

September 28, 1984

DIFFUSION

During the summer Charles Good participated in a national conference at the Wingspread Conference Center in Racine, Wisconsin, which dealt with "Fostering International Understanding through World Geography."

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Susan Brooker-Gross has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of American Geographers' specialty group dealing with Geographic Perspectives on Women.

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Graduate student Mike Story has accepted employment with Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland, where he will work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Jim Campbell, together with faculty in Geodetic Engineering, recently offered a one-week short course ("Photogrammetry For Managers") for employees of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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The Virginia Tech Geographical Society will hold an organizational meeting Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7pm in McBryde 136.

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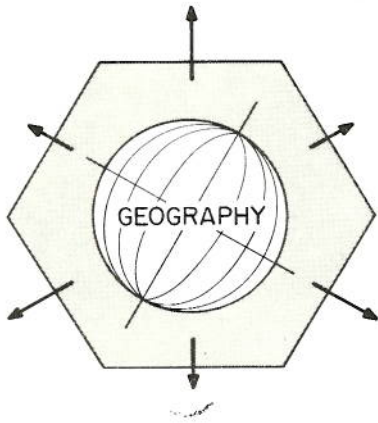
Larry S. Grossman's article "Collecting Time-Use Data in Third World Rural Communities" has been accepted for publication in the Professional Geographer.

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Pat Carstensen had a baby girl, Elizabeth Logan, on the morning of September 22nd.

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"Diffusion," which highlights the activities of VPI&SU geographers, is now beginning its sixth year. Please place suitable news items for Diffusion in the mailbox at 301 Patton Hall.



October 12, 1984

DIFFUSION

Charles Good has been appointed Senior Editor for Social Science and Medicine, an international journal published by Pergamon Press.

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Bob Morrill participated in World Geography textbook evaluations for the State of Virginia Department of Education in Richmond, September 17-19.

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Jim Campbell presented a paper and chaired a session at the Ninth Annual William T. Pecora Memorial Remote Sensing Symposium in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 2-4.

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Tom Maraffa and Don Kiel's paper "Air Service to Cities Abandoned by Piedmont Aviation Since Deregulation," has been accepted for publication by the Southeastern Geographer.

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Bon Richardson's article "Slavery to Freedom in the British Caribbean: Ecological Considerations," appears in Caribbean Geography, Vol. 1, no. 3 (May, 1984), pp. 164-175.

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Geographer Philip Gersmehl of the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis will be visiting the department October 11-12.

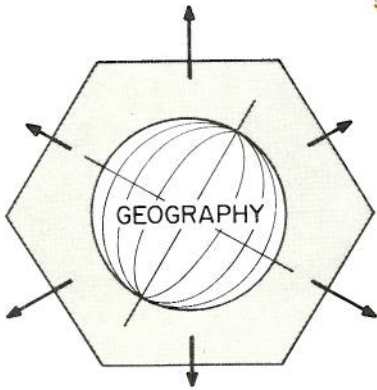
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Please turn in book order for Winter Quarter, 1985 to Vanessa before October 19th.

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November 2, 1984

DIFFUSION



Bon Richardson delivered a paper at the "International Conference on Indian Labour Immigration," October 23-27 in Mauritius. The travel was supported by an Academic Specialist Grant from the U.S. Information Agency.

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Jim Campbell is co-author (with F. D. Hole) of Soil Landscape Analysis, recently published by Rowman and Allenheld.

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Bob Morrill visited Auburn High School on October 2 to give a talk entitled "Geography and Global Perspectives" to 9th and 10th grade geography students.

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Jim Campbell recently attended a meeting of the Newport Ruritan Club to give an informal presentation on "North American Climate Zones."

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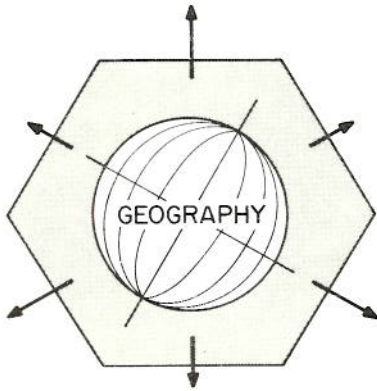
Bill Carstensen traveled to Pittsburgh to represent the Cartography Specialty Group of the AAG at the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACU) 4th Annual Meeting.

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The Virginia Tech Geographical Society will meet at 7:00 PM on Mon. Nov. 5 in Room 301D (Cart. Lab). All interested students and faculty are welcome.

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Susan Brooker-Gross was recently invited to the Department of Geography, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, to lecture on "Two-Worker Households and Commuting Behavior."



November 16, 1984

DIFFUSION

Jim Campbell's article "Spatial Estimates of Soil Temperature," appears in Soil Science, Vol. 138 (1984), pp. 203-208.

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Larry Grossman's paper "Collecting Time-Use Data in Third World Rural Communities," has been published in The Professional Geographer, Vol. 36, no. 4 (November, 1984), pp 444-454.

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Bon Richardson's entry about "Guyana" appears in H. Jesse Walker, ed., Artificial Structures and Shorelines (The Commission on The Coastal Environment, International Geographical Union, 1984), pp. 115-120.

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Susan Brooker-Gross recently spoke to the faculty in the Communications Department about "Spatial Aspects of Newsworthiness."

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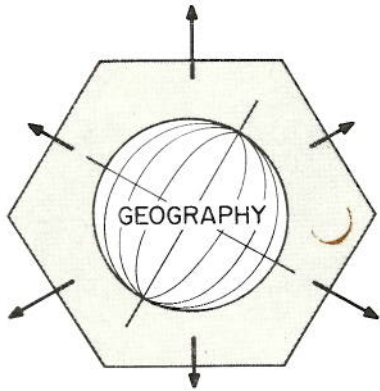
In late October Bob Morrill appeared on a panel dealing with "Guidelines for Geographic Education in the U.S.A." at the annual meetings of the National Council For Geographic Education in Toronto.

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Bill Carstensen has received a core grant from the state of Virginia to pursue further research on the "Perception of Bivariate Choropleth Maps."

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The department's Christmas party will be held on Friday, November 30th, at 6:30 pm. Please sign up for dishes at the department office in Patton 301



January 11, 1985

DIFFUSION

Larry Grossman's book, Peasants, Subsistence Ecology, and Development in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea was published on November 20, 1984, by the Princeton University Press.

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Graduate student Steve Cherry recently completed his M.S. thesis, "Geographic Analysis of a Soil Boundary."

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Several members of the department attended the meetings of the South-eastern Division of the Association of American Geographers in Birmingham, Alabama, in late November: Bill Carstensen gave a paper on "Mathematical Approaches to the Location of Spot Symbols"; Tom Maraffa was a discussant on a panel dealing with "Innovations in Geographic Education"; Bob Morrill presented a paper on "Sketch Mapping: Student Views of Canada."

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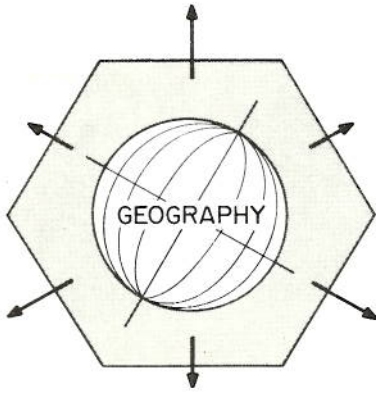
Jim Bohland's article "Neighborhood Variations in the Use of Hospital Emergency Rooms for Primary Care," appears in Social Science and Medicine, vol. 19, no. 11 (1984), pp. 1217-1226.

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On December 10, Bob Morrill gave a talk about maps and remote sensing to a group of geography honors students from Roanoke high schools.

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The geography department's display of satellite photography will be posted in the corridor of the Donaldson Brown Center until January 15th.



January 25, 1985

DIFFUSION

Plans are underway to recruit several new geography graduate students for Autumn, 1985. The department's M.S. program has been resuscitated with a limited number of graduate assistantships for next September.

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Geography's undergraduate enrollment for Winter Quarter, 1985, is 731, the highest enrollment ever for the department.

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Larry Grossman's article "Sheep, Coffee Prices, and Ceremonial Exchange in Papua New Guinea," appears in the Geographical Review, vol. 74. (July, 1984), pp. 315-330.

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An article by Tom Maraffa and Susan Brooker-Gross, "Aspects of the Journey-to-Work Within a Small City Laborbhed," appears in Urban Geography, vol. 5, no. 2 (1984), pp. 178-186.

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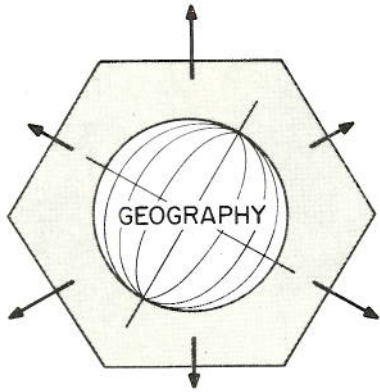
Jim Campbell's article, "Extraction of Drainage Networks Using the Consistent Labeling Technique" has been accepted for publication in the journal Remote Sensing of Environment.

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Jim Bohland's book chapter, "The Urban and Metropolitan Land Use Pattern," appears in J. Levy, ed., Urban and Metropolitan Economics (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1984).

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Linda Richardson gave birth to an 8lb 5oz baby girl, Lucy Barbara, on January 12, 1985, at 11:36 pm.



February 15, 1985

DIFFUSION

Jim Campbell serves as an associate editor of the monthly journal of the American Society of Photogrammetry, Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing.

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Bon Richardson's book manuscript, Panama Money in Barbados, 1900-1920, has been accepted for publication by The University of Tennessee Press. The book will appear in early 1986.

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Jim Bohland's article, "Spatial Data: Application to the Distribution of the Elderly in the U.S.," appears in Modeling and Simulation, Vol. 8 (1984).

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An article by Susan Brooker-Gross and Tom Maraffa, "Commuting Distance and Gender among Nonmetropolitan University Employees," has been accepted for publication in the Professional Geographer.

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Bill Carstensen's article, "Computer-Assisted Compilation and Drafting: Planning for the Green Bay, Wisconsin, Area Street Map," has been accepted for publication in Cartographica.

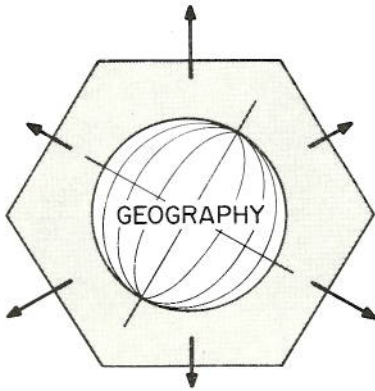
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Larry Grossman's article, "Consumer Behavior and the Village Trade Store: A Papua New Guinea Example," has been accepted for publication in the Geografiska Annaler.

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Dean Henry Bauer's visit to the department, scheduled for February 25th, has been canceled.

March 8, 1985



DIFFUSION

Bob Morrill has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to spend the January-June, 1986, semester at the University of Turku, Finland.

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Ned Henson and Jim Kendall, 1983 graduates of the geography department and now employed at Mapcom Systems, Inc. in Richmond, will speak about "What We Do at Mapcom" in Patton 301D at 3:00 PM, April 1, 1985.

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On March 5th Susan Brooker-Gross gave an invited lecture about "Commuting in Two-Worker Households" at Concord College in Athens, West Virginia.

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Larry Grossman's article, "The Village Perspective: Voter Decision-Making in a Tairora Village, Obura-Wonenara Open," appears in D. Hegarty, ed., Electoral Politics in Papua New Guinea (University of Papua New Guinea Press, 1984), pp. 140-160.

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Bill Carstensen is a member of the SEDAAG Program Committee for next November's meeting at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

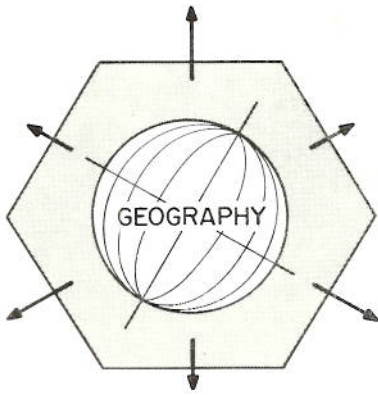
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Spring pre-enrollment for the geography department is 542.

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Please give final exams and course syllabi for the Spring Quarter to Jane and Vanessa as soon as possible!

April 5, 1985



DIFFUSION

On March 28th Jennifer Alexander-Terry successfully defended her M.S. thesis in geography, "How Black Students in Virginia Select Post-Secondary Four-Year Colleges."

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Two departmental faculty have published book reviews in the most recent number of The Geographical Review, vol. 74, no. 4 (October, 1984). Larry Grossman's review of Paul Sillitoe, Roots of the Earth, appears on pp. 478-480; Bon Richardson's review of Thomas Anderson, Geopolitics of the Caribbean is on pp. 482-483.

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Three Virginia Tech geographers gave papers at the meetings of the Virginia Social Science Association in Richmond, March 29-30: Jennifer Alexander-Terry, "How Black Students Choose Colleges in Virginia"; Liz Garland, "Census Data and GIPSY (General Image Processing System)"; and Bob Morrill, "The Guidelines for Geographic Education."

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Bon Richardson showed slides of Mauritius at the Geography Club meeting on April 4th.

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Final departmental enrollments for Spring Quarter is 625. The total enrollment for the academic year has been 1942, a ten percent increase over last year.

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Be sure all appliances--lights, coffee pot, computer terminals, etc.--
ARE TURNED OFF if you are the last one to leave at night.

April 25, 1985

DIFFUSION

Geographer Paul Knox is now a full-time professor in the Urban Affairs department; his most recent book is The Geography of Western Europe: A Socio-Economic Survey (New York: Barnes and Noble, 1985).

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Tom Maraffa has accepted a position for next Fall at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio.

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On April 22 Bon Richardson gave a public lecture about "Caribbean Migrants" at the National Geographic Society in Washington as part of the NGS Spring, 1985, Research and Exploration lecture series.

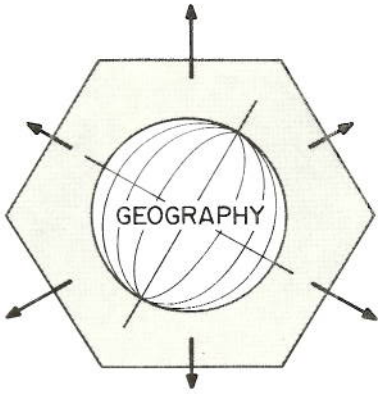
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Three departmental faculty gave papers at the national meetings of the Association of American Geographers in Detroit, April 21-4, 1985: Susan Brooker-Gross and Tom Maraffa spoke about "Commuting and Residential Relocation Within a Nonmetropolitan Laborshed"; Larry Grossman's paper was "Village Trade Stores and Consumer Behavior in Papua New Guinea."

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The deadline for textbook orders for both summer sessions is past due.

May 10, 1985



DIFFUSION

Four VPI&SU geographers recently were promoted: Jim Bohland (EUS) to Professor; Larry Grossman to Associate Professor with tenure; Bob Morrill to Associate Professor; and Bon Richardson to Professor.

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Several faculty were active as committee members or chairpersons at the recent AAG meetings in Detroit: Susan Brooker-Gross is Secretary-Treasurer of the association's Perspectives on Women Specialty Group; Bill Carstensen organized a cartography workshop; Charles Good participated in a workshop dealing with the teaching of world regional geography; Bob Morrill met with the executive board of the NCGE.

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Tom Maraffa is Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia Social Science Association.

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Paul Knox recently has published "Disadvantaged Households and Areas of Deprivation," in Environment and Planning A, vol. 17 (1985), pp. 413-425.

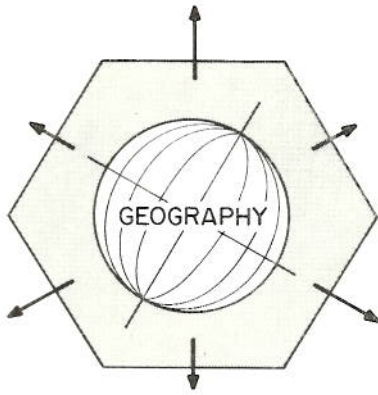
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The department's spring picnic will be held at the Blacksburg Caboose Park, May 26, 1 PM until dark. Sign up for a side dish in 301 Patton.

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Fall book orders are due to Vanessa on May 20th.

June 5, 1985



DIFFUSION

The geography department graduates ten seniors this Spring: Andy Bratton, Jeff Burdett, Karol Cacho, Greg Campbell, Meg Mayers, Jeff Puuri, Lisa Schull, Greg Stoker, William Wiggins, Lisa Worley. Steve Cherry will receive his M.S. degree.

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Dr. Mona Domosh of the University of Delaware will give a talk entitled "Urban Symbolism and the Emergence of the Manhattan Skyline," at McBryde 136 on June 6th at 1:30 pm.

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Recent departmental graduate Paul Paris has published an article, "Grain Size Distribution of Beach Sands: False Cape to Lynn haven Inlet, Virginia Beach, Virginia," in Virginia Geographer, vol. 17 (Spring-Summer, 1985), pp. 24-41.

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Jim Campbell's article "Taxonomic Variation within Three Soil Mapping Units in Virginia," appears in the Soil Science Society of America Journal, vol. 49, no. 2 (March-April 1985), pp. 394-401.

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Tom Maraffa and Don Kiel's "Air Service to Cities Abandoned by Piedmont Aviation since Deregulation," appears in Southeastern Geographer, vol. 25, no. 1 (May, 1985), pp. 16-29.

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Susan Brooker-Gross has been elected to the Arts and Science Faculty Association Nominations Committee

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"Diffusion" will next appear at the beginning of the Fall Quarter, 1985.