September 9, 1988

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The geography department welcomes seven new graduate students: Loretta Bush (Western Kentucky); John Clements (Univ. Pittsburgh at Johnstown); Barbara Hale (Miami of Ohio); Alkmini Katsada (Univ. of Thessalonika in Greece); Tricia Mahoney (Salem State, MA); Alan Moore (VPI & SU); Stuart Simpson (Towson State, MD).

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On July 28th Governor Baliles appointed Bob Morrill as Virginia's first "State Geographer," a position that involves program development and advising state agencies to improve geographic education in Virginia.

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Charles Good's book, Ethnomedical Systems in Africa has been given the Research Monograph Publication Award for 1987 by the Geographic Society of Chicago.

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Susan Brooker-Gross's article "Residential Relocation and Commuting in a Non-metropolitan Laborshed," has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming number of Geographical Perspectives.

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Departmental enrollment is 578 for Fall Semester, 1988, up from 557 in the Fall Quarter, 1987.

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"Diffusion" highlights activities and accomplishments of the faculty and graduate students in the geography department. Please put items of interest in the "Diffusion" pigeonhole in Patton 301.
During the summer Paul Knox presented a paper, "Role Orientations of Urban Planners in Underdeveloped Countries," at the meetings of the International Geographical Union in Sydney, Australia.

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Charles Good gave an invited paper ("Regional and Ethnomedical Factors in AIDS Management in Africa") at the Third Takemi Symposium on International Health in Tokyo, Japan, in July.

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Bob Morrill will attend the meetings of the National Council on Geographic Education in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2-9.

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John Browder (Ph.D. 1986, Pennsylvania in City and Regional Planning) is a Brazilian specialist and a new faculty member in the Urban Affairs and Planning Department; he currently offers a seminar "Contemporary Issues in Third World Development."

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Bon Richardson will give a "Chalk Talk" about West Indian Migration and the Panama Canal on October 1st, as part of the College of Arts and Sciences 25th Anniversary celebration.

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The Friday afternoon geography colloquium series continues today at 4 p.m. in McBryde 136 when Mike O'Neill discusses "Integrating Spatial and Temporal Scales in Geomorphology."

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Book orders for the Spring Semester, 1989, are due to Vanessa Scott on October 3rd.
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Susan Brooker-Gross is a co-recipient of a two-year Fund for Excellence award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia entitled "Curriculum Transformation: Pilot Project."


Paul Knox gave an invited lecture entitled "Urbanization and Urban Geography in the United States" at Taiwan National University over the summer.

Dr. Arvo Peltonen of the Department of Geography, University of Helsinki, Finland, presented a seminar entitled "Forests, Economic Development, and Settlement: Examples from Finland and the United States," in the department colloquium series on October 20th.

Alan Moore has been elected president of the Virginia Tech Geographic Society for academic year 1988-89.

John Browder will offer "Special Topics in Third World Urbanization and Industrialization," as UAP 5984-4281 on Mondays 3:30-6:30 PM during the Spring semester.
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Paul Knox gave a paper entitled "The Good City? Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Households in the American Urban System," at the meetings of the International Geographical Union in Melbourne, Australia, last summer.

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Bon Richardson presented "Plantations and Small Holdings in the Eastern Caribbean: The British Royal Commission of 1897," at the meetings of the Eastern Historical Geography Association in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 4th.

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Bob Morrill presented "Changes in Geographic Education: Implications for Elementary Schools," at the Annual Conference of Virginia Elementary School Principals on October 27th in Richmond.

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Jim Campbell is chairman of the Publications Committee of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

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Priti Mathur will discuss "Calculation of Slope Angles from Digital Elevation Models" at this afternoon's departmental colloquium in McBryde 136 at 4pm.
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Larry Grossman is involved in a year-long research project in St. Vincent, dealing with the interrelationships between cash crop cultivation and human nutrition; his external funding is from the National Geographic Society and the Geography and Regional Science Division of the National Science Foundation.

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Several Virginia Tech geographers attended the SEDAAG regional geography meetings in Mobile, Alabama, November 20-22, 1988: Bill Carstensen's paper there was entitled "An Integrated Exercise in GIS Using Map Analysis"; Priti Mathur's paper was "Calculation of Slope angles from Digital Elevation Models."

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Paul Knox gave a recent paper at the International Conference on Privatization in Milan, Italy: "Public-Private Cooperation: A Review of Experience in the United States."

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Bob Morrill has become an invited member of the interdisciplinary Social Science Education Consortium which is located in Boulder, Colorado.

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Jim Campbell gave a seminar dealing with aerial photography and public presentations at the Fifth Planning District Commission in Roanoke on December 1st.

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Holly Myers-Jones will discuss "Black Suburbanization and the Metropolitan Opportunity Structure" as part of the department's colloquium series this afternoon at 4:00 PM in McBryde 136.

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"Diffusion" will next appear in January, 1989. Have a safe and pleasant holiday season.
January 20, 1989

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Jim Campbell has been appointed chairman of the Publication Committee of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

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Ron Richardson presented a paper dealing with Caribbean migration at a colloquium entitled *"Les plus petites iles de la Caraibe,"* in Guadeloupe, French Antilles, December 7-10.

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Former graduate student Meg Mayers has published "A Study of Four Raster-Based Data Generalization Procedures" in a recent Geological Survey Bulletin.

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Susan Brooker-Gross and Holly Myers-Jones are organizing a faculty-graduate student reading group for the Spring semester.

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The geography department welcomes three new graduate students: William Bassett (Radford University); Maria Ramírez (Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia); and Amy Wagner (Colorado State University).

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The department colloquium series continues this afternoon at 4pm in McBryde 136 as John Browder from Urban Affairs and Planning will discuss "Regional Development and Tropical Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon."
February 10, 1989

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Susan Brooker-Cross has been invited to join the Editorial Advisory Committee for the "Resource Publications for College Geography" monograph series published by the Association of American Geographers.

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Charles Good has received a grant from the College of Arts and Sciences Small Grants Committee to initiate a research project entitled "Impact of Pioneer Medical Missions on African Health and Society."

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Geographer Joseph L. Scarpaci of the University of Iowa will discuss "The Reorganization of Primary Medical Care in Latin American Cities" in Pamplin 2002 at 3:30 pm on Monday, February 13th.

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Robert Miller of the University Counseling Center will meet with departmental faculty at 3 pm in McBryde 136 on Monday, February 13th.

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Enrollments for geography department courses for the Spring Semester are 589, giving a total of 1117 for the academic year.

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The departmental colloquium topic this afternoon is Third World dependency presented by John Clements.
March 31, 1989

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Priti Mathur's paper "Calculation of Slope Angle from Digital Elevation Model (DEM) Using Five Different Methods" was awarded first place in the student honors competition sponsored by the Cartography Specialty Group at the annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers in Baltimore, March 19-22.

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Alan Moore ("Applications of a Desktop Scanner"), Holly Myers-Jones ("Historical Changes in the Opportunity Structures of Black Suburbs: A Comparison of Cleveland and Atlanta"), and Mike O'Neill ("Catchment Morphology and Sediment Characteristics: Brush Mountain, Virginia") also gave papers at the Baltimore meetings.

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Charles Good has received a research grant from the National Geographic Society for his work on early European medical missions in colonial Africa.

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Bob Morrill attended an executive meeting at the central office of the National Council for Geographic Education in Indiana, Pennsylvania, March 1-3.

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John Lombard, a Ph.D. candidate at SUNY Buffalo, will give a talk ("Singapore's Upward Climb: The Role of US Multinationals") on March 31st at 4pm in McBryde 136.

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Fall book orders are due to Vanessa Scott by Monday, April 3rd.
The geography department has eleven graduating seniors who will be honored at the May 5th commencement: Randall Lee Allen, Charles Kevin Blackstone, Thomas Parkhill Evans, James Andrew Gallion III, James Everett Hall, Nancy Joan Marth, Dominic Frank Mauriello, Timothy Edward Murphy, David Ross Nulph, Paul Langham Robinson, and Glenn Edward Wells.

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Charles Good received the Virginia Social Science Assn. Scholar Award in Geography for 1988-89, at the VSSA meetings in Blacksburg on April 15th.

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John Clements gave a paper entitled "Malaysian Development and the Radical Dependency Model" at the VSSA meetings.

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Susan Brooker-Gross has been awarded a Teaching-learning Grant from the Learning Resources Center for her project, "Curriculum Transformation Workshop on Videotape."

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Paul Knox discussed "The Social Production of New Urban Landscapes" at the departmental colloquium on April 21st.

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"Diffusion" will next appear during the Fall Semester, 1989

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

April 26, 1989