possibilities; determining your interests and abilities as a family science professional; preparing for a career in family science -- including academic course work, certifications, and volunteer work; finding positions in academia, social service organizations, business, government, etc.; getting the position -- resumes, interviewing, etc.; and career development -- academic and non-academic.

Anyone interested in contributing should contact Dr. Thomas B. Holman by no later than **May 1, 1986**. He may be reached at the address below or by phone at 801-378-6704. Outlines or abstracts are due **October 15, 1986**, to Drs. Thomas B. Holman and Barbara

Vance, Department of Family Sciences, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602. We will have a meeting of all prospective authors at the annual meeting in November in Dearborn; time and place to be announced.

### Producers sought

Cinema Sound Track, producers of a television drama on the subject of Adolescent Depression, is seeking co-sponsors and/or co-producers who can provide financial or informational assistance to produce an hour-long television drama, "Trailers".

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Abstracts should be sent by May 15,

## Papers needed at meeting of SSSS

"Families' Impact on Sexuality" in the theme of the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, November 13-16 at St. Louis Union Station, Omni International Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

The deadline for submissions is **May 1**. The program committee encourages papers related to the central theme of the meeting, particularly in exploring such issues as (1) the manner in which sexual attitudes and behaviors are shaped by families; (2) the ways in which sexuality may affect the family institution; and (3) how diverse family forms relate to a wide variety of sexual issues.

Possibilities for presentations include oral presentations, roundtable discussions, symposia and workshops.

For more information contact Deborah Weinstein, Executive Director, SSSS, PO Box 29795, Philadelphia, PA 19117; 215-782-1430; or Howard J. Ruppell Jr., Chair 1986 SSSS meeting, 608 Fifth Ave. N., Mt. Vernon, IA 52314; 319-895-8124.

## Utah State offers degree

The Department of Family and Human Development in the College of Family at UT State University has been approved to offer the Ph.D. degree and the first group of students will enter the program in the Fall of 1986. Very attractive fellowships and assistantships are available and prospective candidates for this new doctoral program are invited to apply for admission and to be reviewed for these monies. Candidates for this new program can obtain specific information by writing to:

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Dept. Family and Human Development  
Utah State University  
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### Gender roles topics of issue

The December 1986 issue of the **Journal of Family Issues** will be devoted to papers dealing with Gender Roles in the Family. Both empirical and theoretical papers are invited, and papers dealing with both contemporary societies and historical change will be considered.

Papers should be prepared in the new American Sociological Association format (see the February issue of the **Journal of Marriage and the Family**) and should be submitted in four copies by **April 30, 1986**. Submissions and inquiries should be directed to the special issue editor, Dr. Jean Atkinson, Child and Family Studies Program, 1300 Linden Drive, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

1986 to Janet S. Chafetz, Department of Sociology, University of Houston-University Park, Houston, Texas 77004.

On the basis of the abstracts, authors will be invited to submit final papers, no longer than 25 pages all inclusive, by September 15, 1986. Anticipated publication date March or June, 1987.

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# Reuben Hill award discussed at section meeting

The Reuben Hill award was one of the items discussed at the Research and Theory Section business meeting in Dallas in November.

Jay Schvaneveldt, chair of the Reuben Hill Award committee, announced the recipients of the award: Elizabeth Mutran and Donald C. Reitzes. They received the award for their article, "Intergenerational Support Activities and Well-being Among the Elderly: A Convergence of Exchange and Symbolic Interactionist Perspectives". (*American Sociological Review* 49 (1984) :117-130). A letter of acceptance was read from the recipients.

Schvaneveldt expressed the need for new appointments to replace those rotating off the Reuben Hill Award Committee. He asked that persons interested in serving on the committee, or those with nominations, contact Viktor Gecas, Dept. of Rural Sociology, WA State University, Pullman, WA 99164.

Schvaneveldt noted that 14 journals were reviewed for potential articles for the award, but the committee believed that more journals should be identified for

inspection.

Section members discussed ways to ensure that researchers doing qualitative research are given equal opportunity for the award. Suggestions were made for altering the criteria to give equal treatment to qualitative and quantitative research: These included: (1) shift points away from the methodology criteria; (2) add additional criterion that would allow reviewer to give a subjective rating to the article.

Some section members noted that the present criteria are well-suited to accommodate qualitative research. Others said that the composition of the selection committee should include those with qualitative backgrounds. Gecas said that he would take the discussion into consideration as he makes appointments for the coming year.

Karen Altergott presented the Nominations Committee report. She moved that the vice chair serve as chair of the Nominating Committee, and the discussion pointed out various potential problems with this motion: (1) vice chair could then not be nominated for another office; (2) might promote in-breeding in the Sec-

tion. A motion was made to table the issue, and Altergott subsequently withdrew her motion.

Nominated for chair of the Reuben Hill Award Committee for 1986 are: Helen Mederer, Gary Peterson, and Marilyn Ihinger-Tallman. Jay Schvaneveldt will chair the committee for the coming year. Nominees for the Nominating Committee of the section were: Randal Day, Kay Pasley, and Sally Lloyd.

Session paper reviews for the coming meeting will be requested and sent out for blind review. Gecas told members that the number of sessions at the next meeting has been reduced from 19 to 13.

Ivan Nye moved that the Section adopt the following resolution: Whereas there is to be a reduction in the number of paper sessions at the upcoming meeting of NCFR, such reduction will reduce the number of papers presented. Be it resolved that the number of sessions at the upcoming meeting of NCFR not be reduced.

The resolution was approved. Barbara Settles exhorted Viktor Gecas to be "creative" in his attempt to get appropriate rooms for the Section at the next meeting.

Tony Jurich announced that the Board is considering eliminating Section chairs from membership on the Board of Directors (see related article in this issue of REPORT). A Task Force has been named to study the issue. Wesley Burdett noted that if Section chairs are on the Board, it puts a light on the number of new sections that might be approved.

The balance in the section's general fund on October 1, 1985, was \$9,286. The balance in the Reuben Hill account is \$6,440.

The previous year's Section chair Lynda Henley Walters, thanked Schvaneveldt for service as chair of the Reuben Hill Award committee, and to Karen Altergott as vice chair, and Mary Jane Van Meter as secretary-treasurer. Present chair of the section is Viktor Gecas.

## Students/Young Professionals identify members

We have heard from many of you lately regarding your concerns as students and young professionals. One observation stands out in the correspondence we have received: Many of our members are completing their degrees while working in professional careers at the same time. Your letters and the comments expressed at the Skills Exchange in Dallas indicate that there is a growing awareness that most of us are not strictly students or young professionals. This observation highlights several issues that we are addressing: 1) Who are the NCFR members who identify with the Student/Young Professional "group" within NCFR? 2) What specific actions should we take to best represent your diverse needs at the national level? 3) What is a more appropriate definition and name for our membership?

The terms "student" and "young professional" do not adequately capture the people we represent in NCFR since many of us are in varying stages of professional development, most often including some combination of new or mature student, and new or experienced professional. Our group includes people who balance many roles, and we wish to acknowledge that although we are integrated into all levels of NCFR, we do share the unique situation of establishing or maintaining a professional identity while still having ties, in some cases, to the status of student.

We have identified three groups whom we represent: full time students, individuals who are both students and professionals, and new or young professionals. One of our goals, in conjunction with the NCFR Membership Committee, is to increase retention of student members following their graduation to full professional membership. This is not our only priority, however, since we suspect that the largest group among Students and Young Professionals are members with ties to both categories, and we wish to represent your interests, as well. Please let us know your ideas about our identity and definition as an interest group within NCFR so we can more fully represent your concerns and experiences on the Board.

In this newsletter are the slate of nominees for the next Student/Young Professional Representative to the NCFR

Board of Directors. We have three excellent candidates, and we encourage you to cast your vote for representation. There is no mystery in the nomination process, and if you wish to run for the office next year, advance planning will help. Write to us now, or let us know of your interest before the annual conference in November when the nominations are sought for the following year. In addition, there is still room on a few of the Sections for student/young professional representation. Contact us or the Section chair directly to see if your assistance is needed, either as a board member or in an advisory capacity.

Advance planning is also needed for the upcoming 1986 annual conference in November which will be held in Dearborn, MI. One issue of concern for students is reduced housing costs. To avoid coordination problems, we suggest you begin to plan now for your housing situation at the conference. The housing form will appear in the next NCFR REPORT. Pam Monroe is coordinating student housing this year, and she plans to ensure that the arrangements run smoothly. Watch for the form in the next newsletter, and begin now to organize the roommates of your choice.

Two events sponsored by the Students/Young Professionals at the annual conference are the Skills Exchange and the Party/Dance. We have received several excellent proposals for the Skills Exchange, and it looks as though this year holds as much promise as the first one in Dallas. In addition, we would like to ensure that the party is well-attended and fun. We've had several suggestions for improvements, and we would like to enlist your help, so please let us know what kind of an event you would like.

Now is also the time to begin thinking about the awards process. Two awards of direct interest to students and young professionals are the Student Award and the Osborne Teaching Award. Again, there is no mystery in the nomination process. The nomination forms are included in this newsletter. We hope you will consider honoring one of your professors with a nomination, and that you will bring the Student Award competition to the attention of your professors and peers.

Thanks to all of you who are actively

working in your State affiliates and at the national level of NCFR. We appreciate hearing from you and discovering that we share many common experiences as students and young professionals. We hope you are planning now to attend the annual conference and we look forward to your continued involvement.

Katherine Allen, Family and Consumer Studies, Texas Woman's

## Education and Enrichment begins publishing newsletter

Have you heard?

The word is finally out -- in the form of the new Education and Enrichment Section newsletter. When Mary Gatlin of TX Woman's University signed in as the junior student section representative last year, she never guessed that her next assignment would be the job of newsletter editor.

Marilyn Flick will coordinate a feature column in which practitioners may share ideas that have worked for them. Ms. Flick presented a share shop at the 1985 annual conference.

Other important items concern committee work in progress. The Archives Committee, co-chaired by Margaret Slingerland and George Rowe, is evolving a plan to collect and store the evidence of past section goals and achievements. This project could lend needed continuity in the accomplishment of future goals. They need the help of many of you who are knowledgeable concerning past events, people and places.

The Workshop Committee, chaired by Terry Olsen and Ken Barber, is organizing the pre- and/or post-conference workshop certification based on survey results indicating those areas of study most needed to help members meet the criteria in their bid for Family Life Education certification. At this time, Ethnicity and Management are two leading contenders as possible topics.

Section members are reminded to vote for the candidate of their choice from the slate prepared by the nominating committee chaired by Bob Keim. The vote of each Education and Enrichment section member is important in determining future directions. Both individual involvement

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and team membership is essential if the section is to accomplish its purposes.

Section chair, Nelwyn B. Moore, welcomes ideas and concerns for the section.

## Family Action names slate committee

A nomination committee has been appointed to develop a slate for the Family Action section in the 1987 election.

Appointed were Dr. Karen Robert (1421 Seventh St., Greeley, CO 80631) chair; Gary Hansen (Dept. of Sociology University of Southern MS, Hattiesburg MS 39406); and Patrick McKenry (College of Home Economics, OH State University, Columbus, OH 43210).

Please forward your suggestions to section officers by July 1. The committee will report its slate at the annual business meeting.

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Selected Family-Related Bills

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HR 7	School Lunch & Child Nutrition Amendments of 1985	Sponsor: Rep Hawkins A bill to extend and improve the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 - mark-up held by conference committee and recessed subject to call of chair on 2-5-86
HR 2867	Child Care Opportunities for Families Act	Sponsor: Rep G. Miller A bill to improve and expand child care services and early childhood education service - referred to committee on education and committee on ways and means on 6-25-85
HR 3492	Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act	Sponsor: Rep Waxman A bill to assist the states to establish and operate protection and advocacy systems for mentally ill individuals and to promote family support groups for Alzheimer's disease patients and their families -- tabled in house on 1-30-86
S RES 330	Resolution establishing a special committee on families, youth and children	Sponsor: Sen Denton A resolution establishing a special committee on families, youth, and children -- referred to committee on rules and administration on 2-3-86
S 376	Child Health Incentives Reform Plan	Sponsor: Sen Chafee A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to deny an employer a deduction for Group Health Plan expenses unless such plan includes coverage for pediatric preventive health care hearings of taxation and debt management subcommittee adjourned on 9-16-85
S 1329	Foster Care, Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Amendments of 1985	Sponsor: Sen Moynihan A bill to amend Part E of Title IV of the Social Security Act to make necessary improvements in the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Program with the objective of assuring that such program will more realistically and more effectively meet the needs of the children involved, and for other purposes -- referred to committee on finance on 6-17-85