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dean's message

Each year we publish this edition of *Visions*, which is largely devoted to thanking the generous donors who've contributed to the School of Social Work over the past 12 months. And each year my heart is warmed as I go over the list of contributors, noting familiar names and new ones. I also begin to realize what an impact these donations have, not only within the school but also in the larger community — the university as a whole, the city of Detroit, state of Michigan, the United States, and even the world. Students who have benefited from this support graduate and move on, spreading the school's influence far beyond the walls of the Thompson Home and the Wayne State University campus.

2003 was a very good year from the standpoint of financial support for our efforts. In fact, it was a record year. \$190,080 was collected from a wide variety of sources. This was nearly double the amount received in 2002. The number of individual donors grew from 592 to 626. While we have received significant and welcome gifts from philanthropic foundations and corporations, many of these contributions came in smaller increments from individuals. Most of these people have personal experience with the school, the profession, or both. These people are the relatives and colleagues and friends of our students, faculty members, staff members and alumni. Or they're faculty or alumni themselves. These people know firsthand how valuable financial assistance can be to our students.

Another source of support that sometimes goes unrecognized and unnoticed comes from our distinguished and hard-working faculty and staff. Each year, they use some of their valuable time and energy to pursue funding that supports their research, often working with our agency partners. As a result, they achieve funding that helps us build capacity for agencies, gain practical knowledge, and share that knowledge to benefit the community.

In addition to their contributions to the school's scholarship funds, our faculty and staff members volunteer in a variety of school, university and community activities. Their donations of additional time contribute to the positive image of the school in the university and the community. And finally, I'd like to thank our agency partners, where students are placed for field learning. Those partners dedicate valuable agency time to teaching the next generation of social workers.

Let me again express gratitude on behalf of our students, faculty and staff. Your generosity means a great deal to all of us. We thank you and look forward to your continued support in the future.

With warm regards,

Phyllis I. Vroom

Dean



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A Distinguished Alumnus Pays Thanks to WSU School of Social Work

BY ALLAN GELFOND, MSW '61

I appreciate Dean Vroom's invitation to share some of my thoughts about WSU's School of Social Work with *Visions* readers. Although I wasn't born in Detroit, I've lived here most of my life and have worked here for over 40 years.

I am indeed grateful to the community and Wayne State University for giving me the background and training to provide services to others, to help make our community better, stronger and happier.

Wayne State University didn't just happen! The School of Social Work didn't just appear overnight. Wayne State and the SSW have developed over the years thanks to the commitment of so many who came before us. We can all be proud of our school that has graduated professionals during the past 70 years. Think of how many lives have been touched locally, nationally, and even around the world as a result!

Now, we have the opportunity to give back to the institution that made these things possible. Wayne State's School of Social Work has a magnificent vision to move forward and become an even

greater school, with plans to establish a doctoral degree program and a technical assistance and applied research center. These visions have evolved after years of thought and planning.

Now, we are invited to help make it a reality by supporting it financially. If you haven't contributed in the past, I urge you to consider doing so now. If you have already been supporting the school, I urge you to increase your participation.

We may think about giving to the Girl Scouts because we were involved as a child, or as an adult leader. Giving to our religious organization is a confirmation of our faith and belief in the good works the organization does. The university where we received our education may not be at the top of our giving list, but if you're a social worker, and if your professional life has brought you pleasure and recognition, you may want to consider donating to the Wayne State University School of Social Work so the school's exciting vision can be realized and so more students can join the profession.

Most of the gifts are for scholarships, and together they can create an endowment large enough so that the interest earned can pay for scholarships and the principal remains to fund future scholarships. Your gift may be a gift for the future of social work, for the future of your chosen area of work.

Why not take a moment right now to fill out the form on Page 6 and mail it in with your check today? Or make an appointment with your attorney or financial adviser to explore other ways of contributing.

Editor's Note: Allan Gelfond was born in Vancouver, BC, Canada, and came to Detroit in 1954. He received his BA in education in 1958 and his MSW, specializing in group work, in 1961 from Wayne State University. He then worked for 15 years for the Jewish Community Center, five years for Operation Friendship, and since 1980 has been a fundraiser for the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. He is married to Harriet Gelfond. They have three children and one grandchild. ■



START Keeps Social Work Students

Getting into the School of Social Work and finding funding are the first jobs that students face. Sometimes staying in school is difficult, so the School of Social Work has a mentoring program to help: the Social Workers Today Achieve Retention Together (START) program. START mentors are graduates of WSU's MSW program with at least two years of post-MSW experience.

START mentors are assigned a currently enrolled BSW or MSW student based on the mentor/student interest inventory form. The form helps us match mentors with students based on common interests and career goals. Mentors frequently help with resume critiquing,

networking skills, and act as a confidant to lean on (outside of the SSW) when the student has a question or concern.

If you are interested in the serving as a mentor contact Janet Joiner, PhD, Director of Admissions and Student Services, School of Social Work, at (313) 577-4409 or ac2027@wayne.edu.

Thanks to these 2003-2004 START program mentors:

Sheila Wasung
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Alumni Association is Active

Once students have graduated from the School of Social Work, they are likely to practice in the Metropolitan Detroit area. As a result, the WSU SSW Alumni Association plays an important role in the life of the school and of current social work students.

With leadership from Nora and Patricia Fisher, the board of the SSW Alumni Association sponsored a program last fall on hate speech and hosted the annual alumni luncheon. Arazella Brown, director of the Detroit School Social Work Department, was named Social Worker of the Year. While Selma Goode, one of the founders of the West

Side Mothers Welfare Rights organization, was honored as the Citizen of the Year. The keynote speaker was the new President and CEO of United Way of southeastern Michigan, Michael Brennon.

The WSUSSW Alumni Association also co-sponsored author Dave Pelzer's presentation last March, and it contributes in many other ways. The association provides refreshments for students during examination week and participates in the March Social Work Month activities. In addition, the board of the alumni association serves as steward for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. ■

Other Thanks

Thanks to the SSW Office of Admissions and Student Services

The people in the Office of Admissions and Student Services (OASS) are known throughout the school, the university, and the community for their friendliness, helpfulness and outreach. In addition to their time-consuming work of admissions (and of advising over 700 BSW and MSW students), the OASS staff still volunteers to serve at many events.

Some of these events include the Festival of Arts, Welcome to Wayne, the Dean's Graduation Assembly and Recognition Reception, Food and Fellowship with the Dean, and the Scholarship Reception. We celebrate and thank Janet Clerk Joiner, Anwar Najor-Durack, Kamilah Omari, Jean Gannon, Margaret Madej and Keith Wadley.

Thanks to the students in the student organizations
In addition to class work, field

work, family responsibilities, and often, outside jobs, many social work students take on leadership roles in the School of Social Work's student organizations. Three of these organizations provided outstanding programs that brought visibility to the School of Social Work and the students in the university and the community.

The student chapter of the Greater Detroit Association of Black Social Workers held a successful symposium on child abuse awareness in

November 2003 with the School of Social Work Student Organization (SSWSO). In March 2004, the Black Social Workers also sponsored an inspiring sellout presentation by Dr. Ben Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore. The SSWSO and the Coalition for Community Social Work (CCSW) co-sponsored this event.

The School of Social Work Student Organization with co-sponsors, The SSW Alumni

Association and CCSW, presented another sellout presentation by David Pelzer, child abuse survivor and best-selling author, in March 2004. And the Coalition for Community Social Work brought the university its Take Back the Night celebration on April 7, 2004, on Gullen Mall. The event included a band and a poet, an art exhibit and a presentation by author and spiritual leader Marianne Williamson. ■

Creigs Beverly to Retire

We give special thanks to Creigs Beverly, who is retiring from the School of Social Work. He is leaving generations of students who've been inspired by his dramatic classroom presentations, his great love for them, and his love of social justice.

Beverly came to the School of Social Work as a King, Chavez Parks visiting scholar in 1988, and the school wouldn't let him leave. In addition to his gifts to his students, he has given a great deal to the city of Detroit. He was appointed to the Detroit Planning Commission from 1998 to 2001, and he served on the Youth Commission from 1989 to 2000. He has been active in the NASW, and on the boards of many social agencies, task forces and advisory commissions in Michigan, Wisconsin and Georgia. His commitment to civil rights and social justice

has been reflected in his work with the NABSW, the NAACP, New Detroit, the Council for Battered Women, and in his teaching on mental health. He was also a Fulbright Scholar in Ghana, and has lectured in Senegal, Gambia, South Africa, Turkey, Sri Lanka, India and England.

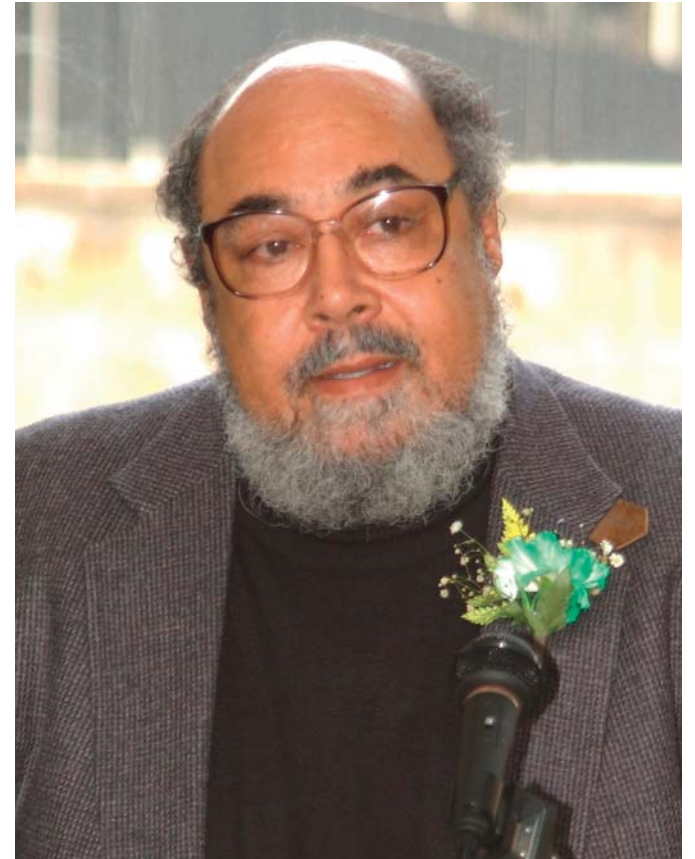
He has been honored by and received awards from the Carnegie Foundation, the City of Atlanta, Milwaukee County Welfare Services, NAWS-Michigan, Council on Social Work Education; as an invited lecturer, and the State of Oklahoma. He has been listed in *Who's Who in America* and received the Distinguished Teaching Award from Wayne State University.

But most of all, Creigs Beverly personifies the things he teaches and believes in. He is a warm, thoughtful man dedicated to social change

and social and economic justice. He will be sorely missed in our community. But Beverly isn't *really* retiring; he's moving his social work practice full time to Bibbs County, Ala., to work with Genesis Inc., an organization that he and a friend created more than seven years ago. Genesis was founded to meet the needs of youths in the rural county who have little access to growth experiences. In addition, Genesis is working to provide Bibbs County with health, recreation and safety services.

If you'd like to help support Genesis, send your donation to:

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Vice President
First United Security Bank
135 Belcher Street
P.O. Box 7
Centreville, AL 35042 ■



Professor Creigs Beverly, Ph.D.

Good-bye to Two Faculty Members

Sally Jo Large and **James Tripp** are leaving the School of Social Work at the end of the 2004 winter term.

Large taught social work research, practice methods and the capstone senior year Integrative Seminar (SW 4997) in the BSW program. A number of Large's students described how she helped them develop as professional social workers. Several who received recognition for their academic achievement and contributions to the school, university and the community recognized her for contributing to their growth as scholars and social workers. Large was also a member of the Brehler Manuscript Committee.

Tripp taught the capstone Integrative Seminar: Social Work and the Black Community, as well as under-

graduate courses in social welfare policy and services, and graduate courses in practice methods. He also headed up the "I have a Dream Project." BSW and MSW students received training in the project, learning social work practice as they supported academic achievement and social responsibility of middle-school children and youth. Students also learned to engage with families, schools and community organizations in support of their dreams for the children's education.

Large and Tripp contributed to the high rankings of the BSW and MSW programs. They were remembered by their students, alumni and colleagues at a reception recognizing their significance. We will all miss them! ■

Social Work Loses a Friend and Leader

Louis Tillman, (MSW '74), died May 12, 2004. He and his family moved from Baton Rouge, La. to Pontiac, Mich. in 1944. After a stint in the Army, Tillman completed his MSW at Wayne State. He was known as a leader and innovator, and during the 1980s, he organized successful drives for the United Negro College Fund. In addition, Tillman was a member of several service groups — the Jolly Old Timers and the Mid-Michigan

Idlewilders.

Tillman was a founding member of a group that carried on Arnette Burwell's desire to fund scholarships for social work students. Burwell began the fund with a \$5,000 donation in 1994, and when she died in 1998, a group of her friends (including Tillman and retirees from the City of Detroit Department of Public Welfare) added to the fund. They've held annual fund-raising campaigns to increase

the fund, which is now valued at over \$24,000.

The group included Jaquelin Washington (MSW '65), James Brogdan (MSW '65), Vivian Pope, LaMaurice Gardner (PhD in Clinical Psychology, now deceased), Cherokee Cole, Helen Johnson (MSW '70), and Annie Louise Pitts Handy (MSW '59). Handy was inspired by her work on the Burwell group to establish her own fund.

We will miss Louis Tillman. ■



James Brogdan of the Arnette Burwell Scholarship Committee describing Arnette Burwell's Scholarship.

Corrections

On Page 3 of the last issue of *Visions*, James Green Leigh was incorrectly listed as having passed away. We should have instead noted the passing of James W. Leigh.

We regret the error. ■

Many Ways to Give Gifts

When most of us think about giving a gift to an organization, we usually write a check. A second way to give that most of us know about, but often do not do, is to leave a gift in your will. However, there are many other ways to give gifts that will help the School of Social Work students and yourself.

We celebrate the Brehler family, who endowed a scholarship to honor their wife and mother, who died in 1990 after one semester in the School of Social Work. The Brehler Manuscript Scholarship encourages well-written essays including self-examination that characterizes social work learning. Mort Harris established the Edith Harris Memorial Lecture fund to honor his wife, Edith. The Harris lectures have brought a number of skilled clinicians to speak to students and members of the community, and the series is now in its 17th year.

Or consider the people who have given funds to honor colleagues, as in the Shirley Thrasher/Cecille Dumbrigue scholarships or the recently endowed Carol Barron Memorial Scholarship fund established by her friends in the Michigan Association of School Social Workers. An individual may wish to establish a fund, as did faculty emeritus Alice Lamont, and former Associate Dean Joseph Hourihan, who was on the faculty and staff of the School of Social Work from 1968 to 1989.

Another way to contribute is through "planned giving." This includes a number of different ways to design a gift that you commit to give to the school in the future. A most simple method is to name the school as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy. And there are other ways.

Faculty adviser Jean Teschner, (MSW '71), gave a large gift that endowed a scholarship, as did Annie Louise Pitts Handy. By agreeing to a planned gift, the university makes the donor a member of the Old Main Society. Please see the form on Page 6 if you're interested in talking to someone about planned giving.

But what does endowment mean? An endowed fund is one that grows in perpetuity and must be funded at the

\$25,000 level or more. The scholarships given each year are from the interest earned by the fund. The School of Social Work currently has 28 scholarship funds, and five of them are in the process of being endowed, which in some cases means that a planned gift has been made by the donor.

The following is a list of the School of Social Work's scholarship funds and the donors who act as stewards to keep their namesake's legacy alive. Thanks to all of them.

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- Social Work Alumni Association Fund:** Nora Holt and Patricia Fisher
- Dean's School of Social Work Scholarship Fund**

Because tax law is complicated, there may be ways for you to give a gift that will help you and the school. Contact the school's development officer, William Winkler, at (313) 577-6508 or fill out the form on Page 6 to find out if there's a way to give a gift to the School of Social Work that fits your needs.

Any gift will help meet the needs of the school and students! ■



Buzz and ? Barron, ?, Cheryl Burlingame (winner of the Carol Barron Scholarship) and Patricia Metz, steward for the Carol Barron Scholarship.



Nena Dillick, Betty Wood (winner of the Patricia Dillick Memorial Scholarship) and Sidney Dillick. Dr. Dillick was Dean of the School of Social Work 1964-1981. Nena Dillick has been active in the community, and recently received the "Eight in their Eighties" award from the National Council of Jewish Women.

Thank You

We thank all of the donors who support the Wayne State University School of Social Work. Their gifts have made it possible for more students to join the school. The following people made gifts between December 1, 2002, and December 31, 2003. If you are not listed or listed incorrectly, please contact Susan Titus at (313) 993-4066.

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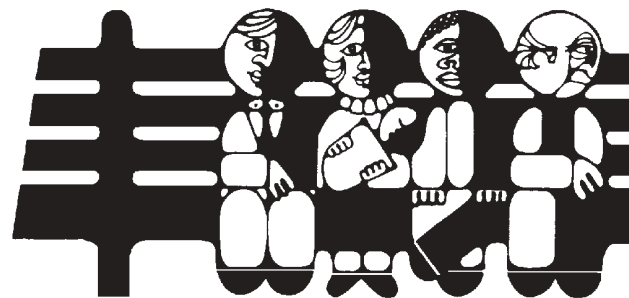
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