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Fall, 1985, undergraduate enrollment in geography is 649, the highest Fall enrollment ever for the department.

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Charles Good participated in a workshop entitled "The Spatial Distribution of Health Resources with Countries and Communities" at the 9th International Conference on the Social Sciences and Medicine in Helsinki, Finland, last July.

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Larry Grossman has received a VPI&SU Title XII Strengthening Grant for his research dealing with "Diet and Development."

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Bon Richardson's article "Go West Young Man: Black Barbadians and the Panama Canal," appears in Caribbean Review, Vol. 14, no. 2 (Spring, 1985), pp. 10-13, 41.

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Bill Carstensen's article "Bivariate Choropleth Mapping: The Effects of Axis Scaling" has been accepted for publication in The American Cartographer.

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Winter Quarter book orders are due to Vanessa by November 1st.

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Meg Mayers reminds everyone of the VPI&SU Geographical Society's informal meetings at the "Top of the Stairs" each Friday at 4:30 p.m.
November 8, 1985

DIFFUSION

Former graduate student Ellen White, now the staff cartographer at Michigan State University, has published "A Service Classification of American Metropolitan Areas," in Urban Geography, vol. 6, no. 2 (1985), pp. 122-151.

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Charles Good is editing a series of papers for Social Science and Medicine based upon a symposium on Medical Geography that he attended in the United Kingdom last June.

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On October 30, Bob Morrill and Bill Carstensen presented a 3-hour workshop on "Maps, Mapping, and Air Photo Interpretation" for 90 ninth grade students from the Gifted and Talented Program of the Roanoke County Schools.

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Larry Grossman is a member of the University's Title VI advisory board which deals with agriculture, foreign languages, and international studies.
December 5, 1985

DIFFUSION

Larry Grossman recently attended an NSF-sponsored symposium, dealing with studies of time allocation among Third World peoples, which was held on the UCLA campus in Los Angeles.

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Three departmental faculty were active at the SEDAAG meetings at Chapel Hill, NC, November 24-27: Susan Brooker-Gross was a panelist on the Southeast Committee on the Status of Women Geographers; Bill Carstensen chaired a cartography paper session; Bob Morrill was a panel member on the SEDAAG Committee on Geographic Education.

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On December 2 the Virginia Tech Geographic Society hosted two speakers in 301 Patton Hall. Christopher Norris from Greenhorne & O'Mara spoke about "Planning your Interview" followed by Lt. Michael Cholko who discussed "Job Opportunities in the NOAA Corp."

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Paul Knox's paper "Regional Socioeconomic Change in Western Europe since 1930: The Evidence of Infant Mortality Rates" has been accepted for publication in L'Espace Geographique.

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Bob Morrill recently attended the NCGE Executive Board meetings held at Breckenridge, Colorado.

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"Diffusion" will next appear in January, 1986, after the holiday recess.
January 17, 1986

DIFFUSION

The geography department welcomes new graduate student Daniel Lottsfeldt, BA, University of Maine at Farmington.

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A Gipsy Primer, by Elizabeth Garland and Roger Ehrich, is being distributed among those interested in the Spatial Data Analysis Laboratory's General Image Processing System (GIPSY) software.

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Dennis Slifer is interning at the VPI&SU Water Resources Center and involved in a study of illegal trash dumps in Rockbridge County.

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Dr. Stephen Sheppard of the VPI&SU Economics Department will speak about "Economic 'Costs' of Development Control in Britain" in the geography department seminar series at 4pm on Wednesday, January 29th, in 136 McBryde.

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Paul Knox recently has become Book review Editor for Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy.

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Larry Grossman is the recipient of a grant from the VPI&SU College of Arts and Sciences for his research dealing with "Nucleus Estate Development in Papua New Guinea."
February 7, 1986

DIFFUSION

Bob Morrill, who is sponsored by a Fulbright Fellowship, arrived in Turku, Finland, in mid-January and will return next summer.

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Bon Richardson's book, *Panama Money in Barbados, 1900-1920*, has been published by The University of Tennessee Press in December, 1985.

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Allan Cox has helped to design a computer-interactive videodisc instructional program that was exhibited at the meetings of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology in Las Vegas in January; it is also being displayed this month in New Orleans at the meetings of the Association for the Development of Computer Based Instructional Systems.

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The departmental colloquium series continues at 4 pm in 136 McBryde on Wednesday, February 19th, when Professor Jerry McDonald of Radford University will discuss "Late Quaternary Environments of Southwestern Virginia."

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Larry Grossman led a workshop ("Addressing Third World Crises") as part of the "Educating for Development" conference held at VPI&SU on January 17th.

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Paul Knox is review editor of the *Journal of Urban Affairs* as of November, 1985.
February 28, 1986

DIFFUSION

On February 11th Charles Good discussed "Development in East Africa: Patterns and Prospects" at a meeting of the VPI&SU Faculty Forum.

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Larry Grossman has been invited by the departments of geography and anthropology at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb to give public talks on February 26th and 27th concerning his research about development in Papua New Guinea.

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The departmental colloquium series continues at 4 p.m. in 136 McBryde on Wednesday, March 5, 1986, when Professor Steven W. Tweedie of Oklahoma State University will discuss "Geographic Information Systems and Applied Locational Analysis—Some Reflections."

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Undergraduate geography majors are now presenting their final research proposals in Geography 3030 (Proseminar) in the cartography lab at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Bob Morrill has been elected to the SEDAAG Nominations Committee for 1986.

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The third Conference on Appalachian Geography, sponsored by the geography department at Concord College, will be held at Pipestem, West Virginia, March 14-15.
April 4, 1986

DIFFUSION

Vanessa Scott had a baby girl, Brittney Terrell, on March 21st. Patty Carver is taking Vanessa's place during her maternity leave.

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On March 11th, Jennifer Lukomski discussed Peace Corps opportunities with members of the VPI&SU Geographic Society.

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On March 20th, Steven Dicks, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida, spoke to members of the Geography Department about "Relationships between Satellite-Derived Surface Temperatures and Land Cover in North Central Florida."

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On April 2nd, Holly Myers-Jones, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington, spoke to the Department about "Black Power Revisited: A Conceptual Approach to Black Suburbanization in the Restructuring Metropolis."

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Michael O'Neill, a PhD candidate at SUNY-Buffalo, has accepted an offer from the department to join the faculty as an assistant professor in September.

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Annapurna Shaw of the University of Kentucky spoke to the department about "The Income Security Function of the Rural Sector: The Case of Calcutta," on April 8th.

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Dennis Slifer has received a grant from the VPI & SU Water Resources Center in order to attend a karst field studies course at Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, in June.

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On April 9th Allan Cox gave a presentation on "Computer-Interactive Videodisc Instructional Possibilities" to the VPI & SU faculty computer-aided instruction interest group.

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Larry Grossman has been invited to give lectures and seminars concerning development issues in Papua New Guinea at the University of Hawaii during the week of April 19-26.

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Susan Brooker-Gross has received a grant from the Duke-UNC Women's Studies Research Center in order to incorporate teaching units on women into existing courses.
May 16, 1986

DIFFUSION

Holly Myers-Jones, a PhD candidate at the University of Washington at Seattle, has accepted a three-year teaching position in the department effective next September.

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Several members of the department attended the annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers in Minneapolis, May 3-8: Bill Carstensen organized and chaired a workshop on microcomputers and gave a paper entitled "Teaching Map Reading through a Competitive Tournament"; Mona Domosh's paper was "The Emergence of the Skyscraper as an Urban Symbol: A Study of New York's First Tall Buildings"; Liz Garland gave a paper "An Image Analysis Methodology for Historical Geographic Research"; Don Richardson's paper was "The Importance of Remittances in the Commonwealth Caribbean."

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Edith Patton spoke to the VPI & SU Geographic Society about world hunger on April 17th.

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Dennis Slifer is beginning a research project, funded by the US Army Corps of Engineers through VMI, dealing with groundwater drainage paths in sinkholes.

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Allan Cox and Bill Carstensen have received a Teaching/Learning Grant from the VPI & SU Learning Resources Center to develop a "Map Use Orienteering Videodisc Simulation."
June 5, 1986

DIFFUSION

The geography department will award nineteen (Spring and Summer) BA degrees and four HS degrees at the June 14th VPI&SU commencement ceremonies.

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Dr. Henry Lawrence (Ph.D., Oregon) has accepted the department's offer of a visiting teaching position for academic year, 1986-87.

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Charles Good has been awarded a Takemi Fellowship in International Health at the Harvard School of Public Health for ten months beginning September 1, 1986.

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Bon Richardson has received a grant from the National Geographic Society to research aspects of British Caribbean history in London archives during academic year 1986-87.

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Susan Brooker-Gross has received a VPI&SU Teaching-Learning Grant to investigate "Gender Balance in Urban Geography Courses."

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Dennis Slifer has received a summer internship from the Student Environment Health Project to study groundwater contamination in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

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Larry Grossman will become graduate director of the VPI&SU geography graduate program effective July 1st.

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