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Illustrations Wanted

The drawing above is from the masthead of the comics section of the Anchorage Times. It is your editor's entry in the "How did you spend your summer vacation?" contest. Attractive drawings to spice up these pages are always needed. If you have any, send them to Tom Baerwald, Science Museum of Minnesota, 30 E. 10th St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

UGSG AFFAIRS

UGSG Announces Dissertation Award

The UGSG announces establishment of an annual dissertation competition. Competitors for the 1983 award must have completed their doctoral degrees in geography between 1 January 1982 and 31 December 1982, and their dissertations must pertain to some aspect of urban geography. The doctoral recipient or her/his dissertation advisor should submit one copy of her/his dissertation to Marilyn Brown (Department of Geography, University of Illinois, 220 Davenport Hall, 607 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL 61801) no later than 1 February 1983. The dissertation award will be given to the applicant(s) whose dissertation is judged to be outstanding in the field of urban geography. The manuscripts will be reviewed by a committee designated by the chair of the UGSG, and the winner(s) will be notified prior to the Denver AAG meeting. The 1983 winner(s) will receive a selection of books from John Wiley & Sons and a citation of merit presented at the 1983 Annual Meeting of the UGSG in Denver.

UGSG Board Nominations Requested

The Nominating Committee of the UGSG, chaired by Thomas Baerwald (Science Museum of Minnesota) and including Briavel Holcomb (Rutgers U.) and James Mulvihill (California State College-San Bernadino) requests nominations from members of persons to be considered for Vicechairperson of the UGSG and for three two-year terms on the Board of Directors. The Vicechairperson will serve a one-year term and will automatically be nominated for Chairperson in 1984. In 1983, current Chairperson Elizabeth Burns (U. of Utah) will become Pastchairperson and current Vicechairperson David Hodge (U. of Washington) will become Chairperson. Board members Marilyn Brown (U. of Illinois), Roman Cybriwsky (Temple U.), and Eric Moore (Queen's U.) will serve the second year of their two-year terms. Current Pastchairperson Baerwald and board members Chauncy Harris (U. of Chicago), Truman Hartshorn (Georgia State U.), and Bonnie Loyd (Landscape magazine) will leave the board.

Names of persons who should be considered by the Nominating Committee should be forwarded to Thomas Baerwald, Geography Department, Science Museum of Minnesota, 30 E. 10th St., St. Paul, MN 55101 (Telephone (612)-221-4760); Briavel Holcomb, Department of Urban Studies, Lucy Stone Hall, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 (Telephone (201)-932-4006); or James Mulvihill, Department of Geography, California State College, San Bernadino, CA 92407 (Telephone (714)-887-7286). Suggestions should be made by 15 November 1982.

UGSG Plans 5 Sessions for 1983 AAG Meeting in Denver

The UGSG Denver Meeting Committee, chaired by James Mulvihill (California State College-San Bernadino) has announced that it will submit a slate of three paper sessions and two discussions to the AAG Program Committee. These sessions will take place at the AAG Annual Meeting in Denver from 24-27 April 1983.

The first paper session, "Institutional Influences on Urban Structures and Processes", has been organized by Murray Austin (U. of Northern Iowa) and will include papers by Austin, "Culture, Values, and Planned Urban Change"; April Veness-Randle (U. of Minnesota), "Influence of the Settlement on the Structure and Experience of Place"; and John Harmon (Central Connecticut State College), "Suburban Linear and Areal Institutions".

Harold Leaman (Villanova U.) has organized a session on "International Perspectives on Urban Problems", which will include papers by John Western (Temple U.) on South African cities; Clifton Pannell (U. of Georgia), "Perspectives on Chinese Urbanization in National Development"; John O'Loughlin (U. of Illinois) on immigrant ghettos in Düsseldorf and Duisburg, West Germany; and Gerald Krausse (U. of Rhode Island) on Indonesian urbanization. Chauncy Harris (U. of Chicago) will be a discussant at this session.

Roger Miller (U. of Minnesota) has organized a session on "Women in the City", which will be cosponsored by the UGSG and the Specialty Group on Geographic Perspectives on Women. Speakers will be Miller, "Gender Differences in Residential Satisfaction Following a Move"; Myrna Margulis-Breitbart (Hamshire College), "Women, Social Space, and the Development of a Critical Consciousness Through Urban Struggle"; Damaris Rose (McGill U.) and Susan Dale MacKenzie (Queen's U.), "Housing and Service Needs of Two-Earner Families: A Problem for Feminist Research"; and Clare Stapleton (U. of Wisconsin), "Intraurban Residential Mobility of Aged Women Who Live Alone". Elizabeth Burns (U. of Utah) will be a discussant.

"Research Priorities in Urban Geography" will be a roundtable discussion that will pick up where the lively session in San Antonio left off. David Hodge (U. of Washington) has organized the session, which will again be moderated by John Adams (U. of Minnesota). A reduction in the number of formal participants—to include Michael Dear (McMaster U.), Robert Lake (Rutgers U.), David Ley (U. of British Columbia), Risa Palm (U. of Colorado), James Vance (U. of California-Berkeley), and Roger Zanarini (Upland Industries)—will allow more time for participation and debate among the audience.

The final session to be sponsored by the UGSG will be a set of presentations and a panel discussion on "Outlook for the Central City of the Future: A Dialogue Between Geographers and Private Developers". This session has been organized by Elizabeth Burns (U. of Utah) and will include Peter Muller (U. of Miami), Joe Beaton (U. of Denver), Richard Fleming (Downtown Denver, Inc.), and Dana Crawford (Larimer Square Associates).

Further information about these sessions may be obtained from James Mulvihill, Department of Geography, California State College, San Bernadino, CA 92407 (Telephone (714)-887-7286).

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

CAG Rural-Urban Fringe Study Group

The Canadian Association of Geographers has established a Rural-Urban Fringe Study Group in order to facilitate information exchange and to act as a vehicle for professional development for members within the discipline with a special interest in the rural-urban fringe in Canada as well as abroad. The specific objectives of the RUFSG include the preparation of a research register; sponsoring of sessions at CAG meetings; encouraging and assisting interaction with other groups (such as the AAG/UGSG and the IBG/UGSG); and promoting communication among geographers in industry, government, and education.

The RUFSG had its first formal meeting at the CAG meetings in Ottawa in 1982. The executive elected consists of Chris Conklin (McMaster U.) as chair, Ted Manning (Lands Directorate, Environment Canada), Lorne Russwurm (U. of Waterloo), and John Pierce (Simon Fraser U.).

The RUFSG sponsored several sessions at the CAG meeting in 1982, including one on Perspectives of the Rural-Urban Fringe, with invited papers by Lloyd Reeds (McMaster U.), "The Rural-Urban Fringe in Retrospective"; Paul Cosgrove (Canadian Minister of Public Works), "Perspectives from a Federal Minister's Chair"; Ted Manning (Environment Canada), "The Federal Government and the Rural-Urban Fringe: A Policy and Research Perspective"; Lorne Russwurm (U. of Waterloo), "Land Management in Urban Regions: A New World Comparative Perspective"; and Mark Lapping (Rural Planning, U. of Guelph), "The Urban-Rural Fringe: A Planner's Perspective on Land Use Problems". It is anticipated that these papers will soon appear in a short RUFSG publication.

The RUFSG is eager to develop links with geographers outside of Canada with an interest in the rural-urban fringe. The interest in this field is very strong in Canada, where the RUFSG has over 80 members, and a volume has been published recently on *The Rural-Urban Fringe: Canadian Perspectives*, edited by Ken B. Beesley and Lorne H. Russwurm (Toronto: York University, Atkinson College, Geographical Monographs No. 10, 1981). This volume is a collection of 26 papers primarily presented at the CAG meetings in 1980.

Anyone interested in more information about the RUFSG should contact its chair: Chris Conklin, Dept. of Geography, McMaster U., Hamilton, Ont. L8S 4K1. (This report was submitted by Ken Beesley (U. of Guelph).)

Comparative Urban Research in Europe

Many urban geographers may be only peripherally aware of the numerous international agencies involved in comparative urban research and policy evaluation. One of the real difficulties facing those persons whose interests span the international scale lies in finding out what research is going on and how information and reports can be obtained. Moreover, the agencies seldom communicate among themselves, and they often see themselves in direct competition for limited financial resources, personnel, and information.

Among those trans-Atlantic agencies involved in urban research are the UN Center for Human Settlements, UNESCO, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Vienna Center (the European Coordination Center for Research and Documentation in the Social Sciences), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). Each has its own unique approach and research priorities and its own audience, but each has made a useful contribution.

To take one example, the Urban Affairs Division of the Environment Directorate of OECD in Paris has just completed the first phase of a major study of the problems of urban growth and decline and a review of the varied policies of western governments to deal with those problems. Part of their efforts have been directed at the frustrating task of establishing an urban data base for all OECD-member countries, emphasizing recent trends in population growth, demographic structure, employment, and fiscal conditions for different size classes of cities and for a selection of representative urban areas in each country. A series of preliminary reports (of varying length and quality) have been issued on such topics as Urban Statistics in OECD Countries, the Organization of Urban Policy at National and Regional Levels, Urban Public Finance, Policies to Revitalize Cities, and Policies to Guide Urban Growth in the 1980s. Copies of these reports as well as an overview monograph should be published in the near future.

Few of these OECD studies or those of most other international agencies (with the exception of the IIASA) produce the solid analytical or statistical outcomes that many UGSG members would expect. Nevertheless, they are extremely useful in making us aware of the political and pragmatic difficulties of comparative international research, the paucity of empirical information, and the immense diversity of experience in urban growth (or decline) and policy innovation among developed industrial economies. (Submitted by Larry Bourne (U. of Toronto).)

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IGU Commission on National Settlement Systems

The Commission on National Settlement Systems was inaugurated at the 23rd IGU Congress in Moscow in 1976. It was established to stimulate and coordinate international research on settlement systems. Chaired by Kazimierz Dziewonski (Polish Academy of Sciences), the commission has corresponding members from 43 countries, including D. DiMartino, R. Morrill, and R. Sinclair of the U.S. and L. Bourne and R. Simmons of Canada. Commission meetings have taken or will take place in Bochum, Paris, Szymbark, Toronto, and Leipzig as well as in connection with IGU congresses in Sapporo (1980) and Pisa (1984). Despite logistical and financial difficulties, enough enthusiasm has been generated to hold together a small but active group and to maintain a relatively coherent progression of discussion and research.

The progression has had three phases: 1.) Work on comparative national settlement systems. One outcome of that phase is a book on *World Settlement Systems* edited by Bourne, Sinclair, and Dziewonski (currently being published by Oxford U. Press). 2.) Work on specific topical problems. Some results of this phase are published in two special issues of *Geographia Polonica*. 3.) Work on theoretical aspects of settlement systems, which is currently underway.

The NSS Commission has been handicapped by an unevenness of global participation, with a dominance of European scholars and a paucity of scholars from the Developing World. It has benefitted from a dialogue between scholars from market-oriented and socialist economies. Overall, the commission has been more successful than most. The commission's existence formally ends at the IGU Congress in Paris in 1984, although there is the possibility of work continuing under the less formal umbrella of an IGU working group. (This report was prepared by Bob Sinclair (Wayne State U.).)



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