

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

MEHRING NEW DEAN OF THE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Dr. Teresa A. Mehring

is the new dean of The Teachers College. Mehring previously was the associate dean. Mehring completed her undergraduate work at St. Mary College in Leavenworth, KS, receiving degrees in Psychology, Music Education, and Applied Music. She has a master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Southwest Missouri State University, as well as a master's degree in Special Education from the University of Kansas. Her Ph.D. in Special Education/Educational Psychology and Research also is from the University of Kansas.

Mehring began her career in education as a K-12 vocal and instrumental music teacher in Leavenworth, KS. She then worked as a psychologist and special education consultant in Glendive, Montana. Mehring joined the faculty at Emporia State University in 1981 in the Division of Psychology and Special Education. After being associate chair and acting chair of the Psychology and Special Education

Division, she was promoted to assistant dean in 1989, and associate dean in 1993.

Mehring sees many challenges and opportunities for growth facing The Teachers College as we approach the twenty-first century. Many of these opportunities involve continuing to meet our constituents' needs in a cost-effective manner, with technology enabling The Teachers College to continually update the delivery systems of classes. Two other factors affecting The Teachers College are the national paradigm shift in education from a teaching focus to a learning focus, and the redesign of teacher certification and licensure.

The Teachers College possesses many strengths that will enable it to face the above-mentioned challenges and to continue to lead in the field of education. "We have an extremely strong faculty that works together as a team. Our students are hard-working individuals who are willing to meet the challenges and put forth their best efforts. Add to that our excellent alumni and professional support people in the field and The Teachers College is ready to greet the twenty-first century," Mehring said. Increased

collaboration among all of these groups is a goal of Mehring's. One of Mehring's favorite sayings is "TEAM — Together Everyone Achieves Miracles."

Another challenge for Mehring is to ensure that The Teachers College will maintain its tradition of excellence under her tutelage. "We've always been known for our leadership in education, whether it is in teacher preparation, or in preparing school psychologists and school counselors. We will continue to be leaders, not followers," she said.

Two changes currently being contemplated are a reorganization of the divisions within The Teachers College, and the development of a proposal for a doctoral degree within The Teachers College. These changes would allow The Teachers College to continue its tradition of excellence and to be more efficient and to better meet its constituent's needs. The Teachers College also is developing a five-year strategic plan to take it into the twenty-first century.

We're on the Web

Come visit The Teachers College on the World Wide Web! The World Wide Web (WWW) is part of the Internet, an international network of computer networks. The WWW is designed to help users navigate from place to place. We are on the homepage for Emporia State University. The address for ESU is <<http://www.emporia.edu>>. (The brackets <> are not a part of the address.)



THE TEACHERS



DEAN'S COMMENTS

When

I joined the faculty in the Division of Psychology and Special Education in 1981, I made a verbal

commitment to

the division chair that I would remain at Emporia State for two years, thinking that I would establish myself in higher education, then move on to "bigger and better opportunities." Well, it is now fifteen years later, and not only am I still at ESU, but I now have the opportunity to lead The Teachers College. In my travels and interactions with higher education colleagues throughout the country, I have personally visited, read, and heard about "bigger" institutions. I also have gleaned much information about programs of distinction both within our state and nationally. Few rival the traditions of excellence for which The Teachers College has become known!

I am proud to be a faculty member and now dean of The Teachers College at Emporia State University! I have the privilege of working with not only a dedicated, but extremely knowledgeable and talented faculty. Their accomplishments (publications, grants, and leadership in state, regional, and national organizations) grow by leaps and bounds each year! Equally important to The Teachers College team are the numerous staff members who are the "heart and soul" of our daily operations—the individuals who often give the initial and sometimes most lingering impression of the university and The Teachers College. Another source of pride is our students. They are earnest, genuinely interested in learning, and committed to becoming professionals who are critical thinkers, creative planners, and effective practitioners. One of the most important groups I have the privilege of interacting with on almost a daily basis is alums of The Teacher College. As I visit agencies, elementary and secondary schools or

attend professional meetings throughout the state and nation, I invariably run into individuals who completed one or more degrees offered within The Teachers College. I have yet to interact with an alum who wasn't proud to be an ESU graduate! It is that pride, echoed by the individuals who have experienced the quality of what The Teachers College has to offer, as well as the key strengths of The Teachers College "team" that has prompted me to remain at Emporia State University for the past fifteen years!

Our future bodes many "challenges." Within the college, we are examining the possible redesign of three divisions—Teacher Education, Early Childhood, and Educational Administration. Accreditation is continually on our minds . . . our Art Therapy program recently successfully completed the accreditation process. We're now preparing in earnest for accreditation reviews from the Kansas State Board of Education, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), The National Association of School Psychologists, and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)! Four additional Professional Development Schools will open next fall—two in Emporia and two in Olathe. We're also completing a long range plan for The Teachers College and investigating the feasibility of our first doctoral program. At the state level, we are keeping close tabs on the redesign and licensure proposal for teachers and other school practitioners. The Kansas Legislature is examining the manner in which funding is allocated to the Regents' institutions and The Kansas Board of Regents has implemented a multi-year initiative called VISION 2020 which will likely result in universities "doing more with less." To say the least, we have a full agenda to respond to within coming months.

I've always been a firm believer that in every challenge, there also is "opportunity." I have no doubt that The Teachers College team (faculty, staff, students, and alums) will proactively meet the challenges delineated above and numerous others as they are added to our agenda. We will aggressively chart a course which continues our tradition of excellence!

News From Other Divisions

• Counselor Education and Rehabilitation Programs

- Approval was received to offer the M.S. in Counselor Education as a special academic extension program in Shawnee County through May of 2000.
- New admission standards were implemented for four graduate programs and one undergraduate.

• Early Childhood

- Dr. Carol Marshall has built a state-wide consortium of people interested in Reggio Emilia, an early childhood approach and philosophy. The consortium, which includes people from elementary schools, child care centers, Head Start, and private and public corporations, recently was recognized by the Merrill Palmer Institute, which edits the official newspaper for Reggio Emilia, INNOVATIONS, as one of only ten consortiums in the United States and Canada. Three symposiums about Reggio Emilia will be held this summer. For more information, contact the division at (316) 341-5829.

• Educational Administration

- The Kansas Association for Secondary School Principals (KASSP) has announced that they will house the Executive Director in the Division of Educational Administration.

• Health, Physical Education and Recreation

- The Division of HPER will hold the fourth annual TAKE AIM! Summer Physical Education Conference on campus on June 20 and 21. Presenters from across the country will visit Emporia State University to give presentations on the latest information on activity, technology, research, and teaching strategies.

• Psychology and Special Education

- The Art Therapy program received approval for national accreditation for seven years.
- The Special Education faculty has been working diligently to review and rethink both the undergraduate and graduate special education curricula with recommendations to be finalized by the end of the academic year.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Maurine (Allen) Lehmberg (B.S.E. '28) is retired and resides in the Cedars Independent Living Center in McPherson, KS. She taught English at Moundridge, KS.

Douglas Altic (B.S.E. '89) is teaching business education for grades 7-12 and is the head coach of the high school girls basketball team in Hamilton, KS (USD #390).

Shawn Baldwin (M.S. '93) is the Student Development Specialist and Greek Advisor at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Angela (Bates) Jukes (B.S.E. '75) is owner and executive director of The Nicodemus Group, a company that specializes in African-American history research and the development of educational programs and curriculum development. The group presents living history programs to schools and at festivals and conferences all across the nation. Additionally, she authored the article "Kansas African American Heritage Tours/Events" for the 1994 Fall issue of Kansas! Magazine.

Vicky Beck (B.S.E. '59) received the Kansas School Counselor Association's award for the Outstanding Elementary School Counselor Award for 1994-1995. She currently is serving as the secretary for the Kansas Counseling Association.

Bryan Becker (B.S.E. '89) teaches fifth grade at Sebetha (KS) Elementary. He also is the assistant coach of the high school girls basketball team, which placed third in 4A State Tournament. His wife, Susan (B.S.E. '90), stays home with their three children.

Lendi Bland (B.S.E. '83) currently is a stay-at-home mother working on a master's degree.

Sarah (Bowling) Reynolds (B.S.E. '91) was selected as the seventh-grade "Favorite Teacher of the Year" at Junction City (KS) Middle School.

Alice Boyle (M.A. '67) is residing in a retirement home in South Hutchinson, KS.

Bruce Brashear (B.S.E. '94) will finish his first year of teaching in Andover, KS, and will go to Managua, Nicaragua, as a two year missionary teacher with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Janice (Brinkman) Reutter (B.S.E. '64) teaches first grade at Medicine Lodge (KS). She was a state finalist for the 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching.

Kathryn Drotton (B.S.E. '74, M.S.E. '82) now works part-time as a computer secretary for the Housing Authority of North Newton (KS), after teaching for 19 years.

Bill Bumgardner (B.S. '49, M.S. '57) retired as Associate Professor Emeritus of Technology Education from the University of Wisconsin - Platteville in 1988 after teaching there for 21 years, and in Kansas for 15 years.

John Cayton (B.S. '91, M.S. '94) is a tennis pro at the Green Valley Health and Tennis Resort in St. George, Utah.

Julie Cayton (B.S. '93, M.S. '95) is a special education resource teacher at Snow Canyon High School in St. George, Utah.

Sharon (Charlton) Soetaert (B.S.E. '74, M.S. '94) is a part-time academic advisor for ESU and a substitute teacher for two area school districts.

Susan (Christensen) Booth (B.S. '92) teaches sixth grade in Lebo, KS. She and her husband, Jacy, had a baby boy, Jordan, in October, 1995.

Karen K. Clark (B.S.E. '67) teaches fifth grade in Marietta, GA. She received a masters degree from Webster University in 1984.

Sandra (Cone) Smith (B.S.E. '69) is a sixth-grade counselor at Maize Intermediate School. She also is on the board of advisors for the Self-Help Network of Kansas.

Heather Coppinger (B.S.E. '94) is an interrelated special education teacher at Pomona (KS) Elementary School and assistant volleyball coach at Pomona Middle School.

Robin Crismas (B.S.E. '93) teaches sixth grade at Severy (KS) Elementary.

Janice (Crume) Drake (B.S.E. '88) teaches fifth grade at Westview Elementary in Olathe (KS). She married Tim Drake this past summer, and they bought a house in Lee's Summit, MO.

Kenneth Currier (M.S. '91) is working on a doctorate in rehabilitation psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Paula Danler (B.S.E. '92) teaches seventh-12th grade interrelated special education at Lebo Junior and Senior High in Lebo, KS.

Patricia Dart (B.S.E. '56) retired from teaching in June 1993 after 38 years of teaching.

Marisa Dunton (B.S. '81) celebrated 10 years as a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service. She is working toward her master's degree in Social Work at Washburn University.

Carol Dupree (B.S. '68, M.S. '75) completed her Ph.D. in Human Resource Development at Texas A & M, and is the Associate Dean of Instruction at Cisco Junior College in Abilene, TX.

Lesley (Elgin) Johnson (B.S. '90) gave birth to Cody Jarvis Johnson December 19, 1994.

Renee Fehr (B.S.E. '79, M.S. '90) teaches a Multiage Continuous Progress class of 6, 7, and 8 year olds in Westmoreland, KS. She married Ron Fehr June 12, 1993.

Sadie Frank (B.S. '61, M.S. '68) is president of the Dodge City Area of Retired Teachers. She also is manager of Friendship Meals of Montezuma, KS, and Treasurer for the Gray County Council on Aging.

Richard Freeman (B.S.E. '91) teaches seventh-grade math at Iola (KS) Middle School. He is the local membership chairman of the KNEA and writes the Iola NEA newsletter.

Daniel Funke (B.S.E. '76, M.S. '79) was promoted to the position as the Director of Technology for the Goddard (KS) School District after teaching fourth grade for 18 years. He and his wife, Becky, have three children and reside in Goddard.

Joan (Hammersmark) Luthro (B.S. '59, M.A. '76) is retired and resides in Olathe, KS.

Lisa (Hartter) Suhr (B.S.E. '90) teaches seventh-grade science at Sabetha (KS) Middle School (USD 441). She has two children, Zackary and Elsie.

Arlene (Helmke) Berven (B.S.E. '91) teaches fourth and/or fifth grade at St. Andrew's Grade School in Abilene, KS.

Amy (Heptig) Wranosky (B.S.E. '92) married Vernon L. Wranosky III and moved to Lafayette, IN, to attend graduate school at Purdue University.

Charles Huffman (M.S. '93) graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Ph.D. in psychology. He is an assistant professor of psychology at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, KY.

Dawn Jenkins (B.S.E. '94) teaches junior and senior high math, coaches junior high volleyball and basketball for Eastern Heights (KS) (USD #324), and is a Colby Community College outreach instructor.

Margaret G. Jones (B.S.E. '27) is retired and resides in Hartford, KS.

Jeremy Kohomban (B.S. '89) is the director for New York State's Home Rebuilder's Project of Managed Care for Foster care.

Kimberly (Krebs) Beardslee (B.S. '82, M.S. '84) is the director of the Gallaudet University Regional Center at Johnson County (KS) Community College. She was named the Outstanding Recent Graduate Alumni from The Teachers College in 1992.

Pearl Lorenz (B.S.E. '57, M.S. '62) is retired and resides in Hillsboro, KS.

Judith A. Lujan (B.S.E. '65) works with the Office of Child Development for the state of New Mexico as an early care and education planner.

Daniel Luthro (B.S. '63) died December 22, 1992. He is survived by his wife Joan (Hammersmark) Luthro.

Andrea Manes (B.S.E. '92) teaches fourth grade at USD 367, Osawatimie, KS. She and her husband have a son, Travis O'Neil, born March 30, 1995.

Walter J. Mason (B.S.E. '62, M.S. '63) died February 24, 1995 in Wichita, KS. He is survived by his wife, Doris L. Mason.

Kathleen Meyer-Eckman (B.S.E. '91) and Stephen Eckman have a new daughter, Mackenzie Allison Eckman, born June 24, 1995.

Mike Minton (B.S.E. '94) teaches biology at Great Bend (KS) High School.

Debbi (Mitchell) Schmidt (B.S.E. '70) was named Teacher of the Year for the Wichita Falls (TX) Independent School District.

David Murawski (B.S. '86) is the airport operations manager for National Car Rental in the Los Angeles airport.

David O'Brien (B.S. '61) has been joined in his optometric practice by his son, Dr. Michael E. O'Brien, in Southaven, Mississippi.

Helen Olivier (B.S.E. '64) is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a local retired teaching organization. She resides in Danville, KS.

Karen Olsen (M.S. '86, M.S. '90) is a Team Leader/Therapist supervising a mental health treatment team of one R.N. and four case managers. She is a licensed professional clinical counselor and licensed art therapist. She resides in Roswell, NM.

Shirley "Diane" Parker (B.S. '77, M.S. '89) has been a staff member of Barton County Special Services (USD 428) in Great Bend, KS, since 1981. She has taught K-6 self-contained classrooms, a 10-12 resource room, and now is a K-6 Behavior Consultant. She also is director of the local Special Olympic Program in Barton County.

Janelle (Parks) Murrow (B.S.E. '92) married Dale Murrow June 10, 1995. They live in Mapleton, KS, and she continues to teach third grade in Fort Scott.

Cara Petri (B.S.E. '92) teaches learning problems special education for the seventh and eighth grades at Indian Hills Middle School. She is also the head volleyball coach. She was the outstanding employee for Mission Valley Middle School for 1994 and received the Friends of Special Education award from the Parent Advisory Council for Special Education. She married Shawn Hornbeck in July 1995.

Debbie Petzold (B.S.E. '75) teaches physical education at Indian Creek Elementary for Olathe (KS) USD #233. She gave birth to Kayce Jean Petzold May 18, 1995.

Mary (Radford) Markley (B.S.E. '66; M.S.E. '69) owns Fort Markley and Indian Village in Seneca, KS, which includes Fort Markley Buffalo Cafe, Campground, Antiques and Gift Shop. She also is the owner of the historic Markley home.

Susan Reinders (M.S. '91) received her Ph.D. in Athletic Administration from the University of Iowa.

Theresa (Rieck) Steinlage (B.S.E. '92) married Aaron Steinlage September 25, 1993. They reside in Topeka, KS.

Donald Roberts (M.S. '90) is in his third year as a counselor at Waverly Junior and Senior High Schools in Waverly, KS. Don and his wife, Arlene, have four children and live in rural Hartford.

Omar G. Rogers (B.S.E. '69, M.S.E. '72) retired from Federal employment after 25 years of service. He is a Career Counselor at Somerset (KY) Community College, where his wife, Sharon Kay (Morrow) Rogers, is an Associate Professor of Psychology.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES *CONTINUED*

Beth Schmar (B.S.E. '85) teaches third grade at Elmont School in Topeka, (KS). She is serving on the Standards Writing Committee for State Communications Standards. She is the co-editor of Report Card on Report Cards, with Tara Azwell.

Vickie Sewing (B.S.E. '71) is the Associate Superintendent for Human Resources for Santa Fe (NM) Public Schools. She has been with the district for 15 years, as teacher, special education administrator and in her current position.

Jennifer Staab (B.S.E. '92) teaches full-day kindergarten at Holy Name Catholic School in Kansas City, KS.

Teresa Terpening (B.S.E. '70) teaches Title I for grades K-6, an elective high school reading improvement class, and a junior high reading skills class. She is the district chairperson for Staff Development and QPA.

Lilly (Thiessen) Pankratz (B.S.E. '56) is retired after teaching elementary school for 42 years. She married Emerson Pankratz and they reside in Inman, KS.

Glennis Thomas (B.S.E. '67) is a librarian and instructor in Language Arts and Women's Ministries for Boise (ID) Bible College.

Lawrence Thomas (B.S.E. '67) is a multifamily finance officer for Idaho Housing Agency in Boise, Idaho.

Rebecca Thompson (B.S.E. '93) teaches kindergarten in Kansas City, MO.

Teresa (Thorne) Maley (B.S.E. '75, M.S. '93) is the 7-12 grade counselor and the Human Sexuality and Drug Education Coordinator at Lebo High School. She published an article in the Journal of the Kansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development titled "Emotional Development Education: Meeting Needs through Human Sexuality Curriculums."

Cheryl (Tully) Schmidt (B.S.E. '86, M.S.E. '87) teaches Computer Application courses at Indian Trail Junior High School in Olathe, KS. She also teaches at Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe. She teaches Educational Technology and Computer Literacy for Teachers as well as a variety of recertification courses.

Melissa Vanoverschelde (B.S.E. '93) teaches third grade at Emmanuel Christian School in Salina, KS.

Kathy (Werner) Cherry (B.S. '90) married Patrick Cherry November 26, 1994. They reside in Houston, TX.

Carolyn West (B.S.E. '66, M.S.E. '68) is teaching in Fort Scott, KS. She has been teaching for 26 years.

Dean West (B.S.E. '66, M.S.E. '68) retired after teaching for 31 years.

Julie (Whitney) Bushnell (B.S.E. '94) is assistant director of the Heidi and Peter Daycare in Topeka, KS. She married Steve Bushnell November 26, 1994.

Denise Wilken (B.S. '91, M.S. '93) works with trauma and eating disorder patients an art therapist at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, KS. She married Ron Wylie March 11, 1995.

Vera Williams (B.S. '67) is retired from elementary school teaching and resides in Scott City, KS.

Twila Wollenberg (B.S. '88) teaches social studies at Marais Des Cygnes Valley Middle School (KS) and is the P.D.C. Chairperson for USD 456.

Janet Yonning (B.S. '68) teaches elementary physical education at Patrick Copeland in Hopewell, VA.

Cheryl Young (B.S.E. '94) is a second-year special education teacher at Lakemary Center for Exceptional Children in Paola, KS. She works with trainable mentally retarded and severely mentally handicapped high school students.

Jerry Long New Associate Dean

Dr. Jerry Long is the new associate dean of The Teachers College. He replaces Dr. Teresa Mehrling, who is now the dean. Long previously was the chair of the Division of Teacher Education at Emporia State University.

Long joined the faculty of Emporia State University in 1992 as chair of the Division of Teacher Education. He previously was the director of field experiences for

teacher education at the University of Montana. Long's career in education began in Winfield, KS, as a middle and high school social studies teacher.



FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Connie Briggs (TCHRED) published "Literature Infusion: A Shot in the Arm for Elementary Methods Courses" in Generations of Literacy: Seventeenth Yearbook for the College Reading Association.

Ed Butler (COUNRE) has been appointed the chair of the Division of Counselor Education and Rehabilitation Programs in The Teachers College. He also received the Professional of the Year Award from the Kansas College Student Personnel Association.

Mike Butler (HPER) published "On the Problem of Two-Dimensional Error Scores: Measures and Analyses of Accuracy, Bias, and Consistency," in the September 1995 Journal of Motor Behavior.

Steve Davis (PSY/SPEC) published the article "Odor-Mediated Performance is Affected by Cadmium Ingestion," in The Psychological Record. He also was quoted in the article "Cheating in Our Schools: A National Scandal" by Daniel R. Levine. The article was published in the October 1995 issue of Reader's Digest.

P. Kay Duncan (EDADM) published "The Socialization of Women Administrators in Education: How Can They Fit In?" in the Spring 1995 issue of Educational Considerations.

Kathy Ermier (HPER) received the Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Glen Lofka (HPER) received the Honor Award from the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Paul McKnab (PSY/SPEC) was awarded the Award of Excellence by the Kansas Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Teresa (Tes) Mehrling (DEAN) was selected as the 1995 Kansas Educator of the Year by the University of Kansas School of Education's National Advisory Board.

Joella Mehrof (HPER) and Kathy Ermier have been asked by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to edit the book "IDEAS III: Teaching Strategies for Physical Educators." The book will have more than 20 contributing authors offering ideas on improving middle school physical education.

Sheri Nowak (PSY/SPEC) received the Outstanding Service To Gifted Education Award from the Nebraska Association for the Gifted.

Festus Obiakor (PSY/SPEC) published the text "Managing Problem Behaviors: Perspectives for General and Special Educators." He also received the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service to Diversity during ESU's winter commencement ceremonies.

Christine Ormsbee (PSY/SPEC) published "Principals' Perceptions of Preassessment Teams' Operating Procedures" in the NASSP Bulletin. She also authored Educational Surrogate Parent Training Manual for the Illinois State Board of Education.

Bill Samuelson (TCHRED) published "One Room Country Schools of Kansas." He also is a consultant for the development of a museum collection at the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

Lloyd Stone (COUNRE) received the Robert Stripling Excellence in Standards Award from the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

Pam Swafford (RESCTR) in collaboration with Marla Darby, John Coufal, Michael Clay, and Greg Ziesenis, created a 50-minute training video "I Make a Difference: A Student Directed Individual Education Plan (IEP)." The focus of the training video is to provide a model for teaching special education students how to become active participants in their own IEP planning meetings.

Sophie Thayer (ERLYCH) published "Unfolding of the New Baby's Life Within the Family" in the book "Down Syndrome: Giving an Edge to Families During the Growing Up Years: A Guide for Parents and Professionals."

Gene Werner (EDADM) has been honored by the establishment of the Dr. Gene Werner Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Secondary School Principals. The award will be presented annually to members of KASSP who distinguish themselves through their dedication and commitment to the association. As a tribute to Dr. Werner, the first recipient, the Distinguished Service Award will be placed on display in The Teachers College. Future recipient's names will be added to the award.



DIVISION OF TEACHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS PROGRAM CHANGES

As

the largest division in The Teachers College, the Division of Teacher Education is

charged with the task of preparing preservice and in-service teachers for the challenging tasks involved in meeting the needs of diverse elementary and secondary school students. To meet this responsibility, the division has raised admission standards and made changes in the undergraduate programs offered by the division. This fall, the first students began the recently approved master's degree program in Instructional Design and Technology and revisions are under way in the other graduate programs offered by the division.

Despite increased admission requirements for undergraduate students, enrollments in both elementary and secondary undergraduate programs remain strong. This fall, undergraduate elementary education students will develop professional portfolios for the first time using criteria developed by the elementary education faculty. Added to the other rigorous assessments made of students in the elementary program, portfolios will offer an opportunity for additional dialogue between students and faculty and also will offer opportunities for students to provide feedback to each other.

Since the fall of 1993, elementary education students have had the option of participating in a Professional Development School in two Olathe elementary schools. Directed by Dr. Jean Morrow, the Professional Development School is a year-long program that involves the students in classroom experiences throughout their methods and students teaching semesters in place of traditional methods classes offered on campus.

Research on this innovative program supports the Professional Development School model of delivery. The Professional Development School program will remain in Olathe and will expand to include two new Professional Development Schools in Emporia (USD 253). They will be housed at Maynard and William Allen White Elementary Schools next fall.

Beginning this school year, graduate students began to enroll in the division's new Instructional Design and Technology master's degree program. This program is designed for practicing teachers and others who wish to utilize technology to improve instructional programs. To support this new program, improvements have been made in The Teachers College computer lab and a new media lab was opened during the fall of 1994. A major addition to the media lab occurred in December of 1995, which added space and equipment for both undergraduate and graduate student use.

The Division of Teacher Education is actively involved in bringing the latest technology and methods to undergraduate and graduate students. Innovation, however, requires appropriate funding to update technology and materials used in classes. Projected cutbacks in federal and state funding for higher education threaten the positive efforts made by the division. Students, alumni, and parents are encouraged to make legislators aware of their concerns about proposed cuts in higher education and public school funding. The generous financial support of alumni also is essential to continuing the excellence that characterizes our programs.

The Teacher Education Division offers outstanding opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students who wish to make a difference in elementary and secondary classrooms. If we can provide further

information about our division, faculty, and programs, please feel free to contact me at (316) 341-5750.

Cordially,

Larry Lyman

Larry Lyman
Professor and Acting Chair
Division of Teacher Education

Professional Development Schools Expand to the Emporia Area

The Professional Development School is a collaborative, 100 percent field-based, year-long, clinical school experience for seniors from The Teachers College. Designed, implemented and evaluated by school district and college personnel, the outcomes-based program strongly reflects three components of The Teachers College's teacher education program, which include the basic tenets that a professional educator is a critical thinker, creative planner, and an effective practitioner.

Four additional Professional Development Schools will open next fall -- two in Emporia and two in Olathe. The ESU-Olathe PDS recently was honored with an honorable mention by the Association of Teacher Educators for the 1996 Distinguished Program in Teacher Education.



Dr. Jean Morrow, site coordinator for the Emporia State University-Olathe Professional Development School (PDS), visits with PDS interns.

HELP US STAY IN TOUCH

Let The Teachers College and your ESU friends know where you are and what you're doing! Please return this questionnaire to The Teachers College Newsletter, c/o Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Campus Box 4036, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801-5087.

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