

RALPH H. BROWN DAY DINNER
Campus Club

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Field Trip (\$10) _____ # 30284

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Brown Day Committee
Department of Geography
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis MN 55455

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POST-BROWN DAY FIELD TRIP

The first annual, traditional **Brown Day Field Trip** will be held on **Saturday, May 11**. Dr. Phil Gersmehl will lead the outing, giving the participants a running commentary on the geography of the southern and eastern exurbs of the metro area. We will cover close to 200 miles, passing through Northfield, Red Wing, and River Falls.

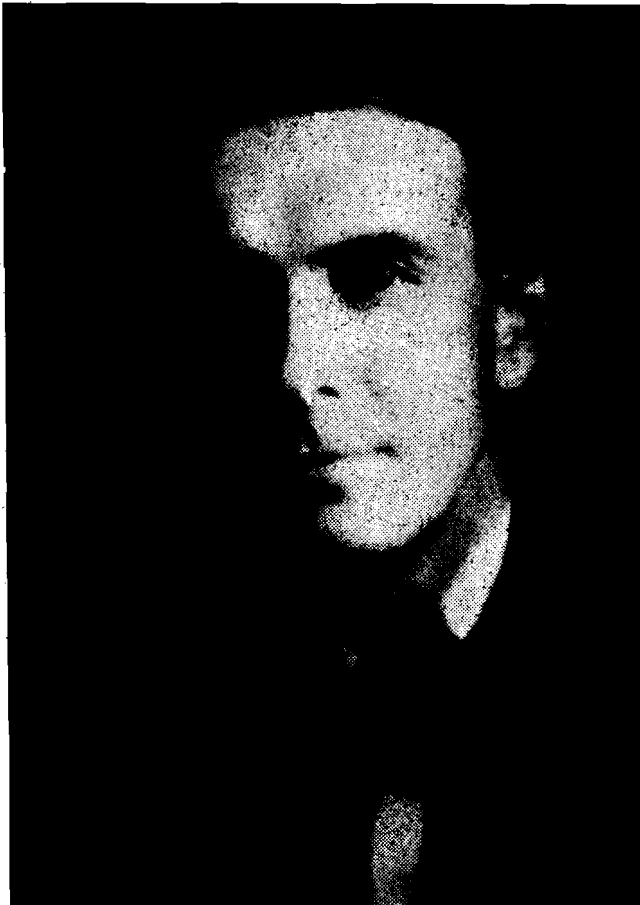
A coach-type bus with WC will carry us on our way. Departure will be at 9:00 a.m. from the lot south of Wilson Library. We should be back at approximately 4:30 p.m. Lunch is **not** provided. A lunch stop will be made at a generic, roadside, fast food establishment in Red Wing.

The cost is \$10. Payment should be made with the dinner reservation card. Please feel free to come even if you are unable to attend the dinner the previous evening. All, friends, family, or whoever, are welcome.

Questions? Call Todd Benson at 612-625-0543 or 612-379-8446.

W. J. Gersmehl

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BROWN DAY 1991

Friday, May 10

Schedule of Events

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| <i>11:00 am</i> | Open House |
| <i>12:00 pm</i> | Potluck buffet
Brown Room, 448 Social Science
West Bank Campus |
| <i>1:00 - 3:00 pm</i> | Open House |
| <i>3:00 - 3:30 pm</i> | Coffee Hour refreshments
West Bank Auditorium
West Bank Campus |
| <i>3:30 pm</i> | Ralph H. Brown Lecture
Michael Williams
Reader in Geography
Oxford University

West Bank Auditorium
Willey Hall
West Bank Campus |
| <i>4:30 - 5:30 pm</i> | Reception in honor of Professor Williams
Fireplace Room
Willey Hall |
| <i>6:30 - 7:30 pm</i> | Social Hour (cash bar)
Campus Club
Coffman Memorial Union
East Bank Campus |
| <i>7:30 pm</i> | Buffet and program
Campus Club |

You are cordially invited
to attend the

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**RALPH H. BROWN DAY
DINNER AND PROGRAM**

*Campus Club
Coffman Memorial Union
East Bank Campus*

Friday, May 10, 1991

6:30 p.m.

r.s.v.p. by May 1

(return envelope enclosed)

buffet menu

Sliced Baked Ham

Beef Stroganoff

Baked Lasagne (meat or vegetarian)

Rice Pilaf

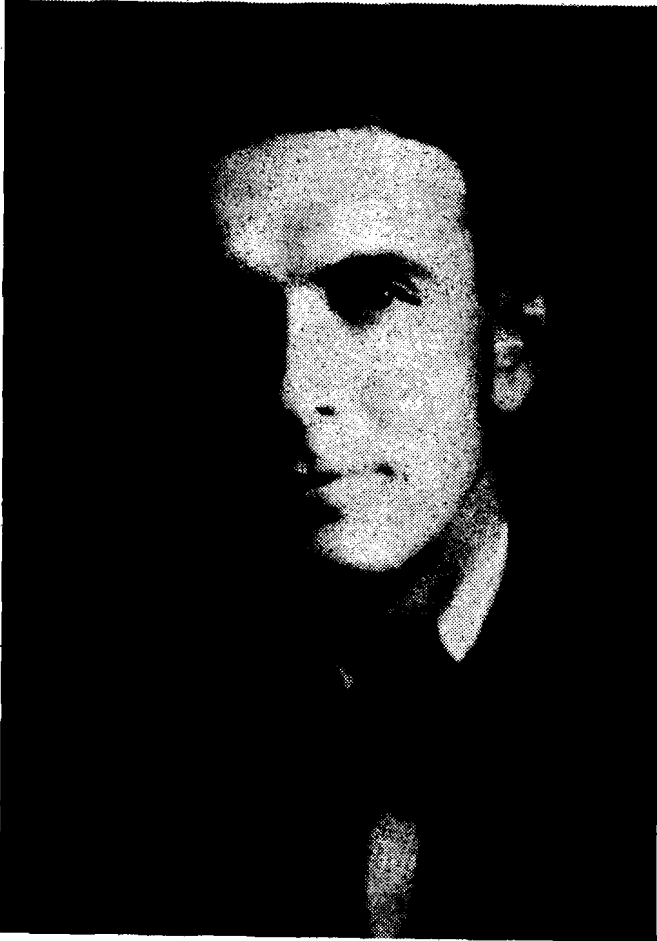
Green Beans Almondine

Assorted Salads

Ice Cream

Wine

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This past year has seen two changes in the faculty. Russell Adams retired at Christmas after 27 years teaching in the department. His contributions to the economic geography curriculum and to our teaching on the former Soviet bloc will be missed; both by us and by other departments here which have come to depend on his courses. We are grateful to Russ for all his contributions over the years, and hope that we will continue to see him around the department.

Robert McMaster, a computer cartography and GIS specialist, has joined us from Syracuse. His impact has been immediate; both personally, as his energy has forced the rest of us to re-examine several things we have been taking for granted; and technically, as his presence has led to a massive increase in the number of computing terminals in the department. We now have a Digital Cartography Lab, with 20 Macintosh IIs, and another room with three brand new IBMs and three SUN SPARC stations. Now we have to figure out a way to use them all! As a consequence, there have been significant changes in the spatial organization of the department that would make it seem unfamiliar to those who have not visited us in the last five years. One thing that we still lack, other than room for new students and faculty, is word processing equipment for students of the department. While faculty have been willing to pass on their hand-me-downs to students, these remain quantitatively and qualitatively inadequate for their needs, both in research and as teaching assistants.

Our exchange with University College London successfully continued its fourth year this last fall with the visit here of Hugh Prince, in exchange for Helga Leitner and Eric Sheppard who stayed long enough back in Europe to bring about the resignation of Margaret Thatcher.

Several faculty have ongoing externally funded research projects, including: John Adams, Philip Gersmehl, Mei-Ling Hsu, and Eric Sheppard. Two faculty have been involved in editing journals. Eric Sheppard ended his six-year term as co-editor of *Antipode*, and Bob McMaster has become editor of *Cartography and Geographic Information Systems*. Richard Skaggs valiantly continues to serve as secretary to the Association of American Geographers.

Several of our graduate students have entered, or are entering, academic employment. This includes: Bryan Baker (Oklahoma State University), Sheryl Beach (Humboldt State University, CA), Janet Drake (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire), Richard Greene (Northern Illinois University), Tom Harvey (Portland State University), Liu Jian-yi (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire), Frank Pucci (Millersville University, PA), and Claire Pavlik (University of Iowa). Others have been successful in obtaining fellowships to support their study and research: Greg Flay (NSF Dissertation Research Grant), Elisabeth Binder (Wallace Fellowship), Paul Plummer (D. H. Davis Fellowship 1990-91), Todd Benson (D. H. Davis Fellowship 1991-92), Eric Anderson (John Borchert Fellowship 1990-91), Paul Plummer (John Borchert Fellowship 1991-92), and Bryan Baker (Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship). Congratulations to all of you!

For the third year in a row, we have had an exciting sequence of visitors on a single theme in addition to the usual complement of Friday afternoon coffee hour speakers. These visits have not only generated interesting lectures, but have also included two to three hour Saturday morning seminars where both graduate students and faculty have grilled the visitors about their research. These have been a major source of intellectual debate in the department. After visitors' programs on the Future of the American City (1988-89, honoring John Borchert's retirement), and the Contemporary Geography of the People's Republic of China (1989-90), this year's topic is Geography and Social Theory with visits by Ed Soja (UCLA), Larry Grossman (VPISU), Margaret Fitzsimmons (UCLA), Mark Gottdiener (UC Riverside), and Derek Gregory (UBC). Next year, in honor of the retirement of Fred Lukermann, the theme will be Geography among the Sciences.

The Department faces some significant challenges in the next few years. The University is undergoing a significant restructuring which is supposed to bring a substantial amount of extra money to the College. At the same time, however, a massive state budget deficit has led the governor to suggest that the budget of the university be cut in absolute terms by some \$30-50 million. Faced with these confusing signals it is difficult to determine how the department should act; suffice it to say that we will have to be ready to respond quickly to a rapidly changing and contradictory situation. We are therefore collectively practicing the art of patting our heads, rubbing our stomachs and being geographers, all at the same time.

Through it all, we continue to be held together by Margaret Rasmussen's expertise and by Bonnie William's competence as secretary for graduate student affairs. We have been sad to see the departure of the student assistants' dynamic duo of Liz Barosko and Emily (Munson) de Rotstein from our front office; who we thank for their tremendous contributions and wish all the best whether it be in school or on the job market. We owe all four of them, and others who have helped out at various times, our sincere gratitude.

I personally want to thank everyone in the department for their contributions to our successes this year, as well as their willingness to share the burden of our difficulties.

PUBLICATIONS

Philip Gersmehl

- 1990 (with J. Young and C. Komoto) *The Language of Maps: A Distance Learning Course*, University of Minnesota, Department of Independent Study, ii + 202 pp.
- 1990 Choosing Tools: Nine Metaphors in Four-Dimensional Cartography, *Cartographic Perspectives* 5:3-17.
- 1990 (J. Young, senior author) *Geography of the Soviet Union: An Independent Study Course* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, Department of Independent Study, Continuing Education and Extension), iii + 215 pp.
- 1990 (with D. Brown), Geographic differences in the validity of a linear scale of "innate soil productivity," *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, 379-382.
- 1991 Computer-assisted map animation: a review of six software packages, *American Cartographer*, in press.

- 1991 (C. Komoto, senior author) Serial Criminal or Copycat: A Hands-On Activity for Teaching Scale and Distance Analysis, *Journal of Geography*, in press.
- 1991 (B. Baker, senior author) Temporal Trends in Soil Productivity Evaluation, *The Professional Geographer*, in press.
- 1991 The Montgomery County Line and the Hosmer Silt Loam: A Microcosm of American Farm Policy Problems, Janelle, Donald G., ed., *Geographical Snapshots of North America*, in press.
- 1991 (with D. Brown) Chapter 9: Observation, in Abler, R. Marcus, and Olson, J., eds., *Geography's Inner World*, in press.

John Fraser Hart

- John Fraser Hart, "Canons of Good Editorship," **Professional Geographer**, August 1990, pp. 354-58.
- John Fraser Hart, "Once Rooted, Towns Seem to Keep on Growing," **Minnesota Journal**, November 20, 1990.
- John Fraser Hart, "It Hasn't Been Easy, But MMUA Towns Have Been Growing Since They Were Founded," **News & Views**: Newsletter of the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, January 1991, pp. 10-15.
- John Fraser Hart, "Population and the Labor Force," Chapter 1 of **The Great Lakes Economy** (Chicago: Federal Reserve Bank, in press).
- John Fraser Hart, "Part-Ownership and Farm Enlargement in the Midwest," **Annals**, Association of American Geographers, in press.
- John Fraser Hart, "The Perimetropolitan Bow Wave," **Geographical Review**, in press.
- John Fraser Hart, review of Michael Williams, **Americans and Their Forests**, in **Forest & Conservation History**, October 1990, pp. 209-210.
- John Fraser Hart, Review of Dov Nir, **Region as a Socio-Environmental System**, in **Geographical Review**, in press.
- John Fraser Hart, review of Peter Morrison, **A Taste of the Country**, in **Progress in Human Geography**, in press.

Helga Leitner

- "Cities in pursuit of economic growth: the local state as entrepreneur," **Political Geography Quarterly**, 1990, 9:2, 146-170.
- "Informal work on the streets of Vienna: the foreign newspaper vendors," **Espace, Populations, Societes**, 1990, 2, 221-229.

Robert B. McMaster

- Co-edited book: **Map Generalization: Making Decisions for Knowledge Representation**.
- Book chapter: *Conceptual Frameworks for Geographical Knowledge* (with Norman J. N. Thrower) *The Early Years of American Academic Cartography*, forthcoming in **Cartography and Geographic Information Systems**

Editor of special issue of **Cartography and Geographic Information Systems** on
The History and Development of American Academic Cartography

Philip W. Porter

"Cultural ecology," 1991, in Gary S. Dunbar, ed., **Modern Geography: An Encyclopedic Survey**, New York and London: Garland Publishing, Inc., pp. 38-39.

Eric Sheppard

The Geography of Organizational Control in Austria, 1973-1981, **Economic Geography**. 66(1990):1-21.

Transportation in a Capitalist Space Economy: Transportation Demand, Circulation Time and Transportation Innovations, **Environment and Planning**. 22(1990):1007-24.

Ecological Approaches to the "Urban Underclass": Commentary on Hughes, Kasarda, and O'Regan, **Urban Geography**. 10(1990):285-297.

Modeling the Capitalist Space Economy: Bringing Society and Space Back In, **Economic Geography**. 66(1990):201-228.

(with T. J. Barnes) **The Capitalist Space Economy: Analytical Foundations**. London: Unwin and Hyman, 1990.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Gregory Flay and Philip W. Porter

NSF **Doctoral Dissertation** in Geography and Regional Sciences grant

Philip Gersmehl

NSF research grant **Regional Variation in the Efficacy of Conservation Programs**

Mei-Ling Hsu

NSF research grant **U.S.-China Cooperative Research (Geography): Data Acquisition and Research Agenda in Contemporary Urban China**

Helga Leitner

Ford Foundation Grant for Curriculum Development

NEH Grant for Curriculum Development (Foreign Language Study Across the Curriculum)

Eric Sheppard

NSF research grant **Spatial price competition and market share amongst multilocational corporations** (\$116,865)

Invited to present the Howard G. Roepeke Lecture in Economic Geography, Toronto, April 1990.

GEOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL THEORY

"Who has seen the sores on the tops of the horses down at the Animal Husbandry Barn?" Topic sentences are important. *"Who has noticed the social theory on the lips of faculty and students around the Department of Geography, especially on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings during winter quarter?"* Lots of people have and many are puzzled, even troubled, by it. Not to worry. The seminar **Geography and Social Theory**, fueled by a series of visitors from such outer-spaces as UCLA and UBC, has been the department's effort to bring itself into post-modernity. Some have got there, looked around, and now want to go back. Others sort of enjoy "being there," and are beginning to relax more.

The series has featured **Ed Soja** and **Margaret Fitzsimmons**, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UCLA, **Larry Grossman**, Department of Geography, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and **Mark Gottdiener**, Department of Sociology, UC-Riverside, and (at this writing) is to culminate April 10-12 with a visit by **Derek Gregory**, UBC, provided he and J. Ross Mackay decide not to spend spring and summer on the Mackenzie Delta. These seminar series, which began with "The Future of the American City" (the Borchert Series) in 1989 (J. Fraser Hart, John S. Adams, Eric Sheppard, and Roger Miller, organizers), and continued with "Geographic Perspectives on Modern China," in 1990 (Mei-Ling Hsu, organizer), bid fair to become a departmental tradition. The "Rule of $n = 2$ " operates here. If you do anything twice in a row in this department it becomes institutionalized, an instant tradition. [Please note, you can come to Brown Day every year and run no risk of being institutionalized.]

DEGREES AWARDED

Ph.D.

- Bernard Bakama, *The Geography of Sport Stadiums: Landscapes of Consumption and Popular Culture?*, with Fred Lukermann,
- Sheryl Luzzadder Beach, *Geographic Strategies for Ground Water Quality Evaluation*, with Dwight Brown
- John Corbett, *Agricultural Development from Agro-Climate Analysis in Kenya*, with Phil Porter
- Nicholas Dunning, *Prehistoric Settlement Patterns of the Puuc Region, Yucatan, Mexico*, with Joe Schwartzberg
- Linda Fischer, *The Geography of Protestant Monasticism*, with John Adams
- Jim Fitzsimmons, *Growth in U.S. Female Labor Force Participation 1950-1980*, with John Adams
- Tom Harvey, *Home Ownership, Housing Conditions, and Neighborhood Market Dynamics, St. Paul, MN 1974-1987*, with Roger Miller
- Hee-Bang Noh, *The Spatial Pattern and Process of Migration in Korea 1960-1985*, with John Borchert
- Phil Wagner, *Historical Geography of Apartment Housing in Minneapolis Late 19th-Early 20th Centuries*, with Roger Miller

M.A.

- John Benson, Plan B, with Connie Weil
- Todd Benson, Plan B, with Phil Porter
- William Boudreau, Plan A, with Helga Leitner
- Bill Casey, Plan A, with Phil Gersmehl
- Kurt Chatfield, Plan A, with John Borchert
- Kuo-Chen (Harry) Chang, Plan B, with Dwight Brown
- Perry Dean, Plan B, with Connie Weil
- Vivien Gorham, Plan A, with Rod Squires
- Dani Meier, Plan B, with Connie Weil
- Linda Petrie, Plan B, with Connie Weil
- Roxann Pierce, Plan A, with Rod Squires
- Bill Satterness, Plan A, with Russ Adams
- Shew-Jiuan Su, Plan B, with Helga Leitner
- Amy Sunderland, Plan A, with John Borchert
- Barbara Van Drasek, Plan A, with John Adams
- Diane Zimmer, Plan B, with Connie Weil

COFFEE HOUR LECTURES

- Fred Lukermann**, University of Minnesota, *Up the Creek without a Pattern*
- Ron Aminzade**, University of Minnesota, *The Dialectics of Political Repression: Development and Republican Politics in Three French Cities, 1851 to 1870*
- Hugh Prince**, University College London, *Suburban Gardens in London in the 19th Century*
- Mohammed Ali**, University of Minnesota, *Some Dialectics of Political Economy in the Third World*
- Robert Morris**, *Developments in English School Geography*
- Michael Conzen**, University of Chicago, *Prospects of Plenty: The Art, Business and Social Meaning of American Land Ownership Maps*
- Robert Clouse**, Minnesota Historical Society, *Urban Archaeology in Minnesota*
- Brady Foust**, College of St. Thomas, *On the Relation between Para Mutual Betting and Setting Up the Geography Department at St. Thomas*
- Jean Claude Muller**, International Training Center for Cartography, Enschede, The Netherlands, *Proto-knowledge for Map Generalization*
- Brad Henry**, City of Minneapolis, *The GIS Paradox*
- Jeffrey Gritzner**, University of Montana, *West African Historical Change and Environmental Rehabilitation*
- Ed Soja**, University of California, Los Angeles, *Explaining Post-Modern Geographies*
- John Fraser Hart**, University of Minnesota, *Whither the Midwest*
- Larwrence Grossman**, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, *The Political Ecology of the Windward Islands (Caribbean) Banana Industry*
- Dwight Brown**, University of Minnesota, *Amman to Zion through the Human Graben or Place and Status of Persons from Gaza to Galilee*
- Margaret Fitzsimmons**, University of California, Los Angeles, *How Agricultural Regions are Made*
- Herman van der Wusten**, University of the Netherlands, *The New World (Order), No Less*
- Mark Gottdiener**, University of California, Riverside, *The Significance of Critical Theory in Socio-Spatial Analysis: The Conversion of Harvey and Other Parables*
- Marshall Bowen**, Mary Washington, *Early 20th Century Agricultural Settlement in the Nevada Desert*
- Sara Evans**, University of Minnesota, *Women's History and Political Theory: Towards a Feminist Approach to Public Life*
- Bob McMaster**, University of Minnesota, *Run for Your Life: A GIS-based Hazardous Materials Risk-Assessment Model*
- Rip Rapp**, University of Minnesota, Duluth, *Major Changes around Important Mediterranean Coastal Cities*
- Derek Gregory**, University of British Columbia, *Dream of Liberty: Problems of Postmodernity*
- Pat St. Peter**, University of Minnesota, *On the Silk Road in Chinese Turkistan*

NEWS FROM FRIENDS

Ron Abler

BA, MA, Ph.D., 1959-1967; Executive Director, Association of American Geographers

My continuing sojourn inside the Beltway (aka The National Funny Farm) provides opportunities to see and talk to lots of geographers from around the country and around the world--it's something like being at an annual meeting all the time. For the most part, I enjoy it immensely. I continue to be amazed and impressed with geography's potential. The discipline sits at the juncture of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Geographers have much to say that would be interesting and useful to our scholarly colleagues in other disciplines and to entrepreneurs and policy makers in commerce and government. I continue to be distressed at how few geographers there are to tell the world things it needs to know, and how talented they are at hiding their light under a bushel. Item: Last year 800 people applied for Fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, only two of whom were geographers. I would have expected more than that from the Minnesota contingent alone!

John S. Adams

M.A. (Econ.) 1962; Ph.D. (Geog.) 1966; Professor of Geography, U of M, since 1970

Arrived at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on 1 August 1990; Iraq invaded Kuwait the next day. I have been teaching urban geography and a course on cities of the USSR and Central Europe as visiting professor for the 1990-91 school year. Son Martin is a senior here, and will enter the Army in June. Ellen, already in the Army, is in Germany. David began college in fall 1990, and John D. is in Minneapolis, working in a bank. With all the erudition in the family, you would think the kids would find work in growth industries. Judith joined me at West Point after Labor Day, quitting her job to experience the East Coast. The war has been an anxious time since we are so close to it, but the year has been a good experience.

Russell B. Adams

BS, BBS, MA, Ph.D., 28 years; Extension Division, University of Minnesota

I have retired from the Department as of January 1, 1991 at age 65, having received a pleasant retirement party in November 1990. I am teaching courses through Summer Session 1991, as presently scheduled, and have proposed teaching selected offerings for 1991-92. I hope to remain active in the Department and University, with present advisees and research. The University Press is interested in a text, *Global Energy*, which I've prepared.

Arnold R. Alanen

M.A. (1968), Ph.D. (1973); Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison

The past year saw Linda and me in Turkey for four weeks. In addition to attending a conference in Ankara, my Turkish colleague at the University also served as our guide and interpreter for an extensive tour through the western part of the country. Other academic activities have included research and publications for the National Park Service (e.g., documenting John Muir's boyhood home in Wisconsin). Our oldest daughter graduated from Luther College in December, while the youngest is a sophomore at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Michael Albert

M.A. (1974), Ph.D. (1980); Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

This is the fifth and final year of my term as Chair at River Falls. We have been enjoying an increase in number of Geography majors and minors over the past several years, and considerable interest in our Cartography minor, which remains one of only two such programs in Wisconsin. Our recent departmental efforts have been directed toward establishing a GIS laboratory for the Geography and Plant and Earth Science departments, and toward increasing our efforts in geographic education for western Wisconsin teachers, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Geographic Alliance, on whose steering committee I serve. I have received a sabbatical leave for fall 1991, and plan to work on several research projects in the Twin Cities and southeastern Wisconsin (JFH please note: I MIGHT even complete the ginseng project!). I still live in south Minneapolis, and continue to be active in Whittier Alliance anti-crime planning, including the community-based police team project.

Kevin Anderson

Ma, 1984; Ph.D., 1989 (1981-88); Augustana College, Rock Island, IL (not Sioux Falls, SD)

This has been a very hectic year, with David growing to age 4 and the twins reaching their first birthday, and with plenty of things changing at the college. It's been one faculty or committee meeting after another as we change the college curriculum from a standard quarter-system to a modified quarter-semester system. And it's been one diaper change and nighttime feeding after another. Gave a talk to the Iowa Geography department in February (how did I do, Rex and Claire?). In between all that, we bought a house at a great price. Need I say that Denni is exhausted!

Bryan Baker

Ph.D. student

Ah, the Great Plains! Infinite horizons, fields of wheat, rationally linear roads (cursed be the correction line), Sand Hills, Badlands, Dust Bowl, summer heat, winter blizzards. Yes, it's true -- I've taken a job at Oklahoma State. Yet another dialect for a Californian to learn. *Y'all come around for a visit, you bet!*

Trevor Barnes

M.A. and Ph.D., 1978-83; Associate Professor, UBC

Joan Seidl Barnes

MA, 1978-81; Museum Consultant

Our lives were draped over two continents last year. Until July 1st we were living in Bristol finishing Trevor's sabbatical year, and afterwards we were back in Beautiful B.C. The first half of the year included: second honeymooning in Paris (without the kids), fieldwork in Venice (with Steve Daniels and Denis Cosgrove), gorging in the Durdogne, and tramping the cobbled streets of York. We were battered by culture shock on our return (are there no good newspapers anywhere on this whole continent?), but by necessity quickly got back into the swing of things. Joan started part-time work as a museum consultant, Claire skipped a grade at school, Michael continued as a human battering ram, and Trevor saw the publication (with Eric Sheppard) of his first book, *The Capitalist Space Economy* (available at all good book stores now).

Robert W. Bastian

MA, 1963 (1960-62); Professor of Geography, Indiana State University

Last summer Sharon and I had the pleasure of spending eight days in Paris with side trips to Fontainebleau, Giverny, and Versailles. My limited command of French was sorely taxed. We went on to Cornwall for a change of pace and then to London. Sharon continues as a part-time assistant professor of medical technology at Indiana State. Our youngest son, Walter, is a junior in the School of Business here. Robert, the eldest, is a violinist and part-time bank employee in the San Francisco area. Maurice is a commercial artist in New York City being employed to prepare three-dimensional advertising logos via computer.

Sanford H. Bederman

Ph.D., 1973; Professor of Geography, Georgia State University (Atlanta)

1990 was a wonderful year! Granddaughter Annelise arrived in September, weighing in at 8 1/2 pounds. She and her parents are thriving in Washington, D.C. I spent Spring 1990 as a visiting professor at Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London. A large proportion of my time, however, was spent conducting research at the Royal Geographical Society. Seeing Britain again (especially Cornwall and the Potteries) after a hiatus of 25 years was a thorough delight, although Jolayne and I are still suffering from sticker shock. I am completing my term as President of the Society for the History of Discoveries, and am very much looking forward to my retirement next year.

John Benson

M.A. (1990), beginning Ph.D.

I received my M.A. this past spring, specializing in Africa, Latin America and Minneapolis, if that can be called specializing. I'm now looking at Medical Geography in Africa for my Ph.D. I travelled to the Copper Canyon area of Mexico and Iceland in 1990.

Elisabeth Binder

Three years in residence; Ph.D. candidate

Robert Bixby

BA (1973), M.A. (1975), Ph.D. (1985); Associate Professor and Director, Center for Geographic Information Systems, St. Cloud State University

Two year effort has been successful in the establishment of the GIS Center. We shall be offering our first workstation ARC/INFO class this spring. Thirteen years of computer mapping shall now transfer from micro computers to IBM RS6000 platforms (6). Several ongoing projects deal with GIS and environmental ordinance enforcement and monitoring for state and local governments.

Mark Bouman

M.A. (1981), Ph.D. (1984); Associate Professor Geography, Chicago State University

Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world: the Cubs buy a World Series; the Chicago Mayoral election bores; I near completion on my book for Temple University Press; Mary Jane and I invest in home improvements; I don the occasional black tie to be at her side at Art Institute functions You'd think Paul Wellstone was elected Senator.

Rob Britton

BA (1973), M.A. (1976), Ph.D. (1978); Manager, Advertising and Direct Marketing, American Airlines

The ad biz remains an interesting window on popular culture. Although business could be more profitable, American continues to expand. We were busy in 1990 adding 21 cities in 16 countries in Central and South America, and hope to do more London flying this year. As always, my geographical training proves useful at work. Life in the Sunbelt continues to delight, as Minnesota recedes in the rearview mirror. Gotta go. We're off to visit a friend in Alabama, via the silver bird. Warm regards to all.

Dr. Robert Brown

M.A. (1945-49); retired

Sorry I can't make it this year.

Gregory H. Chu

Since 1981; Director, Cartography Lab, U of M

The past year saw the Cartography Lab's major acquisition of some computer hardware and software. The Lab is now one of only four university cartography labs in the nation that has a high quality imagesetter (2400 dpi). My travel also took me back to my hometown last April when I was invited by the Geography Department of the University of Hong Kong to present a paper.

Philippe S. Cohen

Ph.D. (1986); Director, University of California Granite Mountains Reserve

As usual I'm running late. Recently had knee surgery; am recovering quite nicely. Unfortunately, it has put a crimp in my efforts to complete my NSF grant by the

scheduled August 31 deadline (running late again). Although California is in a major drought, the East Mojave Desert has had excellent summer and winter rains--promising a spectacular spring. Already there is evidence that there will be a cornucopia of biological activity. I am still thoroughly enchanted by the desert--even with the unusual isolation from urban geographic habitat areas.

Jan Curry-Roper

M.A. and Ph.D. (1979-85); Central College, Pella, IA

I am still in central Iowa enjoying living in the rural Midwest and teaching at Central College. The geography of manure and tourism are everyday realities in this idyllic Dutch community. I'm kept busy with work, a new house, and an active 2-year old. The big news is I received tenure and promotion this winter.

John M. Crowley

MS (1960), Ph.D. (1964), in residence 1957-61; Professor, Department of Geography, University of Montana

This past year marked the death of my first geography professor, Dr. Harry H. Caldwell, of the University of Idaho. He was the one who inspired me to change from agriculture to geography and who was responsible to a significant degree for the direction my career has taken. A new building is being built for the college of which geography is a part. The new geography seminar room is to be named in honor of Professor Caldwell. I have obtained and provided information to help make the Harry H. Caldwell Memorial Seminar Room at Idaho as nice as the Ralph H. Brown Room at Minnesota. Last summer, I completed a 120-page, mimeographed, spiral-bound report, with folded map, on the final field biogeography project conducted by me and my students in the now defunct Biophysical Land Inventory Program here at the University of Montana. Finally, I had a book review in the PG of a textbook on world vegetation.

Bill Dando

M.A. (1962), Ph.D. (1969)

It has been two years since I left beautiful North Dakota and accepted the position as Chairperson of the Department of Geography and Geology at Indiana State University. I joined two other UM alumni, Bob Bastian and Paul Mausel plus old friends such as John Oliver and Sid Siddiqi. This year we hired four new faculty members including John Harrington, Jr., another UM alumnus. We have been fortunate at ISU for we have increased our staff to 19 tenure track professors and 5 adjunct professors/instructors. Also, we have new office space for 48 graduate students and are planning a new \$38,000,000 building. The move was difficult for my family. Nevertheless, Caroline will teach Russian at ISU this fall (she studied the Russian language at UM), and my son Bill is now a pre-med major on a Presidential Scholarship at ISU. Christina is a graduate student in geography at UW-Madison and serves as Graphics Editor for the History of Cartography Project. Lara is completing her MS in biogeography at Montana State and has published her first article. Terre Haute is a lot different than Grand Forks--but all aspects of life are an experience.

Nicholas Dunning

Ph.D. (1990); Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Cincinnati

Betsy and I are expecting child number two in mid-April. I am continuing field research on contemporary and ancient Maya agriculture in the Petexbatun region of Guatemala (in March and May!) with the help of a nice grant from U.S.A.I.D. We are all largely enjoying living in Cincinnati--with the exception of the city's "thought police". Held a meeting of the Bavarian Flats Geographical Society with the Beaches on Kauai in December.

Rod Erickson

B.A., M.A., 1965-70; Professor, Penn State University

I am into my second year as department head, maintaining the Minnesota Mafia hold on the office after Abler and Knight. I'm still split with Business and running the research institute, doing mostly work on international trade topics. It's hard to find time for my farming! Shari continues to sell real estate in State College. Son Craig was ready to apply to UM for fall, but has chosen Penn State where he hopes to make the volleyball team (you can see where the priorities lie). Son Jeff is a sophomore in high school and our resident glider pilot who is totally wrapped up in flying.

Greg Flay

Ph.D. (1992), 3 years of residence; Graduate Teaching Assistant at U of M

This past year has been a hectic frenzy of grant proposal writing and fieldwork. I got a Dissertation Research Grant from the National Science Foundation and spent 4 months in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa gathering information on transport, health, and education in rural areas. I got what I needed for the dissertation, and then some. While there, I tagged along with health officials while they carried out treatments on lepers and served as host to the usual variety of tropical organisms. This last year saw the addition of another little Flay, Joseph Michael, to our family, as well as the beginning of another Flay academic career as my daughter Janelle entered first grade. My wife, Jovita, runs a latch-key daycare program at the same school my daughter attends. All in all, we are starting over together as a family after my little African jaunt.

Rob Freestone

MA, 1975-77; DC Research, Sydney

The last year has been one of consolidation on the professional front, with greater emphasis on our work in urban historical analysis and environmental heritage assessment. But the "recession we had to have", in the words of the Australian treasurer, has brought darker clouds. Involvement with the planning history group continues... along with the dream of actually getting "live" to another Brown Day.

Phil Gersmehl

The midlight of the year was a meeting in Washington right after AAG-Toronto, at which five Americans met with three Soviet educators and planned a curriculum exchange. We would provide up-to-date teaching materials on the US for use in Soviet classrooms, and they would return the same for ours. A hundred-page proposal to the

National Science Foundation for funds is still pending; a 26-person team is on standby, pending funding. And several people here have participated in a big revision of the US and Canada class handout, to give us some experience prior to modifying same for the curriculum exchange. Coincidentally, I acquired a state-of-the-art music synthesizer, which has helped significantly in keeping some form of tonal balance through the funding roller coaster.

Tony Goddard

M.A. (1984) 1981-85; President, St. Cloud Area Economic Development Partnership

After five years doing research and lobbying for the City of St. Paul, I now run a small non-profit corporation in the wilds of central Minnesota. Last fall I taught an upper division urban geography course at St. Cloud State (substituting for Bob Bixby). A CURA publication on urban renewal that I co-authored with Judy Martin was published in 1989. My wife Susan McGuire and I now have two kids: 5-year old Nora and 1-year old Ann. Gus the wonder dog is still alive, unfortunately. He's never accepted the children.

John Fraser Hart

1967-date; U of M

Have slides, will travel. Visiting Geographical Scientist at Central College (Pella, Iowa), Northern Iowa, Radford University, and Emory & Henry College. Gave lectures at Central Michigan, South Dakota State, and to various local groups who like an optimistic view of small towns. Attended West Lakes, Pioneer America, NCGE, SEDAAG. Usurped leadership of a Pioneer America field trip when it turned out that the leader knew even less about peanuts than I did. Two glorious days exploring old barns in the southwestern Virginia/northeastern Tennessee seedbed.

Thomas Harvey

Ph.D., 1990; Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

I've learned a few things this past year: a completed degree is better than a degree in progress, teaching is more fun than city planning, and Portland's rain is preferable to Minnesota's snow. [Very perceptive! - editor's note] With class preparations, and the disruption of a move after twelve years in Minnesota, I have not had time to learn much else. My courses here include economic geography, human geography, research design, and geographic perspectives in urban and regional planning. I am beginning to supply some of my dissertation approaches -- on housing markets and homeownership -- to the Portland area. Portland is a vastly different place than St. Paul, in terms of property appreciation, owner-occupancy rates, and real estate taxes, but many of the public policy concerns are the same. I am also revising my Penn State master's thesis, on railroad towns in Minnesota's Red River Valley, for publication in the Iowa State University's Great Plains Environmental Design Series. Jean is seeing that the family and transition here proceed smoothly. She is searching for a job and taking time to volunteer at daughter Caitlin's school and second-grade class.

Jim Hathaway

BA (1973), M.A. (1975), Ph.D. (1982)

I took advantage of Slippery Rock University's overseas program last summer. I taught "Economic Geography of Florence and Tuscany" to thirteen Pennsylvania students in Florence. The trip had its ups (Florence is quite enjoyable even during high season, hiking in Gran Paradiso National Park in the Italian Alps was great) and downs (luggage delays, some students who would rather shop or drink than read). Laura and I then continued on to Kenya, and had a wonderful time visiting Kate Kvale and Jim Delehanty in Nairobi, going on a game safari, and experiencing Mombasa. Teaching eight courses a year (three sections of introductory geography, two of U.S. and Canada, map reading, economic, and Africa) and committee work seem to consume most of my working hours. Current research includes Third World drinking patterns and women and bars in the U.S. I'm not investigating local bars because there aren't any -- Slippery Rock is dry.

Terry Haverluk

M.A., ABD, 1985-present; Minneapolis Community College, Shakopee Womens Reformatory

Teaching in the Minnesota correctional system has been an enlightening and rewarding experience. The students (inmates) are more motivated than most students I have known, if a bit less educated in the formal sense. My research on Hispanics in the West continues. My summers are spent exploring the Barrios, Hopsfields, and Rodeo Grounds of Mex-America. The new census data show large increases of Hispanics across the West, where they are by far the largest minority population. In fact you can draw a line down the center of the country (roughly following the line of zero moisture balance), to the East of that line African Americans are the majority minority and to the West of the line Hispanics are the majority. Regions, if not regional geography, are alive and well.

Rex Honey

MA, Ph.D. (1967-70, 1972); University of Iowa

My main accomplishment was getting Dwight Brown out of the country. Not knowing how much time he has left, I arranged an eventful trip, one requiring him for the first time in his life to procure a passport. After a day of studying native grasses in New York City, we flew to Amman, Jordan, where I arranged a television appearance and pictures in both the Arabic and English language newspapers. To prevent boredom I timed our trip so we would be "in the theater" when Iraq invaded Kuwait. Dwight explained the disturbance in native grasses as we crossed the Jordan Valley and made our way to Jerusalem, which served as our base for ten days of intensive fieldwork in political biogeography. Our plans for a side trip to Baghdad having fallen through, we returned home. Dwight had such a good time he wants to know where I shall take him this summer. Mogadishu, perhaps. Kuwait City? North Oaks?

Marilyn Hyde

M.A., 1974-76; Sr. Management Training Specialist, Varlan Associates, Palo Alto, CA

My interest in Africa, fine tuned by Phil Porter, continues to lead me there -- the latest on Peace Corps assignment in Togo in September 1990. In my stateside life I am a Training Specialist. Occasional public speaking provides opportunities to get out the maps. California's recent natural disasters have been a challenge with the 1989 earthquake destroying much of my town, and now the current drought. I still think fondly of my Minnesota days. Address: 820 Delaware St., Watsonville CA 95076

Won Kyung Kim

Visiting Professor, 1981-82, 1989-90; Professor, Department of Geography, Pusan Women's University, Pusan, Republic of Korea 607-737

Current research: "Patterns of 'Tongrae' shopping district within Pusan, Korea. Published in 1991: "Landform and settlement in the Kim Hae Delta Region".

John C. Klink

Ph.D. (1968-69; 1970-74); Department of Geography, Miami University

The Klinks (John, Marcia, Johnny, and Jed) moved from the University of Minnesota to Miami University in 1974 and have remained there except for a year in Malaysia (1978-79). Johnny is a visiting assistant professor in sculpture at Cornell University for 1990-91; Jed is a junior at Miami's Luxembourg campus for 1990-91. The four of us spent Christmas vacation touring Luxembourg, Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, and Lisbon via Eurail. John and Marcia work to support Jed--Marcia is an editor in the publications department at MU and John is Geography department chair.

Gregory Knapp

Instructor, Winter 1983; University of Texas at Austin

This year I was promoted to Associate Professor; Sookie started work with Carbonmedics (quality control for artificial heart valves); and our son Anthony continued his geography education with trips to Carlsbad Caverns and Gila National Forest. I published book reviews for Economic Geography and The Americas, a commentary for Current Anthropology, contributed to Encyclopedia Britannica, and had a forthcoming book, Andean Ecology, accepted for publication by Westview Press. I organized a meeting, Cultural Adaptation at the Edge of the Spanish Empire, which united participants from Texas and Mexico interested in the archives, archaeology, history, anthropology, and geography of northeastern New Spain. I organized the session on development in Latin America for the meeting of the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers reviewing significant research contributions during the last 10 years. For this meeting, I also organized a field trip taking graduate students from Austin to Alabama, studying Hispanic sites of the south and also ethnic relationships in the southern USA.

Tae-kyung Koh

Ph.D., 1989

I am enjoying my first teaching as "Visiting Instructor" at Indiana University in Bloomington. I am teaching two sections of introductory course. I am also working on international political economy focusing on East Asian countries. I visited my country, Korea, twice last year. With little luck, I am still looking for a permanent job in Seoul. Fortunately, my husband got a job in Seoul. I think I am going to stay here in Bloomington for one more year. I hope we will settle some place in my country thereafter.

Marianne Kovatch

M.A. (1990); 1987-present; U of M Teaching Assistant

It's been a busy year for me. I actually spent the summer working in Minnesota (the first time since I moved here) and so didn't get to do much travelling. I did meet Terry Haverluk for one week in California where we observed earthquake damage in San Francisco and Santa Cruz. My summer job lasted for longer than I expected it to. I worked as a research analyst for the Minnesota Department of Human Services to write a report on Migration of Welfare Recipients to the State of Minnesota, concluding that the welfare magnet hypothesis is not true. The report was finally approved in March.

Carole J. (Wendell) Larson

Journalism and Geography (1964); Vice-president, Larson Publications, Inc.

In journalism: supervise suburban, x-urban and rural community weekly newspapers; was first woman president of Minnesota Newspaper Association in 1983; presently president of the Minnesota News Council, the only such council in the U.S. In geography: have continually and actively supervised reporting of all planning and zoning growth with the various communities we serve throughout the 28 years we have been at Larson Publications, Inc. Also served on the Maple Grove Freeway Corridor Committee.

Sue M. Lawson

M.A. (1985), residence, 1982-84; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Environmental Planning in the Coastal Zone Management Program.

Miriam Liora Rosen was born on May 15, 1990 and Rob and I haven't had a dull moment since. I returned to my job, reviewing waterfront development projects along the Hudson River, in January 1991 after a leave of absence. There are certainly plenty of challenges in this area, but not much wildlife. Rob continues to work as a quality improvement consultant for Rohm and Haas Co., and continues to enjoy it. In our "spare" time we watch Miriam grow and marvel at the process. Visiting the Philadelphia area? Let us know.

Helga Leitner

Thanks to our exchange program with University College London I had both the privilege of working with an extremely knowledgeable and friendly group of colleagues and students, and the thrill of experiencing the fall of the Iron Lady first hand -- not to speak of the pleasure provided by Dillons bookstore, which is almost next door to the

Department of Geography, and the bucolic walks on Hampstead Heath. This does not mean that London in the fall of 1990 provided only enjoyable experiences; quite the contrary. The legacy of 10 years of Thatcherism was hounding us daily: An underfunded public transportation system breaking down every other day; homeless people peddling for money in subway entrances and crowding in and around railway stations; a privatized telephone system riddled with more red tape than its public version; more Mercedes Benz and BMWs per capita in Hampstead than in Frankfurt; etc., etc., etc.

Jameson Lin

M.A. (1960)

I retired as professor at National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei in 1976 and moved to Toronto in 1977. Last year I had a nine-day trip through the Hawaiian Islands, one week stay in Minneapolis, and one month's trip in Mainland China. I always have sweet memory of the days in Minneapolis from 1958 to 1961 and think of all of you geographers.

Robert C. Lucas (or Bob Lucas)

M.A. and Ph.D. (1957-62); Retired Research Scientist, US Forest Service

I have been retired two years now, but two publications made it in 1990. One was an extensively revised second edition of the book, *Wilderness Management*, which I co-authored. The other was an Intermountain Station Research Paper, *How Wilderness Visitors Choose Entry Points and Campsites*, based on a study in Montana's Bob Marshall Wilderness complex. I also authored a section of a wilderness correspondence course that Colorado State University ran for the four federal wilderness agencies. I was back in the Twin Cities in September as an instructor for a Minnesota State Parks short course. Grace and I visited Costa Rica for almost a month last spring, and had a great time from coast to coast and high in the mountains. I keep busy as a director of the Montana Wildlife Federation and as a member of a joint State-Flathead Indian Reservation Fish and Wildlife Board. I was surprised when the Republican Governor appointed me, but it's no secret I am not a Republican!

Chiu-ming Luk

Ph.D., 1988 (1982-86); Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist College

I am teaching courses on China, cartography, remote sensing, and GIS this year. This is really a significant shift in my teaching and research orientation. Managing the GIS lab is no easy task as it entails much work, including constant begging for money to upkeep and upgrade expensive equipment. Any chance to come by and share your experience with us?

Matthew R. Lussenhop

BA, 3 years in residence; Jr. Officer in the U.S. Information Agency, U.S. Embassy Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

I am currently employed as a Jr. Officer in the U.S. Information Agency stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. I spent most of 1990 in Washington, D.C. undergoing training at the State Department Schools with additional training in Mid-East Language Schools. I left for Riyadh on November 28, 1990. The work has been of tremendous interest and intensity since I arrived. I had hoped to do some traveling in the area but that has been somewhat curtailed by current conditions. As of this date, I have been temporary assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Dhahran and after that I hope to travel to Western Saudi Arabia, perhaps to the Red Sea. I extend greetings to all my friends in the geography department and hope to see you on my return.

Linda McCarthy

BA (Hons), 1989, University College Dublin; commenced M.A., Fall 1990 on a Graduate School Fellowship

Clutching our Green Cards (which are unfortunately white!) we began the migratory trail in the Fall of 1989 when we (Tim and I) moved from Ireland to Boston. Onward to Syracuse in January 1990 (where I learned to drive -- for the most part on the right hand side of the road). On vacation in Ireland during August, we spent a week on the Irish-speaking Aran Islands off the west coast. Visited prehistoric and early Christian archaeological sites, and some modern embibing emporiums where we brushed up on our Irish, in particular the phrase: '*Piunta Guinness, mas e do thoil e.*' Returned to Syracuse to pick up a 12-foot truck and our belongings, and with only 20 hours of driving behind me, drove to Minneapolis to begin an M.A. in September. We survived the trip, I can't say the same for the truck which was the worse for wear. While in Ireland, I submitted a research paper in historical geography on the Smithfield area of Dublin's inner city based on my B.A. dissertation. It was published in the December issue of **Irish Geography**, having been revised during the Fall quarter.

Robert B. McMaster

Faculty, 1990-

This has been a busy year, my first year on the faculty, at the University of Minnesota. In September we completed the new Digital Cartography Laboratory in Blegen 455. After renovating the room, a MAC lab was constructed with 20 MACIIc's, all networked together, three digitizers, a scanner, a color printer, a laserwriter, and three IBM microcomputers. The Introductory Cartography and Computer Cartography classes now use this facility. During February I finished a co-edited book on **Map Generalization: Making Decisions for Knowledge Representation**. The book explores the potential for expert systems in digital generalization. I am also organizing a special issue of **Cartography and GIS** on *The history and development of academic cartography in the U.S.* My editorship of **Cartography and GIS** thus far is both professionally and intellectually rewarding.

John U. Marshall

M.A., 1965 (1961-63); York University, North York, Ontario Canada M3J 1P3

Some years are quiet, and this has been one of them. An ordinary teaching year with no special triumphs, no extraordinary travails, and no unexpected twists or turns. The greatest highlight of 1990 was our all-too-brief vacation on Cape Cod. The runner-up was the AAG Toronto meetings. A trip westward is planned for summer 1991, but the itinerary remains uncertain at this point. In any event, greetings and best wishes to all my Minnesota friends from days gone by; yes, even from the era of Ford Hall (I do go back that far - just) and the exhilarating walk to my first lodgings at Seven Corners, across the uncovered bridge! As soon as I could, I moved to Dinkytown. Have a good year!

Judith Martin

This seems to be turning into a year of major revisions and changes--personal as well as professional. . . . I'm still directing the Urban Studies program, which continues to exist despite administrative urgings to evolve into a budgetary step-child of Geography. Small and interdisciplinary units are widely under challenge these days, as the budgetary nooks and crannies shrink into oblivion. There's a publishing revision on the horizon too, as Lanegran and I (perhaps in cahoots with Barbara Lukermann) revise and expand our Twin Cities book.

Cotton Mather

Emeritus Professor

This past year: taught summer school at University of Minnesota; two weeks exploring 1,000-mile-long Rio Grande Borderland (with article co-authored with James R. Wilson to appear in May, 1991 issue of *Journal of Cultural Geography*); conducted two field trips--each a week long--in the Southwest for New Mexico Geographical Society; attended Toronto AAG Meetings; two trips to Washington on I.G.U. work; two weeks in Puerto Rico; hosted visiting geographers from the Far East, western and eastern Canada, the Midwest and the East; now co-writing one of the guidebooks for the forthcoming 27th Congress of the International Geographical Union; lecturing in the Far East in April, 1991.

Paul W. Mausel

BA and M.A. (1954-1960); Professor of Geography

It (1990) was my best year for publications and contracts/grants. Five articles in major journals (i.e., *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, *Journal of Imaging Technology*) were published or accepted for publication. An additional five articles were published or accepted for publication in lesser remote sensing or GIS publications. Five grants/contracts were funded (i.e., McDonnell Douglas, National Park Service, EPA, Oak Ridge National Lab, ITD/Stennis Space Center) during 1990 totaling approximately \$140,000. Research is continuing in videography and GIS. Currently I am coordinator of GIS activities at Indiana State. The GIS facilities now available are among the best in the nation and integrate well with the traditional large remote sensing program.

W. R. Mead

Former Brown Day speaker; retired

A happy Brown Day to everyone. We are enjoying the steady stream of Minnesotans who come to see us at University College London.

Harold Meeks

1956-1958, Ph.D. (1964); Professor, University of Vermont

As I look at the annual Brown Day Newsletter, I am reminded of how "senior" I am. Then of course I think of John Borchert, Fred Lukermann, Cotton Mather and others who had to put up with me! So things are not all that bad. The "Newsletter" is great and I look forward to each issue. But aside from the annual AAG meetings, do not have opportunities to see old students from my years. Perhaps on retirement can travel, but then does that still qualify as "field research" for the IRS? Milly and I are well. I continue to love teaching at Vermont although think more of retirement. I find my own non-specialized and regional training at Minnesota more valuable with each passing year and decry the narrow specialization we seem to be caught up in today--that, and often, an obsession with numbers and an avoidance of real people and real places as personified by fieldwork. Best to all of our Minnesota friends.

David Mermin

First year, working on MA

I have a BA in Political Science from Brown University and have lived in Georgia, Rhode Island, France, and California. My scholarly interests include political geography, Yugoslavia, GIS, environmentalism and legislative redistricting.

Marcel Mikolasek

M.A. (1st year in residence)

I spent the first twenty years of my life in Prague, Czechoslovakia. I went to school briefly at Prague's Charles University, majoring in inorganic chemistry. In 1987 I arrived in the U.S. and later completed my undergraduate degree in geography at the U of M. I recently traveled to Mexico, Europe, and spent some time as an exchange student in Fiji. Currently I am working towards an M.A. degree and my chief interests include the Geography of Europe, particularly recent population changes in Central/Eastern Europe.

Roger Miller

*M.S., Ph.D. (Berkeley 1979), here (to the extent that I can define the concept of "here")
1980-present; overworked, undercompensated?*

As I face the uncomfortable existential reality of Middle Age (40 is *such* an obscene number), I find my dismay is mitigated by the pleasures of family, teaching, and research. Sharing parenthood responsibilities with Mary Ann keeps both of us running to stay half a step ahead of our son. Jonah continues to be an unforeseen delight, as he passes through his second year, now providing a running, non-stop commentary on the world as he sees it. However, since my own commentary here could easily lapse into the maudlin and sentimental, I will leave it at that and move on. Teaching has been particularly rewarding this year, especially working with Hugh Prince during Fall Quarter in the

Seminar in Historical Geography, and offering Geographical Perspectives on Urban Planning for the first time during the Winter. Hugh introduced me and the other seminar participants to the historical geography produced by the Minnesota department (something I had managed to miss in seven previous offerings of the seminar), as well as a broad cross-section of the current scene in British historical geography. It was only in the waning days of the quarter that I cottoned onto the fact that all of the British exemplars were from University College, London! Finally, I managed to finish "*Selling Mrs. Consumer*" for *Antipode*, along with several book reviews. Work continues on "Architecture and Ideology," a piece about the ways in which post-modern design has been justified and promoted in Stockholm. I have a single quarter leave during the Spring, to finish up work on my Stockholm book.

Darrell Napton

Ph.D., 7 years in residence; Assistant Professor at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

I got married to Luanne in August of 1988. She graduated with a Masters in Applied Geography last December and is now working with an engineering firm that does solid waste planning. Recent trips have been to Idaho to visit Luanne's father and to New Mexico to visit Cotton Mather and participate in the 1990 International Congress of Geographical Societies. This summer I will be traveling to the United Kingdom to present a paper at a workshop on Restructuring Rural Areas.

Jim Newman

B.A., M.A., Ph.D., 1957-69; Syracuse University

There's not much different to report from last year, except a deepening love affair with France. Of course, a good part of the allure has to do with my passion for food and wine, but one cannot forget the variety of landscapes. They're a geographer's paradise. Maybe this is where we get to go if we've been good. But will I ever speak the language well enough to be admitted?

Per Nilsson

M.A., 1983; Head of the Economy and Budget Planning Department at the Hospital of Skelleftea

Dear friends -- I was happy to have Dave and Yvonne Berner as guests this past summer here in Skelleftea, Sweden. They were able to see the midnight sun, reindeer, the arctic circle and so forth. Now, Britt-Marie and I hope to have more visitors coming from the Geography Department in Minneapolis.

George Orning

BA (1964), M.A. (1967), Research Director, Lakeshore, Land Management Information System project (1968-77); Research Director, Freshwater Foundation

Present projects of interest: coordinating update of the 1969 land use map, two years away from a new map. Still doing work on lake management planning initiatives.

Phillip D. Phillips

Ph.D. (1969-72); Director, Office of Corporate Relations and Community Development, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, also adjunct Associate Professor of Geography

The big professional news for the past year was the publication of my book, *Economic Development for Small Communities and Rural Areas*, in December. This coming fall semester, I will probably be teaching a course in the Geography Department, Business Location Decision Making.

Jerry Pitzl

M.A., 1971, Ph.D., 1974; Professor and Chair, Geography Department, Macalester College

Busy with teaching, summer institutes for teachers; traveled to Moscow, Novosibirsk, and Irkutsk last year; addressed a public meeting of the Moscow Branch of the Geographical Society of the USSR. Darlene is finishing her MFA at the U. Going more and more to our property on the North Shore near Havland. Our dog, Sasha, likes it!

Phil Porter

My year has been enlivened and vivified by association with some wonderfully thoughtful and motivated graduate students--in a seminar on Cultural Ecology in fall quarter and a seminar on Geography and Social Theory in winter quarter. During the past year Tom Bassett (U-Illinois, Urbana) and I completed a study of the Kong Mountains of West Africa, a mountain range, up to 2,500 miles long and "of stupendous height" (as much as 14,000 ft.), that never existed but appeared on most of the maps of Africa between 1798 and 1890. The article will appear in the Journal of African History later this year. I am turning my attention, in a time of global military madness, to other writing tasks--on still other things that never were, on transformation that never will be, on analyses that aren't yet, and on events that never should have been.

Curt Arthur Poulton

Ph.D., 1982-85; Honorarium Instructor in Geography, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (when there are honoraria). Private consultant in history and ownership of water rights (when there are clients)

Research interests continue in social institutions surrounding the emergence of appropriate water rights in the western states, plus issues in western land alienation. Historical geography is still the approach. Meg and I both fine, but finding time to do things together seems ever more difficult. We've planned a trip to Big Bend National Park for three years . . . We miss Minnesota. Those who wish are permitted to write.

Frank J. Pucci

M.A. (1987), ABD (1989), 6th year of residence; Instructor at Millersville University, Millersville, PA

In the heart of Amish country, Mennonite country, and a land of Italians who are protestant. (It must be something in the water.)

Ksenia Rudensky

B.S., M.S.

I thought I would write about myself because I haven't been around much during the last school years. I have instead been more visible during the summers while working on my dissertation, but then most everyone is away. If all goes as planned, this is what I will be up to on Brown Day: only 23 credits away from my J.D. degree, and planning to defend my dissertation before I get it. My dissertation has evolved in reflection of these conflict-laden times. It started out as a study of the forces behind the controversy over oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Namely, would using environmental/social models help to explain the controversy? Prince William Sound was suddenly polluted and after several trips to the area I realized more was at stake than just a decision which would impact the area within the Refuge. The fighting in the Gulf and creation of a national energy policy have turned the ANWR debate upside down and inside out. No blood for oil? The forces behind the controversy keep changing. I visited Haiti in August 1990 under the protective wing of the Foreign Service. As we know, talking social/environmental models with policy officers, and seeing real social dynamics are two different things. In Haiti, both indicated that social theories and real society differ sharply. Now I am in the Ukraine again, seeing that nation (my hopeful bias) in a way none of us ever dreamed of -- with my father beside me. I guess I'm seeing more social expression not explained with models.

Ralph A. Sanders

1971-74, Ph.D. (1974); Faculty of Environmental Studies, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, NY since 1986.

I think I owe John Adams, Jack Flynn, and sundry others about five letters each, so if each would be kind enough to read this five times. . . . I am greatly enjoying life as an environmental scientist (of sorts) and find it rather like Geography in all its good senses. I remain an adjunct professor at Syracuse University and so stay in touch with all of you (and what you think) in that way. Academic life is a colossally good thing, rather especially because I have managed to back out of administration and move into thinking about confusing things, and being paid for it. My best to all there, who remain vivid to memory and unpaid of my many debts.

Joe Schwartzberg

The year was marked by continued progress on my contributions to **The History of Cartography**. Five chapters on South Asia for Volume II, Book One are now being typeset. For Volume II, Book Two, I am working simultaneously on the Himalayan region and Tibet (four chapters) and Southeast Asia (five chapters). Also nearing completion are the revisions and updating for a new edition of **A Historical Atlas of South Asia**. Not having to teach during the spring quarter greatly facilitated the furtherance of these projects. Among subsidiary activities were the updating of a series of maps, other graphics, and a chronology relating to human rights for a conference (which I was, alas, unable to attend) in New Delhi; a trip to India in September to reorganize the Minnesota Studies in International Development program in that country; a variety of editorial assignments; a number of tasks related to issues of world

organization, peace and justice; and the coordination of a rather successful university fast for Oxfam. The times are full of excitement and pregnant with opportunity to bring about systemic change. Whether Americans and others will seize the opportunities that are now open to them and turn them to good purposes remains, of course, to be seen. But a necessary condition for progress is the conviction that it is possible. I firmly believe that it is and that collectively we can move the world and our own small parts of it toward the ends of human betterment that we seek.

Earl P. Scott

I am currently 50% time in administration and in the department. I am Director of a Student and Faculty-Mentor Program for Minority Students, which is designed to improve classroom performance, to promote cultural diversity and sensitivity and to create a sense of community at the University. To meet some of these objectives, I am planning a two-day Teach-In on Cultural Diversity, Sensitivity and Relativity: A Minority Culture Perspective for May 23 and 24. My current research program is based on field research conducted in Zimbabwe from January to July, 1989 within the Food Security Research Project co-directed by Michigan State University and the University of Zimbabwe. I am examining the role of home-based nonfarm activities in achieving household food security and as responses to political and ecological change.

Indira Sheno

1966-69?; Head of English, Redland School

Greetings! Saluda! Griibe aus Santiago de Chile. For the last twenty odd years, I have been receiving invitations to the Ralph Hall Brown Day. I may still make it if I am lucky enough to hit the jackpot in our national lottery "Polla Gol". The last quarter of a century has seen me living in four different continents (depending on how one divides the world into continents), four different "macro-cultural" regions, coping with two Germanic and one Romance language and raising two trilingual boys and one trilingual dog. Then I am working as the Head of English in a British school. Last year, my time, effort, reading and research went into planning, organising and conducting two events: Walls in our lives, and a general knowledge event dealing with the exploration and settlement of the continents.

Eric Sheppard

This last year has been memorable for two things; the relief I felt to see the book by myself and Trevor Barnes finally on sale, and the thrill of being in London to watch both my nephew learning to crawl and Margaret Thatcher learning defeat. We had a wonderful, hospitable time in London where the faculty at University College treated us embarrassingly well. We were also able to find time to travel in Europe, ranging from Brasilicata in the burning heat of August to the Scottish highlands in the fogs and darkness of November. On many other levels it has been an overwhelming period, well illustrated by the first corollary to Parkinson's Principle (that work expands to fill the time available), the Big Bang thesis: work expands to fill the universe.

Richard H. Skaggs

The past year has been busy both personally and professionally. On the personal side, Mary Jo and I moved to a new (to us) home in Roseville after 20 years in Duluth South (aka New Brighton). We also experienced the joy of owning two houses at the same time. On the professional side, I've spent a third and last year as Secretary of the AAG and continued a Water Resources Research Center project with Don Baker which concludes at the end of June of this year.

Dixon Smith

B.S. (1948), M.A. (1949), Ph.D. (1960)

Been retired a couple of years now after teaching 40 years. Enjoying the good life. Ole and I made 5 weeks trip to Soviet Union and England last summer. A good window of opportunity for such a visit. Hope to spend much of next summer at our cabin in the Snowy Range of Wyoming. Call or drop by and see us in Golden or Wyoming. 1620 Maple Street, Golden CO 80401; 303-278-1990. P.S. My introductory class with Ralph Brown in 1946 motivated me to major in geography which in turn provided a wonderful professional and personal life for me!

Kenard E. Smith

M.A. (1971), Ph.D. (1974); Director, Area Research, The May Department Stores Company

We have already been in St. Louis three years and are grateful for the opportunities here. Recent months have been unusually challenging for the department store industry, but May Company is moving forward nonetheless. Area Research handles site selection/field work, trade area analysis, store location strategies, and sales forecasting. In the past year we have developed a GIS and have refined several sales projection models and techniques. One prediction model was presented last October at the Applied Geographers Conference in Charlotte, NC. Last year's highlight was a 10-day trip my daughter, Lisa, and I enjoyed in Mexico City. We were part of a church-sponsored work crew finishing a gymnasium/community center in the community of Santa Domingo. With Tracy now at Wheaton College, the house is emptier, but Lisa, 15, and Evan, 5, set a hectic pace for Joanne and me.

Clement Springer

B.A., 1955; President of Weis Asset Management, a commercial management and leasing firm located in Bloomington

Still applying spatial relationship concepts learned in geography but perhaps on a smaller scale than originally envisioned. Moved back to the Twin Cities two years ago after living in Rochester, MN for nine years. Relearning the area because of the incredible growth and change that occurred.

Fredric R. Steinhauser

Ph.D. (1960); Professor Emeritus (U of M 30 years)

I'm sure many young geographers wonder what's in store for them in the Golden Years. In January it's Texas to California; February it's Mexico; May it's Australia and New Zealand; in July it's Chicago's Venetian Nights; fall is Germany, Austria and Switzerland; and all other times it's wonderful Minnesota and its Theater of Seasons.

Pat St. Peter

M.A. (three years)

Over the past year I have worked on a variety of projects sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the Minnesota Alliance for Geographic Education. Having entered year two of the "Geography of Minnesota" video-series project for the College of Extension/Independent Study as a research assistant for Dr. Borchert, I continue to witness the project unfold. I am convinced that Dr. Borchert is the best teacher Media Resources has ever had the opportunity to work with. He has converted the whole bunch of fifth floor residents in Rarig Hall into geographers. I have diligently worked on a curriculum project for "Maps and the Columbian Encounter", a map exhibit produced by the Office for Map History (Milwaukee) with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Schwartzberg has been my mentor through this project, and had it not been for his patience and expertise, I dare say, I may have abandoned it. Thank you, Dr. Schwartzberg. As I leave this year's academic work, I look back upon a year of "shoveling" as my research has focused on the children's world. As I look forward to continuing a life as an eighth-grade geography teacher next school year, I know I take with me the geographic intelligence and craft from each of the professors I have had the honor to study under. Rest assured . . . I will continue to "Shovel" in the eighth-grade classroom.

Eliahu Stern

Ph.D., 1976; Department of Geography, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

The most important news concerns the division of Israel to six alarm regions. Finally the people learn "active geography". Apart from that, I am serving now as the President of the Israeli Geographical Association. My book, Route Choice, was published last August by Kluwer Academic Publishers and I also received the Local Government Award for my development plan for the city of Beer Sheva. Despite the Scuds we are all fine!

Phil Wagner

Ph.D., 1991; CLA Honors, University of Minnesota

At long last, closure! On March 15, 1991, I successfully defended my dissertation. By the time you read this, final copies will have gone to the grad school and I'll be a Ph.D. Meanwhile, we continue to settle into our house and neighborhood in the St. Paul Midway. Still working full-time in Liberal Arts Honors, where I advise high-ability students and administer various national scholarship programs. Co-authored an article on advising high-ability students for an advising publication this year, and will run for a spot on the planning board of U of M Academic Advising Network next year. Still a part-time

church organist, trying to get a pipe organ rebuilding project off the ground. Pet antiquarian dream project: a historical geography of pipe-organ builders in the United States.

Bob Werner

Ph.D. (1990), at U of M 1984-89

I'm spending my second year at Mankato State, where I teach world regional, economic, location analysis, GIS, and quantitative methods. Pat and the kids are in St. Paul, so being in Mankato four days a week is a bit of a problem. I am uncertain just how this will be resolved. I'm happy to say that I have travel plans to northern Saskatchewan, and to take the train from Winnipeg to Churchill. I will also be taking a group of Japanese students through Wyoming this summer. I recently completed research on perception of map projections. *Journal of Geography* accepted an article that Jim Young and I wrote, about how to evaluate mapping software. Last fall my seminar and I did some interesting location analysis for siting new retail stores. I also have a couple of pending grants: one for equipment for my department, and one for research, with Linda Tomaselli. I'm active in the MN Geography Alliance, and the local chapter of the ASPRS (remote sensing). I live in fear that going to meetings and serving on committees will consume my productivity.

James R. Wilson

Ph.D. (1984), in residence 1980-84

Retired from Cargill Singapore to his farm in southwestern Ohio; teaching International Business full-time at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

John A. Wolter

B.A. (1956), M.A. (1965), Ph.D. (1975); Chief, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress

Completed 25 years of federal service last year. Twenty-two of those years have been in the Library of Congress. Joan and I are planning for our retirement this year. Consulting and travel and more time with our increasing tribe--four sons, six grandchildren with one more on the way--will keep us busy. *Images of the World*, an edited volume of essays on the history of the atlas is virtually complete and may have a 1991 imprint. *J. G. Kohl's American Studies* is also well on the way toward completion. We will be in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ontario in mid-August to do some field work on the shoreline of Lake Superior and look forward to seeing a few old friends in the department.