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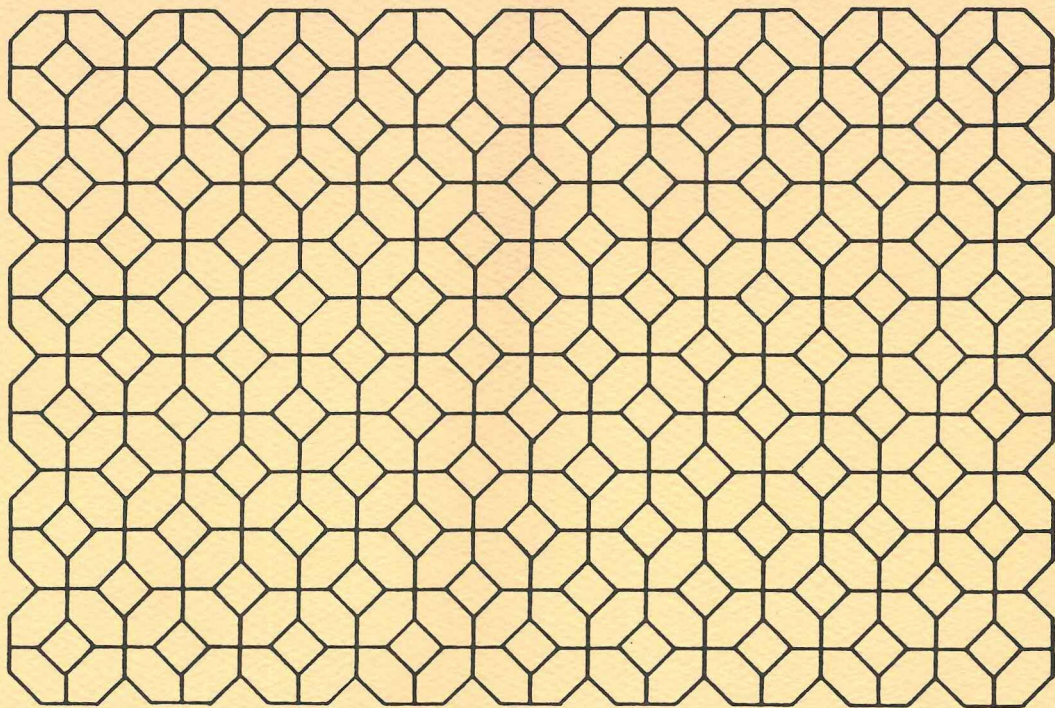
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## LETTERS

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Dear Colleagues:

Dr. Louise Robbins (UNC-Greensboro), the SAS president 1984-1985, reports that she is fully recovered from the illness which prevented her from attending the meetings in Atlanta, Georgia last April. Dr. Robbins sends her greetings and expresses her hope that 1984-85 will be a productive and successful year for the society's members.

A new format is being tried with this issue of the Southern Anthropologist. I urge each of you to help me make the Southern Anthropologist an important vehicle for communicating the activities, interests, and news of the Society's membership. Send any contributions for the March 1985 issue directly to me and I shall be happy to prepare them for publication.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Lerch, Editor  
THE SOUTHERN ANTHROPOLOGIST

## CONVENTION NOTES

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The 1985 annual meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas from Wednesday evening, April 10, to Saturday, April 13, 1985.

The meeting will be held at the Fayetteville Hilton and the Continuing Education center of the University of Arkansas just off the town square in Fayetteville. These are adjacent and connected buildings just three years old and are fine facilities for a meeting of our size. The town square area has been recently restored and makes a beautiful setting for a meeting. There are many restaurants and hotel/motel rooms within a few minutes walk of the convention site, and the university is only a twenty minute walk or five minute bus ride away. Room charges will be \$50 for a double and \$42 for a single at the Hilton.

There will be a folklore conference entitled "Handiwork: Folklife Traditions in the South and Southwest" in the same facility Thursday and Friday during our meeting. Many of their papers should be of interest to anthropologists and vice versa. Their keynote speaker, Terry G. Jordan, Walter Prescott Webb Chair in Geography at Texas-Austin, will speak on "Ethnicity and Colonial American Material Culture" on Thursday night. We will be able to attend all of their sessions.

Abstracts for volunteered papers or symposia should be sent to:

Dr. William M. Schneider  
SAS Meeting Program Chair  
Department of Anthropology  
419 Hotz Hall  
University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

Abstracts should be approximately 100 words. Also please supply three key words under which your paper can be most accurately categorized, e.g., religion, Africa, circumcision. Abstracts and key words accompanied by your meeting registration fee of \$15 (\$10 for students) should be received by December 10, 1984.

There will be a student paper competition. Entrants in the competition should send their papers along with the \$10 student registration fee to the program chair by March 29, 1985. Papers should be clearly marked as 'Student Competition' papers.

In addition to papers or symposia, exhibitions of publications, films, slides, and photographs are invited. Exhibition space and security will be provided by the Hilton. Advanced shipment of exhibition materials may be sent directly to the Hilton provided shipment is not made prior to two weeks before the event and arrangements for return shipment are made by the exhibitor.

The key symposium entitled "Ethnohistoric Perspectives on the South" is described below.

During recent decades the American South has become an increasingly important area for anthropological research. Most studies, however, have focused on modern communities with the result that interpretations stem largely from a synchronic perspective. This symposium will bring together historical anthropologists, historical archaeologists and ethnohistorians to present research which adds a diachronic perspective to our understanding of problems concerning organization and change in the American South. While the theme chosen for this symposium is purposefully broad to include a variety of research orientations, the geographical focus will be primarily on the mid-south, particularly Arkansas and surrounding states.

There is still room for more contributions to the key symposium. Prospective contributors should contact:

Dr. George Sabo  
Department of Anthropology  
419 Hotz Hall  
University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

as soon as possible.

The Ozarks are very pleasant in April, and there are many interesting towns, trout streams and fishing lakes close by for those of you who would like to take a side trip. Fayetteville is served by two airlines to Drake Field which is only three miles from the meeting site.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

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1985 Student Paper Competition: This year's student paper competition deadline is March 29, 1985. Send your student papers and \$10.00 to Dr. Bill Schneider, SAS Meeting Program Chair, Department of Anthropology, 419 Hotz Hall, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

1984 Student Paper Competition Winners: Dr. Carolyn L. Elhardt of the University of Georgia announced the following winners of the 1984 contest. The first place winner was Susan F. Hirsch of the Department of Anthropology at Duke University. Her paper is printed in this issue of the Southern Anthropologist and is entitled "Defining Incest: A Synchronic and Diachronic Approach to Substantive Law." Honorable Mention went to Lisa Cottrell of the Department of Anthropology at Georgia State University for a paper entitled "The Cultural System of Nervios Among the Afro Caribbeans of Lowland Costa Rica," and to Janice Gilliland of the College of Community Health Sciences at the University of Alabama for a paper entitled "Growth and Physical Fitness as Related to Socioeconomic Status Among Rural Alabama High School Students." Congratulations to all three winners!

The Society for Applied Anthropology has recently created a liaison role to organizations concerned with the survival of indigenous peoples. The purposes of the liaison role are to formally declare SfAA's concerns with the problems of indigenes, to offer help to indigenes by linking SfAA members to those organizations, thereby providing channels through which voluntary, technical assistance, and other activities may be provided upon request, and to facilitate communication with the SfAA membership.

As a first step, it is requested that names and addresses of relevant organizations and periodicals be sent to Gilbert Kushner, SfAA Liaison, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

Fifth Annual SUN BELT SOCIAL NETWORK CONFERENCE. February 14-17, 1985, at the Palm Beach Hilton, Palm Beach, Florida. Session Topics include: Networks through Time; Networks and Perception; Statistics and Networks; Bounded vs. Open Networks; Network Measurement; Networks in Archeology; Autocorrelation Models; Comparison of Methods for the Analysis of Social Networks; Networks in Historical Research; Agents, Brokers and Corporate Actors; Posters and Summary Reports; and Computer Programs for Network Analysis. Potential participants are urged to communicate with session organizers: H. Russell Bernard (Anthropology, U. of Florida, Gainesville, 32611) or Alvin Wolfe (Anthropology, U. of South Florida, Tampa, 33620).

Dues for the 1984-85 academic year are now being collected. Members will receive free of charge the proceedings of the society, No. 18, "Civilization and its Discontents" edited by Miles Richardson. Fees are \$12.00 for regular members; \$7.50 for students and \$18.00 for a joint membership. Dues should be sent to Holly Mathews; Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology; East Carolina University; Greenville, NC 27834.

UNC-Wilmington offers anthropology major: The Department of Sociology/Anthropology at UNC-Wilmington now offers a full major in Anthropology. Professors in the program include James C. Sabella, Professor of Anthropology, Patricia B. Lerch, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Robert Dale McCall, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Research Associate at the Institute for Marine Biomedical Research, and Thomas C. Loftfield, Associate Professor of Anthropology.

CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS: The Southern Anthropologist invites contributions of book reviews,

articles and research reports. Submitted materials should be double spaced and follow the American Anthropologist style guide. Mail to: Patricia B. Lerch, editor, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, UNC-Wilmington, Wilmington, NC 28403-3297.

Special discount to SAS members: Culture and Ethos: Essays in Honor of John J. Honigmann Published by the Society for Humanistic Anthropology \$5.00. Make check payable to Geoscience Publications and mark for Society for Humanistic Anthropology. Send to Geoscience Publications Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

The Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly is the voice of humanistic science. In this capacity, it accepts articles from anthropologists who concern themselves with the central question of the discipline: what it is to be human. Believing that such an issue must be addressed both holistically and by the whole discipline, the Quarterly welcomes contributions from all major fields of anthropology; physical anthropology and archaeology no less than linguistics and ethnology. Likewise, it welcomes articles from scholars in other disciplines, in the humanities as well as in the sciences.

Among the types of submissions it especially values are (1) those that explore the relationship between humanistic anthropology and other anthropological currents; (2) those that bring to the fore trends in the humanities that may further humanistic science; and (3) those that bring out the intricacies and contradictions of different cultures as these intricacies and contradictions constitute people's lives, including the life of the anthropologist.

In the treatment of the above themes, the Quarterly encourages a writing style that is concrete, vivid, and personal. In addition to the essay, the Quarterly solicits short fiction and poems.

The length of essays and fiction should not exceed 20 pages and that of poems three pages. Both essays and fiction should have a short summary of approximately 150 words. A style sheet is available from the editor.

Please send the original and one copy of the manuscript to:

Miles Richardson, Editor  
Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly  
Department of Geography and Anthropology  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

**REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS:** Bruce T. Grindal (1978) *The Human Story in Anthropology* (vol. 3, no. 3); Gerald D. Berreman (1980) *Are Human Rights Merely a Politicized Luxury in the World Today?* (vol. 5, no. 1); Miles Richardson, ed. (1980) *The Anthropologist as Word Shaman (Fiction and Poetry)* vol. 5, no. 4); Toni Flores (1982) *Field Poetry* (vol. 7, no. 1); Ann McElroy, ed. (1982) *Culture and Ethos: Special Issue in Honor of John J. Honigmann* (vol. 7, nos. 2-3); Gregory Reck (1983) *Narrative Anthropology* (vol. 8, no. 1); Edward Spicer (1983) *Return (Fiction)* vol. 8, no. 4); Gifford S. Nickerson (1984) *Civilization and Other Cultures* (vol. 9, no. 1).

THE SOUTHERN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
General Business Meeting  
Ramada Inn, Capital Plaza  
Atlanta, Georgia  
20 April 1984

The meeting was opened by President Blakely before an audience of about 35, all sitting in hushed anticipation of exciting revelations to come!

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Minutes--Blakely**

The Minutes of the 1983 General Business Meeting were published in the Spring 1983 Newsletter and were approved as circulated.

**2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report--David Johnson**

1. Elections: President-Elect (President 85-86) is James Peacock; Councilor (84-87) is John Peterson, and Secretary-Treasurer (84-87) is Holly Mathews.

2. Membership: around 200, including 194 in the computer as of Monday, and additional persons who have joined at the Meetings and are just late!

3. Finances: See handout. Basically in good shape, with dues income shown down as of 31 Dec. 83 because the dues notice for 83-84 was not sent until the spring, since the Sec-Treas was waiting for the 82-83 proceedings to be published before he billed people again! Pres. Blakely pointed out that the \$300 shown for "videotape" was a donation from the SAS to the AAA's Committee on Public Understanding of Evolution for their videotape on dinosaur footprints.

**3. Mooney Award--Harriet Kupferer**

The Mooney Award was started by Pres. Hudson many years ago, and is made in conjunction with the Univ. of Tennessee Press. It provides for an \$1000 award plus publication for each prize winning manuscript, which must be on a new world culture. This year the committee agreed on a manuscript for submission for the award and sent it to the editor of the Press, Carol Orr, who has not responded as of meeting time. The Press is committed to two more manuscripts, whenever they are found.

Harriet raised the question of why so few good manuscripts are being received, and asked whether the award is getting enough visibility, even though she has sent notices to folklore, history, archaeology and even writers' bureaus in addition to the AAA.

**4. Atlanta Meetings--Carole Hill**

Meetings have 25 sessions, 159 papers with 14 other participants; 204 prepaid and 66 registered for a total of 275 registrants (although about 25 have not shown up yet). Estimated participation is 230-250. The Appalshop film session was organized too late for the program, and she thanked Barbara Browne and Diane Sheppard for putting the program



together. She also thanked Victoria Durant-Gonzalez for local arrangements and Carolyn Ehardt for organizing the student paper competition. She discussed difficulties with the book exhibit and said that, although she had sent out letters early about it, she had later received a 'phone call from Carol Orr complaining about the lack of information on the layout of the exhibits. Carol recommended that in the future a person be appointed to take care of book exhibit arrangements in the same way that someone is routinely appointed to handle local arrangements.

**5. 1985 Meetings--Bill Schneider**

They will be hosted by the Univ. of Arkansas at Fayetteville and held on 14-16 March 1985. He assured all present that Fayetteville can be reached by air!

**6. Newsletter--Marilyn Welle**

She is retiring as Editor as of the Winter 1983 issue, and has refunded \$200 in unused money to the Society. Pat Lerch of UNC-Wilmington will take over as Editor.

**7. Proceedings--Mary Helms**

The top volume in sales is still Proc Vol #2, Urban Anthro; Vol 16 on Bilingualism is the latest top seller, with Vol 15, "Land and Lord," is popular also. Vol 17 will be mailed soon and Vol 18, from Baton Rouge, is being worked on by the volume editors. David Johnson mentioned that the Univ of Georgia Press had told him, when he was getting the latest information for the poster, that a number of early proceedings were officially out of print; people should check their posters (which they should have gotten for details. <Note: the list of Out of Print Proceedings Volumes is: No 1, No 2, No 6, No 7.>

**8. Kimball Award--Elizabeth Eddy**

This award was established by the AAA in memory of Solon Kimball, and the award will "recognize outstanding achievement in the development of anthropology as an applied science" (quoted from the handout she had prepared for the meeting).

The first award, a cash award, will probably be given at the AAA meetings in Denver this fall. She gave out information on the award and asked that it appear in the SAS newsletter. Those who wish to contribute to the fund should contact her.

**9. Student Paper Competition--Carolyn Ehardt**

The Competition brought good response, with 11 students from 6 universities represented. There will be a first prize and two honorable mentions, and these will be awarded after she had judged both the written and oral presentations. The prizes will be a set of books from several Univ. presses and publishers, including U of Ga. Press, U of Fla. Press, U of Tenn. Press, U. of Texas Press, Harper, and Holt. The winner's paper will also be published in the SAS Newsletter. As a follow-up to Carole Hill's earlier comment, she suggested that perhaps the chair of the student paper competition be the person who should be in charge of contacting the presses for the exhibits.

**10. Resolutions**

On behalf of a somnolent Malcolm Webb, the following resolution was made and passed: All present thank Georgia State University and all the people who contributed to the success of the SAS meetings in Atlanta; the people to be thanked include: Carole Hill, Barbara Browne, Diane Sheppard, Carolyn Ehardt, and Victoria Durant-Gonzales.

11. **Moment of Silence**

was observed for the following departed colleagues: Irma Honigmann, Bill Carter, and Catherine Hardle.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pres Blakely said he would continue the tradition of passing the gavel from the left to right hand to symbolize the transition of power to a new President who was unable to attend. This tradition was begun last year when he was unable to attend the meetings, and he continued it by standing in for Louise Robbins, who was unable to attend since she was recovering from surgery.

Malcolm Webb said he wanted to "note with satisfaction" that Robert McC Adams is the new Secretary of the Smithsonian, and urged that the Society write to Adams to congratulate him. <The delegation of this matter was taken care of immediately after the meeting> With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by  
David M. Johnson  
Secretary--Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Comparison Sheet  
Cash Revenues and Disbursements  
for the years ending:

	31 Dec 1980 \$5336.87 Figures for 1981	31 Dec 1981 \$5940.97 for 1982	31 Dec 1982 \$7137.64 for 1983
Cash on deposit			
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Dues	\$3147.20	\$3372.10	\$1014.00
Proceedings	170.30	185.10	204.15
Convention profit	376.79	125.73	475.97
Royalties	174.99	158.95	364.55
Newsletter refund	----	335.49	----
Sale of member list	20.00	----	20.00
Use of figure by Cambridge U Press	----	20.00	----
T-shirt sales (1)	----	----	655.00
Interest income: (2)			
Ed Workers Fed Credit Union	220.00	240.50	145.22
State Employees Credit Union	----	----	430.19
<b>Total cash receipts</b>	<b>\$4110.03</b>	<b>\$4437.87</b>	<b>\$3309.08</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>			
Proceedings	1788.39	1889.24	1895.20
Newsletter	500.00	500.00	700.00
Other printing	403.05	240.70	338.10
Officers' expenses	12.60	33.13	----
Keypunch data entry	279.00	216.00	78.00
Photography	67.86	67.60	71.00
Visiting Lecturer Program	127.00	----	----
Legal and accounting	80.50	43.50	45.00
Videotape project	----	----	300.00
Office supplies	34.28	39.00	58.48
Prizes and awards	200.00	200.00	----
Honoraria for Mooney Award judges	----	----	400.00
Corporation report--state of Ga	5.00	5.00	5.00
Bank Service charges	8.24	7.03	12.62
T-shirt purchases	----	----	721.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$3505.92</b>	<b>\$3241.20</b>	<b>\$4624.40</b>
<b>Cash on deposit 31 December 1983:</b>			
Greensboro National Bank checking account		\$ 111.59	
State Employees Credit Union money market account		5684.23	
State Employees Credit Union passbook savings acct.		26.50	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5822.32</b>	

**NOTES:**

- (1) The Society, in the person of bold entrepreneur Miles Richardson, purchased 150 T-shirts for a total of \$721 (or \$4.81 apiece) for the Baton Rouge meeting. He is still selling them for \$5 apiece ( a price urged upon him by the Secretary-treasurer), and when they are all sold, the Society will make a small profit on them. For the time period covered by this report, however, the Society grossed \$655.00 on the sales, for a net loss.
- (2) On March 1983 the Secretary-Treasurer took all savings in the Educational Workers Federal Credit Union and transferred most of them to the State Employees Credit Union money market savings account, which has a much higher yield. The SECU passbook account is necessary for the Society to qualify for the money market account.