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September 10, 1991

We welcome new graduate students this fall: Bernd Base (Diplom, Technische Universität Braunschweig, 1991), Edwin Cooke (B.A., William & Mary, 1988; M.A., George Mason, 1991), Duane Donnelly-Morrison (B.A., George Mason, 1991), Becky Keppler (B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1991), Matthew Miller (B.S., James Madison, 1990), Dennis Mitchell (B.S., James Madison, 1990), Charles Reid (B.A., George Mason, 1991), and Claire Thomas (B.B.A., James Madison, 1986).

Spring initiates into Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographic Honor Society were Carl T. Dahhman, Mario Paul Field, Anne-Marie C. Hariss, K. Robin Walker, and Fred T. Wildes.

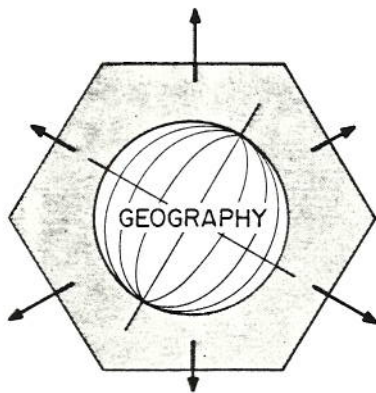
Robert Morrill was elected to the College of Arts and Sciences Personnel Committee for a two-year term beginning 1991-92.

The annual fall graduate field trip addressed issues of regional development around Smith Mountain Lake and in Roanoke. The Roanoke segment was led by geography graduate Debbie Sturm, Planner with the Fifth Planning District Commission.

Summer papers presented by Geography faculty include Bon Richardson's "The Guy Fawkes Riots in Grenada in 1885" at the 47th International Congress of Americanists, July 7-11 in New Orleans.

Larry Grossman presented "*Bananas, Agriculture, and the Environment: St. Vincent in a Global Context*," at the International Conference on Environmental Institutions, Kingstown, St. Vincent.

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John A. Young defended his M.S. thesis, "Automated Cartographic Generalization and its Effect on Map Feature Representations" on September 5. Bill Carstensen is his major advisor.

Ms. Carol Sennott and Mr. Jeffrey Aldridge met with the Virginia Tech Geographical Society and the Geology Club on September 17 to discuss cartography careers with the Defense Mapping Agency.

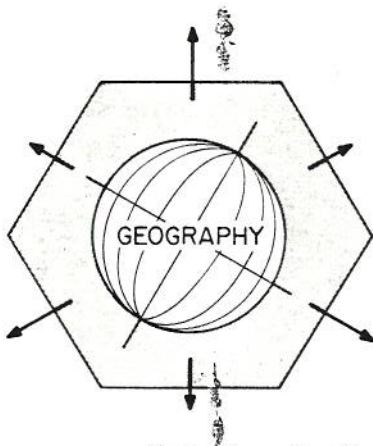
Susan Brooker-Gross received a Virginia Tech, College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Summer Stipend for 1992 to work on "Regionalism, Scale, and the Nineteenth Century U.S. Newspaper."

"Diet, Income, and Subsistence in an Eastern Highlands Village, Papua New Guinea" by Larry Grossman has been accepted for publication in the journal Ecology of Food and Nutrition.

Bill Carstensen, along with Edward Fox (CS) received a grant from Intel for equipment to support their research in surrogate travel.

Fred Wildes spoke about his summer research trip to Belize, as the first of the year's Lecture Series, on September 13.

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Kristine K. Hunt defended her M.S. thesis, "Politics and Land Reform: The Case of Esperanza, Dominican Republic," on September 24. Her research was partially supported by a Cunningham Fellowship. Bon Richardson is her major advisor.

Larry Grossman presented "Peasants, Bananas, and Agrarian Change in St. Vincent and the Grenadines" at the annual meeting of the Caribbean Studies Association in Havana, Cuba, last May. A presentation on the trip to Havana was presented by Larry and Joe Scarpaci (UAP) on October 4 in the Geography Lecture Series.

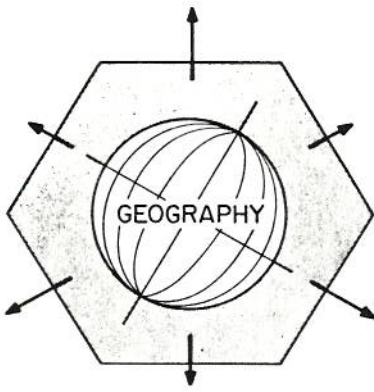
The Geography Department will host the Virginia Geographic Alliance's Geography Summer Institute in 1992. The Alliance accepted the proposal October 5. Bob Morrill and Bill Carstensen co-direct the Institute.

The VTGS/GTU picnic was held October 4 at Caboose park. The next VTGS meeting is Monday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. in 301D Patton.

Matt Miller will give an informal presentation on Australia as part of the Lecture Series, October 11, at 3:30 p.m.

Holly J. Myers-Jones and Susan R. Brooker-Gross's article on "The Journal to Daycare" appeared in print over the summer in volume 17 of Ohio Geographers.

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Jim Bohland, Urban Affairs and Planning, will present "Urban Fringe Developments in the Bangkok, Thailand, Metropolitan Area," on October 25 at 3:30 p.m. in 136 McBryde in the on-going Geography Department Lecture Series.

On October 9, Bob Morrill presented an invited paper on assessment in geography education to the meeting "Improving History and Civic Education," sponsored by the Office for Education Research and Improvement of the U.S. Department of Education.

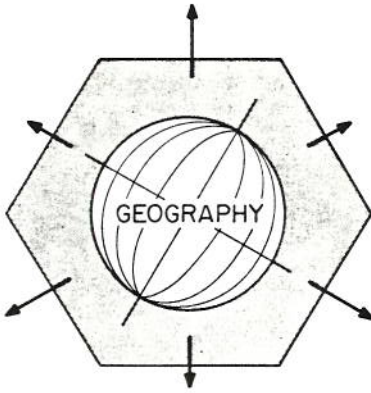
"Bananas, Environment, and Development in the Windward Islands," was the title of Larry Grossman's presentation to the Colloquium Series at the Department of Geography, University of Tennessee last month.

Appearing in print last month was "Residential Relocation and Community in a Non-Metropolitan Laborshed," by Thomas A. Maraffa (Youngstown State University) and Susan Brooker-Gross. (Volume 62 of Geographical Perspectives).

The Montgomery County Rotary Club hosted Bob Morrill on October 2 to hear him speak on problems and changes in geography education in K-12 schools.

The first seminar in the departmental "Graduate School Survival Course" was presented October 18 by Holly Myers-Jones and Susan Brooker-Gross on "Critical Reading in Geography Graduate Education."

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November 5, 1991

The 1991-92 elected officers of the Virginia Tech Geographical Society are Brian BeCraft, President; Chris Libeau, Vice President; Mario Field, Secretary (to January); and Laura Sakowicz, Treasurer. The club is advised by Bob Morrill.

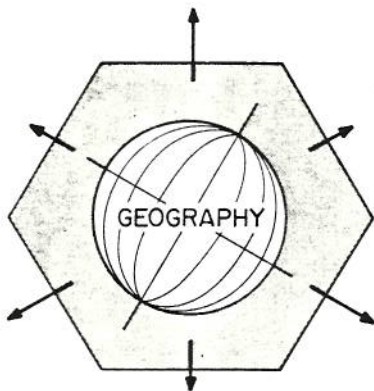
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"Desktop Scanning for Cartographic Digitization and Spatial Analysis," by Bill Carstensen and Jim Campbell was published in Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing, Vol. 57 (11), pp. 1437-1446.

Bob Morrill and Bill Carstensen presented a workshop on October 25 at the National Council for Geographic Education annual meetings in St. Paul, Minnesota. The workshop was entitled "GeoSim: A GIS-Based Simulation Laboratory for Introductory Geography."

Susan Brooker-Gross participated in the Senior Seminar of the Virginia Identification Program, American Council on Education, in Richmond on October 24 and 25.

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November 19, 1991

The Council of the Association of American Geographers has appointed Larry Grossman and Susan Brooker-Gross to the Editorial Board of the Professional Geographer for the 1992-1994 volumes.

Bill Carstensen presented two papers at the Virginia GIS conference in Roanoke: "Cartographic Production under GIS," and "IDRISI, a Desktop GIS."

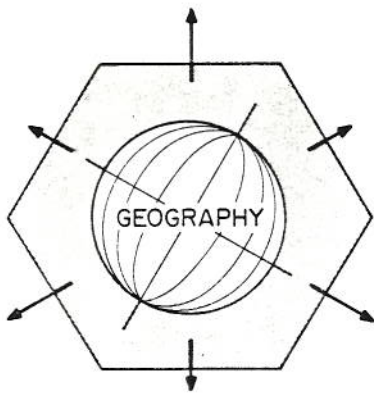
At the National Council for Geographic Education meeting, on October 25 in St. Paul, MN, Bob Morrill presented "Outcomes Assessment in Undergraduate Geography."

Former students Teresa Pitts and Jay Flynn visited the department on November 15 to discuss geography careers in local and federal governments. Teresa works for the USGS, Jay for Loudoun County planning.

The Geography of Virginia class has participated in several field trips within the local region: to the VirGIS project, the Water Resources Research Center, and to the Mt. Tabor area to examine karst features of the landscape and related problems.

Geography faculty serving on Arts and Sciences College committees this year include Bill Carstensen, Student Development Planning Committee; Bob Morrill, Personnel Committee, and Susan Brooker-Gross, Global Issues Committee.

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The Caribbean in the Wider World, 1492-1992 by Bonham Richardson was published in January by Cambridge University Press.

Charles Good presented "AIDS in Africa: Research and Social Realities" to the Worldwatch Seminars on January 17.

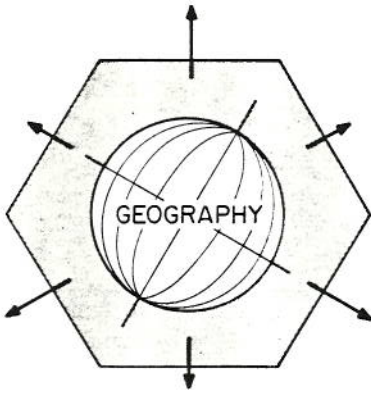
Larry Grossman's article "Diet, Income and Subsistence in an Eastern Highlands Village, Papua New Guinea," appears in Ecology of Food and Nutrition 26: 235-253.

Jim Campbell presented an introduction to remote sensing to the Roanoke Valley Governor's School on January 8, and returned to judge the students final projects on February 1.

Bob Morrill serves as a member of the Planning Committee for the National Assessment's Governing Board's Geography Consensus. This committee will develop the framework for the development of tests to be used in the 1994 National Assessment of Educational Progress in Geography.

Joyce Rodgers of the Student Conservation Association presented the summer opportunities to over one hundred students at the VTGS-sponsored event on January 22.

Bernd Base, exchange graduate student from Braunschweig, Germany, lectured about German reunification and European unification in a World Regions class on January 29.



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On March 27, Jim Campbell presented "Global Remote Sensing" to the Worldwatch Seminar.

Bernd Base spoke on " German Reunification" to the Lecture Series on March 27.

The first annual Geography Awards Banquet was held April 9. Awards went to Ann-Marie Hariss, NCGE-AAG Outstanding Senior; Evan Clark, Outstanding Student in Cartography; Joseph DeAussen, Outstanding Student in Remote Sensing; Stephen Donahue, Outstanding Student in Human Geography; and Alan Hicks, Outstanding Student in Physical Geography.

Professor Cort J. Willmott, Professor and Head of the Geography Department at the University of Delaware, spoke to the Lecture Series audience on April 3 on "Climate and Climatic Change: What Can We Learn from the Instructional Record?"

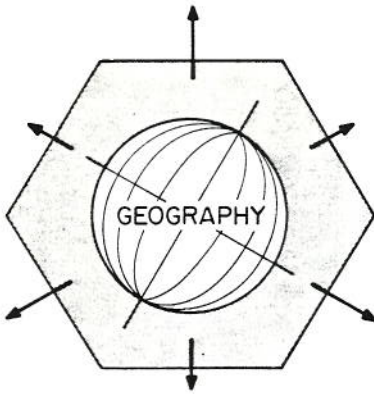
"Environmental Education in Virginia" was the topic of Dr. Richard Bambach's presentation to the Lecture Series on April 10.

Bon Richardson traveled to the Netherlands to present "Born Out of Resistance: Caribbean Cultural Creativity" to the International and Interdisciplinary Congress on Caribbean Cultural Creativity as a Response to European Expansion, at Utrecht University, March 25-28.

Professor Peter J. Taylor, 1992-93 C.C. Garvin Visiting Professor, visited campus April 3-5 from the University of Newcastle.

Fred Wildes successfully defended his masters thesis "A Resource Management Strategy for the Belize Barrier Reef System" on April 1.

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April 27, 1992

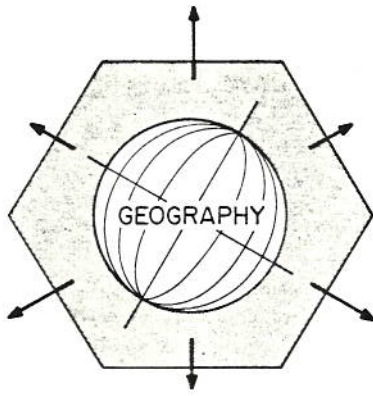
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New members were inducted into Gamma Theta Upsilon by President Ann-Marie Hariss and Vice President Fred Wildes. GTU is the international Geography Honorary Society. New members are: F. Brian BeCraft, Vincent E. Breneman, Amanda C. Fellman, Christopher M. Libeau, Alan Hicks, Kenneth P. Johnson, Tom Rafferty, Laura E. Sakowicz, Patrick A. Yaccarino.

On April 24, Dr. Sally Horn, Geography Department, University of Tennessee, spoke to the Lecture Series. Her topic was "Costa Rica before Columbus: Environmental Reconstruction from Lake and Swamp Sediments."

Two departmental faculty will presented papers at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in San Diego, April 18-22. Holly Myers-Jones, "Exploring the Geography of Hate Crimes in Baltimore County," and Susan Brooker-Gross, "19th Century Richmond Newspaper Content and Urban Community."

To be honored at the April 27 Social Sciences reception for editors and authors of books appearing to date in the 1990s is Bon Richardson for his 1992 volume, The Caribbean in the Wider World, 1492-1992.



March 2, 1992

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The National Science Foundation has awarded funding for "GeoSim: A GIS-Based Simulation Laboratory for Introductory Geography," a project guided by Bill Carstensen and Bob Morrill (Geography) and by Clifford Shaffer and Edward Fox (Computer Science).

John Browder (Urban Affairs and Planning) and Jim Campbell have begun work on their project "A Comparative Evaluation of Landsat TM and SPOT HRV Systems in Differentiating Vegetative Formations in a Tropical Forest Environment." Funding for the project is from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Bon Richardson has been selected by the Virginia Social Science Association as 1991-92 Scholar Award in Geography.

The Southeastern Geographer has appointed Susan Brooker-Gross to its editorial board.

"An African King's Caribbean Exile" was the title of Bon Richardson's contribution to the departmental Lecture Series on Friday, February 28.

Bob Morrill's review of Directions in Geography: A Guide for Teachers by Gail Ludwig appears in the current issue of the Journal of Geography.