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June 1, 1982

Jane Vyula's second child Melanie Jane was born on April 15.

Susan Brooker-Gross' critical biographical sketch of Ellen Churchill Semple appears in Vol. 4 of American Women Writers, LINA MAINERO, ed., UNGAR Press, 1982, pp. 56-57.

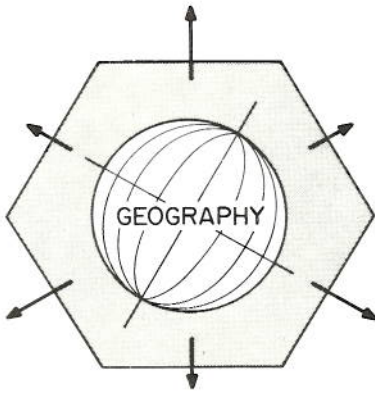
Alan MacEachren's paper "Chloropleth Map Accuracy-Characteristics of the Data," has been accepted for presentation at the Fifth Annual International Symposium on Computer-Assisted Cartography, August 22-28. The paper will appear in the proceedings of the meeting.

Alan MacEachren was invited to his undergraduate alma mater to participate in the third annual Ohio University, Department of Geography, Alumni-Career Symposium, May 14-16. He served on the panel for Careers in Cartography and Remote Sensing session and also participated in individual career counseling for current students.

Don Daidone has been selected to participate in the Summer Institute in Cartography at the Herman Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

Several department classes participated in recent field trips. Alan MacEachren, Jim Campbell, and Bob Morrill led 14 students May 6 & 7 on a visit to Earth Satellite Corporation, National Geographic Society, and the Defense Mapping Agency in Washington D.C. to observe cartographic and remote sensing activities. The trip included an evening out together with many area department alumni. Wayne Strickland guided 12 students in Economic and Political Geography classes May 22 on a tour of the Roanoke Valley that emphasized the economic and political issues of the region. Also on May 22, 13 students in Larry Grossman's Field Studies class toured Pocahontas, VA and the surrounding coal region.

September 23, 1981



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** UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT **

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John Edmund Brooker joined the geography family at 7:59 AM, May 26. He weighed 8 lbs, 11 oz.

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The department welcomes as new graduate students: Mary Duquette (Salisbury State), Dennis Gott (Salisbury State), Sherry Perry (Glassboro State), Leslie Smith (Guilford College), and Don Kiel (Akron).

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Undergraduate Susan Spano has been awarded the Region Eight Gildea Scholarship Award from the National Council for Geographic Education. The scholarship is for 1981-82 and is \$1000.00. She also received a travel grant of \$150 to attend the NCGE Annual Meetings in Pittsburgh.

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Bon Richardson will be residing in Barbados during the entire academic year, researching a project "Migration, Panama Money, and Social Change in Barbados, 1900-1920," that has been funded by the Geography and Regional Science Division of the National Science Foundation.

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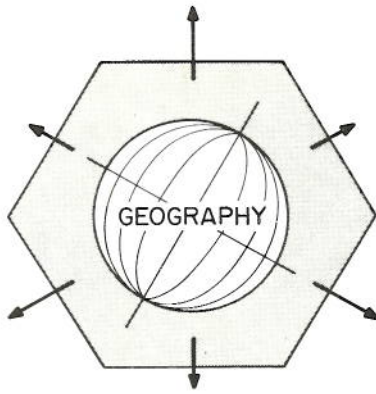
Larry Grossman spent part of the summer studying the effects of the introduction of sheep rearing in the New Guinea highlands. His work was sponsored by the Institute for Applied Economic and Social Research of the government of Papua/New Guinea.

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Jerry Fish, who is filling in for Bon Richardson, is here on a second one-year appointment. He spent July in Northwest Mexico studying traditional water-harvesting systems under a National Geographic Society research grant.

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Graduate student Ellen Loiselle has taken a position as staff cartographer at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. She will be teaching introductory cartography.



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The Annual Meeting of the Virginia Geographical Society will be held in Charlottesville on November 7th in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Council of Social Studies. The Va. Geographical Society meeting will be at the Ramada Inn at 1:30 PM. Virginia State Climatologist Bruce Hayden will speak on "Winters' Past, Winters' Coming." Information is available from Dr. Marijean Eichel, Department of History and Geography, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond.

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Bon Richardson's book manuscript, Leeward Migrants: Migration, History, and Environment in the Eastern Caribbean has been accepted for publication by the University of Tennessee Press. The book will appear in Fall 1982 or Winter 1982-83.

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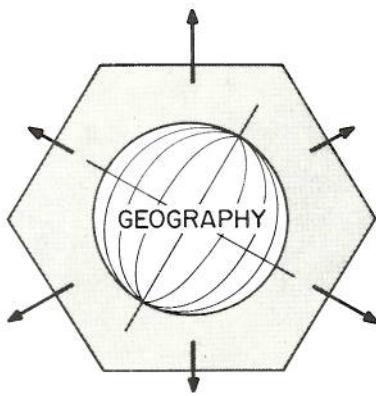
Graduate student Steve Jones is working as an intern this quarter for the Virginia Water Research Center in Blacksburg.

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Tom Maraffa and Bob Morrill have each received a \$100 honorarium to participate in a Guided Design Curriculum Workshop at the 1981 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh of the National Council for Geographic Education.

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Tom Maraffa received a \$100 Developmental Award from the Virginia Social Science Association for a study of commuting patterns in Virginia.



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The Department lecture series begins Thursday, October 3, at 3:30 pm on McBryde 136. James W. Good of the Extension Division Oregon State University will speak in "Oregon Estuary Planning and Management"

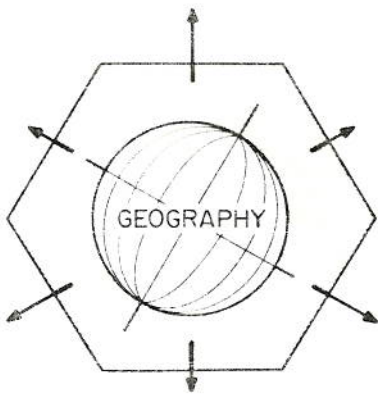
Larry Grossman's article "The Cultural Ecology of Economic Development" appeared in the June, 1981 issue of Annals, Association of American Geographers. His review of The Global Predicament: Ecological Perspectives on the World Order appeared in the June, 1981 issue of Human Ecology.

Paul Knox, a geographer from the University of Dundee, is a visiting professor for the 1981-82 year in the Department of Environmental and Urban Systems.

Don Daidone, Alan MacEachren, Sherry Perry, and Greg Johnson attended the 1st Annual Meeting of the North American Cartographic Information Society in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Daidone was the program director and was elected vice president/president elect. MacEachren will be serving on the program committee for next year's meeting.

Gary Bryant, a 1979 graduate of the department, now with the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, will speak on "Employment Opportunities in Geography and Cartography: The U.S. Defense Mapping Agency" in Room 251, Henderson Hall, Monday, October 12, 11 AM.

Tom Maraffa and Steve Jones attended the Conference on Appalachian Geography at Pipestem (W. VA.) State Park, October 2nd and 3rd. Maraffa presented a paper "The SMSA Definition and Urbanization in Appalachia."



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11/9/81

Patti Moisan will defend her thesis "Residential Satisfaction and Mobile Homes in Southwestern Virginia" November 12, 10:30 AM in 252 Henderson. A copy of the thesis is available for faculty perusal from Susan Brooker-Cross.

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Graduate student Steve Cherry accepted a position as an area supervisor with the Division of Mined Land Reclamation in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. His duties involve overseeing of mine reclamation plans which relate to soils and vegetation.

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The Virginia Social Science Association will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va. March 26-27. Papers are requested from faculty and graduate students for the geography section. Information may be obtained from Dr. Charles Lane, Longwood College, Farmville, VA 23901.

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The Department's second colloquium of the Fall Quarter will take place Nov. 17 at 3:30PM in McBryde 136. Paul Knox from Environmental and Urban Systems will speak on "North Sea Oil and Social Well-being in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland."

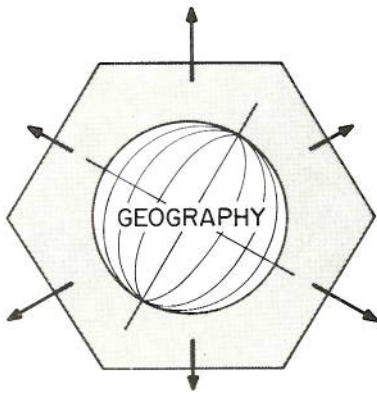
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Wayne Strickland, planner with the Fifth Planning District in Roanoke, will lead a group of students from Economic Geography and North America classes on a field trip of the Roanoke Valley, Saturday, November 14.

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Mr. Christopher Morris from Greenhorne and O'Hara, Inc. will be interviewing persons interested in employment in cartography, earth science and related areas on November 29. See Bob Morrill for further details.

December 9, 1981



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Patti Moisan successfully defended her thesis, "Mobile Home and Residential Satisfaction in Southwestern Virginia," on November 18, becoming the first student to complete the master's program.

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Tom Maraffa and Bob Morrill recently attended the annual meetings of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers in Atlanta. Tom presented a paper "Income Dynamics in an Urban Commuting Field." Bob served as chairman of the Student Honors competition committee. Charles Good was selected for a team on the division's nominating committee.

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Bon Richardson's review of Dawn I. Marshall's book The Haitian Problem: Illegal Migration to the Bahamas appeared in the September, 1981 issue of the Annals of the Association of American Geographers.

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Mr. Christopher R. Norris of the environmental consulting firm of Greenhorne and O'Mara, Inc. of Riverdale, Md., spoke on "Planning Your Interview and Getting a Job" to a departmental audience on November 30. He had conducted job interviews on November 29. Greenhorne and O'Mara hires persons with specialties in computer cartography, earth science, and resource related areas.

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Graduate student Greg Johnson has been elected to the Montgomery County Democratic Committee. He previously served on the Madison County Democratic Committee.

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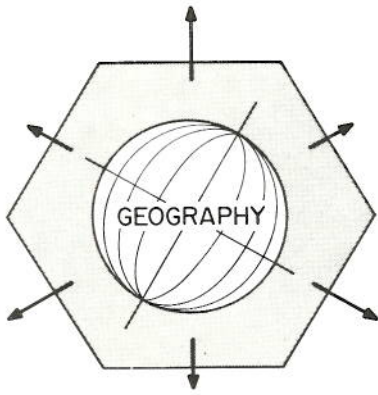
The annual departmental Christmas party will be held Friday, December 11, at 6:30 pm at the apartment of Richard Fulling. For information call 552-1988. The sign-up sheet for food is in the department office.

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Faculty are strongly reminded to turn final exams, winter course syllabi, faculty activity reports and vitae to the secretaries as soon as possible. The secretaries will be taking several days off during the Christmas break.

HAPPY HANUKKAH! MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 22, 1982



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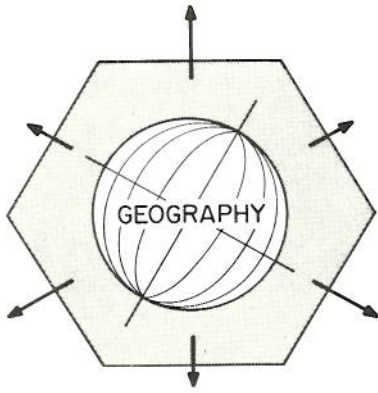
Jim Campbell will attend the First Annual Conference on the Management, Analysis, and Display of Geoscience Data, January 27-29 at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

Bon Richardson, on sabbatical leave in Barbados, will present a seminar paper, "Human Migration from St. Kitts and Nevis since 1838" in the Department of History, University of the West Indies on January 23rd.

Bob Morrill's article "Alternative School Students' Transition to Other Schools" appears in the December, 1981 issue of The Humanist Educator. Co-authors are Hilda Getz of Roanoke, VA and Barbara Kurshan of Hollins College.

Susan R. Brooker-Gross' article "Timeliness: Interpretation from a Sample of Nineteenth Century Newspapers," appears in Journalism Quarterly, Winter, 1981.

Faculty and Graduate Students are reminded to place items of interest in the Diffusion pigeon-hole.



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Beginning September 1, 1982 Charles Good will change his position from department head to full-time teaching and research. Bob Morrill who served as acting head during 1977-78 and 1979-80 will become department head.

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Jim Campbell recently returned from travel to Lawrence, Kansas, and to Golden, Colorado where he presented a paper on map generalization, and assumed the office of president of the Mathematical Geologists of the United States.

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Jim Campbell and Alan MacEachren have been invited to present papers at the Seminar in Computer Graphics and Remote Sensing to be held at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro on March 2. Their respective papers are "Class Projects in Remote Sensing Courses at VPI", and "Computer-Assisted Cartography: An Integration of Teaching and Research".

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Larry Grossman submitted his report "Smallholder Sheep Projects and Development in Highlands of Papua New Guinea" to the government of P.N.G. based on his 1981 summer field research.

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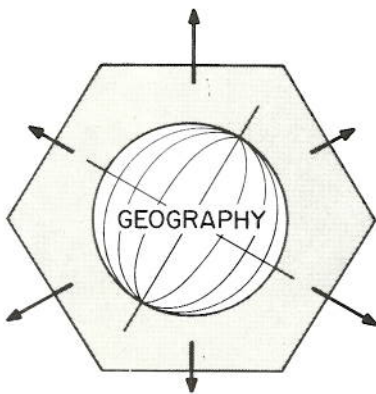
Glenn Best won the Conditioning Unlimited Heart Fund 4-mile run on Sunday, February 14.

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Don Daidone is looking for a student to work part time in the library. He needs someone who can work during the spring and who will be here for the summer as well.

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John C. Western, Asst. Prof. of Geography at Temple University, will speak on "Power and People in the South African City" in the rear auditorium of the Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 3.



March 16, 1982

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Charles Good gave a public lecture sponsored by the Department of Geography at the University of North Carolina on March 11, 1982. The title of the talk was "Traditional Medicine: A Viable Element in the Development of African Health Services?"

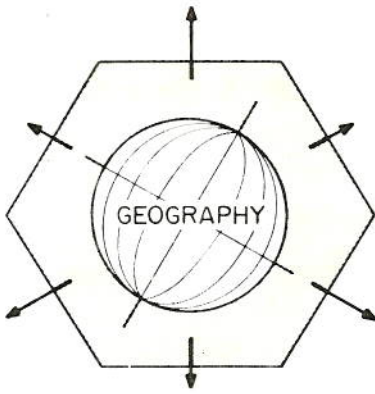
Larry Grossman submitted his report "Smallholder Sheep Projects and Development in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea" to the government of Papua New Guinea. The report was based on 1981 summer field research.

Bon Richardson recently presented a paper on "The Middle Ground in a Caribbean Migration Project" at a workshop co-sponsored by the Institute of Social and Economic Research in Barbados and the International Development Research Centre of Ottawa, Canada. He also lectured on Caribbean migration at the extra-mural center of the University of the West Indies and was recently interviewed by Radio Antilles.

Two conferences of interest will take place at the end of March. The annual meeting of the Virginia Social Science Association will be at the Hotel Roanoke, March 26-27. The Geography session is on March 26 at 2 pm. The Appalachian Studies Conference will take place at the CEC March 26-28.

Notice about syllabi, etc. Reminder: Please turn in Spring Quarter Syllabi AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; also if you have not turned in your final exams to be typed, please do so TODAY!

Alan MacEachren's commentary "On Ewing's Sensitivity of Conclusions" was accepted for inclusion in the August issue of The Professional Geographer.



May 10, 1982

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Nine members of the department attended the annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers in San Antonio, April 25-28. The following presented papers:

Susan R. Brooker-Gross, "Geographical Bias and Newsworthiness in Television Network News"

Alan MacEachren, "Enumeration Unit Characteristics and Thematic Map Accuracy."

Greg Johnson, "An Evaluation of Qualitative Point Symbols on Tourist Maps"

Tom Maraffa, "The Urban Commuting Field: Research Objectives For the Eighties."

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Larry Grossman's article, "Cattle, Rural Economic Differentiation and Articulation in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea" has been accepted for publication by the American Ethnologist. It will appear in 1983.

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Bon Richardson presented a seminar paper, April 24, at the University of the West Indies history department entitled, "Panama Money and Social Change in Barbados, 1900-1920".

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Graham Rowles, associate professor of Geography, at West Virginia University will speak on "Geographical Perspectives on Growing Old in Appalachia", Wednesday, May 12, 4 p.m. in McBryde 135, as part of the department lecture series.

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Bob Morrill's article, "Contemporary Textbook Treatment of Political Geography" has been accepted for publication in The Social Studies. The co-author is Dan Fleming. Another article, co-authored with H. G. Getz and B. L. Kurshaw, entitled "Discriminating between Parent and Teacher Perceptions of an Alternative School" has been published by ERIC, Clearinghouse on Educational Management.

Susan Spano has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, one of nine juniors selected at Virginia Tech.

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Several department students have made plans for either summer or permanent employment. Graduate students Don Kiel and Steve Jones have accepted summer positions at the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, D.C. and the Virginia Tech Water Resources center respectively. Undergraduate Paul Eldridge was awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship at Western Illinois University. Terry Idol has accepted a position with Synercom Technology, Inc. in Houston.

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The attractive display case in the hallway outside Room 252 is the work of undergraduates Rich Fulling and Susan Spano.

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Larry Grossman's book review of A New Guinea Landscape by K. P. Schweiser appeared in the March 1982 issue of the Annals, Association of American Geographers.

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Glenna King urges all department faculty to submit final exams for typing as soon as possible. Each exam must be turned in for typing and/or copying at least three-four days before the exam is scheduled to be given.

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Susan Place, Radford University, was the final speaker in the department lecture series, May 21. The title of her talk was "The Impact of the Expansion of Export Beef Production in Costa Rica."

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This is the final issue of Diffusion for the Academic year. Please continue to put items of interest in the Diffusion Box throughout the summer.